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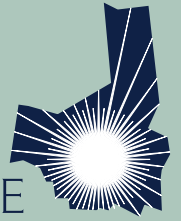
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# Foundation LETTER

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## New Fund Honors American Veterans

In his best-selling book, Tom Brokaw called them “The Greatest Generation.”

We called them Dad, Granddad, Uncle Ed and Aunt Betty.

They were the men and women of the United States Armed Forces who answered their country’s call to serve during World War II. They did so with an extraordinary sense of duty and selflessness, and it was with these same qualities that those fortunate enough to return home, quietly and unassumingly picked up their lives where they had left off.

Most seldom talked about the War. So universal and taken-for-granted were their deeds and sacrifices, that it wasn’t until decades later that the nation acted to formally recognize the magnitude of their contributions. That acknowledge-

ment took its most visible form in April 2004, with the opening of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Between the summer of 2004 and fall of 2007, some 620 WWII veterans from Herkimer, Oneida and Hamilton counties were treated to the special experience of visiting the Memorial, thanks to the leadership of key local volunteers and the generosity of numerous area individuals, businesses and organizations.

The multifaceted project culminated in January with the creation of one of The Community Foundation’s newest funds — The Greatest Generation Fund — formed from the balance of monies raised to underwrite the trips for Oneida County veterans.



The fund will benefit not-for-profit organizations that address the needs of World War II and other U.S. military veterans who have served overseas in more recent conflicts. Established with an initial gift of slightly over \$9,700, it is an acorn fund growing toward the \$10,000 minimum, beyond which, as a permanent endowment, it will generate income for grants.

### An Idea Takes Hold

Herkimer County Attorney John Brennan was one of millions of Americans tuned in to the televised dedication of the World War II Memorial on Memorial Day weekend 2004. But he was doing more than watching. “I realized that these men and women are now in their 80s, we are losing many of them everyday and I said to myself, *Continued on page 2*



*Each group proudly posed in front of the monument honoring WWII veterans from New York State. This was the gathering on September 28, 2007.*

## Fund Honors American Veterans

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# Memorial Visit Touched These Veterans in the Heart

Neither Harry Hale nor Ken Lowell considered himself a hero. They were simply young men growing up in Central New York about to begin their adult lives when World War II interrupted those plans.

For Hale, that detour led him to Pearl Harbor, where on the morning of December 7, 1941, he was on duty as a cook aboard the destroyer USS *Trever*. Lowell, too, would see the Pacific, namely, places like Okinawa and Guadalcanal, as a corporal in the 1st Marine Division.

Hale's tour of duty would also take him to the battle at Guadalcanal, from which the *Trever*, a thin-armored World War I-era warship would again escape, this time, though, after being hit twice in its smokestack.

Lowell, an amphibious tractor operator who transported troops 20 at a time from ships into shore, would participate in five first-wave actions, including Peleliu, once having his vehicle blown up beneath him. "It was nothing," he recalls, "I had my life."

### Our Duty

The matter-of-fact approach that both veterans took to their military service was typical of their generation. "In our day, we all felt it was our duty," Lowell added. "From the day we started singing the *National Anthem*, patriotism was taught in school. We knew what had to be done and just did it."

Hale and Lowell were among the veterans from Oneida County who visited the National World War II Memorial in 2007, Hale in May and Lowell in September. Six decades after their wartime involvement, both found the experience deeply moving.

"I was never so honored in my life," Hale said. "People broke out clapping, especially people 20, 30 and 40 years younger than us. It was the best reception I've ever had. It hit the heart."

Perhaps not coincidentally, Lowell used similar words to describe his emotions. "It hit me right in the heart," he said, "I was so taken back."

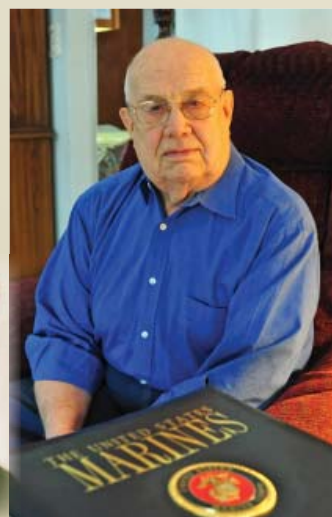
Echoing the sentiments of all the veterans, he made it a point to thank originator John Brennan and the many other volunteers and supporters who made the trips possible.

An extra special moment for Lowell came when he had the opportunity to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. His initial uncertainty about being able to perform the task was quickly dispelled when "a big Army sergeant grabbed me by the arm and said, 'We're going to make it!'"

That was the message the Greatest Generation sent to America in World War II and still embodies today.



*Harry Hale's pride as a Pearl Harbor veteran and crewmember of the USS *Trever* shows through as he poses with his wife, Elizabeth, in their New York Mills home.*



*Ken Lowell, a lifetime member of the 1st Marine Division, as a 17-year-old corporal in WWII and in his Sauquoit home today.*

"wouldn't it be nice if we could bring some of our area vets down to visit the Memorial?"

"I also understood that many of them are on fixed incomes and while some might get down there with sons or daughters, most probably won't, certainly not as a cohesive group, sharing the common distinction of being World War II veterans."

Brennan shared his idea with several acquaintances, including George Aney, Susan Nabinger and Alex Dorantes, and the four soon became the nucleus of a committee that set a remarkable process in motion. Their enthusiasm spread throughout the community, not only among veterans interested in making the trip, but with those willing to support the undertaking financially.

"We started raising money and people really responded," Brennan explained. "They felt it was long overdue to a generation that built the greatest country in the world."

At first, the committee viewed the endeavor as a one-bus event. "Quite frankly, I didn't expect we'd even fill a bus," Brennan said. But all of a sudden, we had over 100 applications."

The committee was resolute that no veteran would be left behind. "We felt, how do you say 'no' to any of these men and women," Brennan added. "They didn't say no 60 years ago when their country called."



*Marine veterans, especially, made it a point to gather in front of the Iwo Jima Monument, one of the stops on the trip.*



Officials of Oneida County WWII Memorial Trip, Inc. and The Community Foundation gathered in January to announce the creation of The Greatest Generation Fund. Seated from the left are Memorial Trip representatives John J. Brennan, co-chair; John F. Smith, president; Linda E. Romano and F. Eugene Romano, co-chairs; and Joyce Oster Palmer, treasurer. Back row standing are Community Foundation President & CEO Peggy O'Shea and Board Chair John J. Livingston.

Consequently, through September 2005, the effort grew to encompass three trips, a total of four busloads and nearly 200 Herkimer County veterans visiting the WWII Memorial. All who wanted and were physically able to make the trip, did so, in first-class fashion and at no cost to them.

**Concept Shifts to Oneida County**

Not only was the Herkimer County program the first of its type in the country, its success soon caught the attention of veterans groups in Oneida County. In 2006, a similar effort began to take shape and by January 2007, with Brennan recruited to lend his experience, the project was in full motion.

Organizers formed Oneida County WW II Memorial Trip, Inc., to structure the operation. Its leaders included John Smith, president; Michael Clark, vice president and Joyce Oster Palmer, treasurer.

Brennan served as one of three co-chairs, *Continued on page 4*

*"There are so many monuments in Washington already, I never thought there would be one for World War II, or if there were, it would be a statue of Patton or Eisenhower. I never expected a memorial to the general troops."*

Vernon J. Harris,  
World War II Veteran, U.S. Army Air Corps  
September 2007 Oneida County Trip

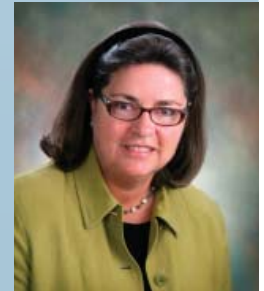
He also related a personal experience indicating the Memorial's international significance:

*"One tourist approached and asked me to take a picture of her with her boyfriend. She had an accent and when I asked where they were from, she said, 'Russia.' Who'd have thought that a woman from Russia would come here and ask me to photograph her and her fiancé?"*

(Harris's detailed account of his trip appeared as a two-part series in the October and November 2007 issues of the *Utica Phoenix*.)

From Peggy O'Shea, President & CEO

## Much to Celebrate, Appreciate



Dear Friends,

Surely, we are all celebrating the arrival of spring. The warm, bright days urge green flora and delicate flowers to once again fill the nooks and crannies of our lives. We are energized. We are also hopeful that 2009 will bring a reprieve from the year that most considered challenging in ways we had never experienced. When faced with tightening the belt in 2008, new notches were required.

Yet, at The Community Foundation, the ebb and flow of our work continued. The year was marked by an extraordinarily large number of both grants and gifts. Donors reached deeper than ever to assure that our community will have the safety net provided through a community endowment. We are humbled by the generosity of so many individuals and families. We simply cannot say thank you enough.

Please contact us if you have a question or comment about something that you have read in the newsletter. You will see that one of our new funds bears the proud name of "The Greatest Generation Fund." It is quite a story that began with grants made in both Herkimer and Oneida counties to provide transportation to Washington, D.C. for men and women who served our country in World War II. The trips afforded our veterans the opportunity to visit the WWII Memorial. I know that you will find the story moving and inspirational. We sincerely appreciate the efforts of the committees in both counties that made the trips a reality. We are thankful to have been invited to play a role in such a fitting and memorable adventure.

Let's all remember to give thanks for what is most important in life.

Best,  
Peggy



*The veterans were deeply moved when other visitors to the Memorial cleared the way and applauded as they entered the site.*

*Appreciation is extended to Dr. Gregory O'Keefe for many of the photos used with this story. In addition, Dr. O'Keefe was a volunteer physician on all seven trips. Dr. George Kozminski also served in that capacity, on the fall 2007 Oneida County trips.*

## Fund Honors Special Americans

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along with F. Eugene Romano and Linda Romano, both of whom played instrumental roles in fund-raising. The Romanos would also travel to the Memorial with the veterans.

Further assistance came through State Senator Raymond Meier, who secured a \$100,000 state grant awarded on an expense-reimbursement basis.

Applying the formula that had been successful in Herkimer County, including well-planned travel and accommodations, itineraries that brought the veterans to additional sites such as Arlington National Cemetery, and red-carpet treatment every step of the way — even memorial send-off and welcome-home ceremonies — the Oneida County group dug in. By October 2007, its goal of bringing all interested and able vets in the county to the Memorial within a year was achieved.

That effort encompassed four trips, two in the spring and two in the fall. One of the fall trips included 18 WWII veterans from Hamilton County, who were welcomed aboard after county officials there determined to provide the experience for their veterans.

A total of over 400 veterans made the 2007 trips.

### Choosing The Community Foundation to Keep the Spirit Alive

Financially, the Herkimer County

*"When we pulled up to the WWII Memorial, the vets lined up two-by-two, with those in wheel chairs in front. It was very evident to everyone that these were veterans. People parted way, school children clapped and yelled out 'thank you.' The vets were overcome with emotion and pride, and very grateful. It was really something to see."*

Linda E. Romano  
Co-Chair, Oneida County  
World War II Memorial Trip, Inc.

effort broke even, with Brennan and his committee dipping into their own pockets slightly to provide a reunion for those who had made the trip. The more expansive fund-raising efforts in Oneida County, however, left that committee with a surplus of about \$9,700, the disposition of which was discussed carefully.

"We considered several options," Brennan explained, "including sending the money to the National World War II Memorial Trust Fund and putting up a monument to the veterans in the New Hartford Town Park. But first and foremost, we knew of The Community Foundation and how they had been there for us and are there for everyone locally, everyday.

"So we decided to contact The Foundation and inquire about setting up a fund that would benefit World War II veterans for as long as there is a need, and after that benefit veterans of other conflicts."

"Placing the funds with The Community Foundation enabled us to meet several objectives," said Linda Romano. "It kept the funds local. It meant that they would continue to be available for the veterans of this greatest generation. And it assured that the dollars would be used in a manner consistent with the original intent of the generous donors who provided them."

In announcing the establishment of the fund, Foundation President & CEO Peggy O'Shea commented, "Veterans have selflessly protected our country and this fund provides us all with the opportunity to honor and support the brave men and women who have upheld the honorable standards set by 'The Greatest Generation.'

"In the past few years, The Foundation financially supported these trips, and we now look forward to giving back to those who have served by making grants to not-for-profits that address their needs."

*"There is nothing I will do in my life that will be as important and mean as much to me. Nothing will have touched me, influenced me, impacted me, as much as this did. It was just fantastic to be around these men and women."*

John J. Brennan, Originator,  
WWII Memorial Veterans Trips

## Community Foundation Grants Supported Trips

Between July 2005 and August 2007, three Community Foundation grants totaling \$18,900 supported the trips for area veterans to the National World War II Memorial.

A \$3,400 grant from the Faxton Street Home Fund aided the effort in Herkimer County, and a \$500 donor-advised grant from the Richard & Kimberly Hanna Fund and \$15,000 grant from the Faxton Street Home Fund supported the effort in Oneida County.



*Mary Elizabeth O'Connor (second from the right) and Vivian Wright (far right) enriched the experience of others visiting the Memorial by sharing their wartime recollections.*

*Veteran Paul Besig, with the wreath brought by Herkimer County veterans, in front of the Memorial's Freedom Wall. The Wall is comprised of 4,048 gold stars, each representing 100 Americans who lost their lives in World War II.*

# Legacy Society

The Community Foundation's Legacy Society honors those who have chosen to shape their legacies through planned gifts from their estate to The Foundation. These gifts do not replace active giving during one's lifetime, but rather are a final act of philanthropy that can create a new fund or enhance an existing one.

Giving through an estate does not diminish a donor's current disposable income or cause financial strain. It does, however, add a gratifying dimension of permanence and affirmation that the donor is helping to ensure the future of our community and will indeed make a difference forever.



*Our Legacy Society continues to grow and includes the following*

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\*In Memoriam

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*School children were eager to have their picture taken with the veterans, as this group did in front of the Pearl Harbor inscription.*

# Rome Youth Programs Important Focus of Community Foundation Funding

Children always brighten up a room, but on a crisp January morning, they radiate special energy in classrooms already aglow with brilliant sunshine streaming through the windows, out of a backdrop of vivid blue skies.

Color, laughter, learning and caring are everywhere as these youngsters and the staff engage in a myriad of enriching activities and experiences.

The place is the Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency's Child Development Center in the Griffiss Business and Technology Park in Rome. The Center, at 275 Brookley Road, is a location for several of MVCAA's early childhood programs, including Early Head Start and day care. After leasing the facility for several years, the agency will be able to purchase the site with the help of a \$25,000 grant from The Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties, Inc.

It is one of 15 such Community Foundation grants totaling over \$335,000 that have been earmarked to support youth programs in Rome since 2001. Other projects supported range from the playground installation at the Children's Corner at Rome, to construction of a Little League field for the Rome Baseball Association, to renovation of the Kennedy Civic Arena.

## For MVCAA, Cost Savings and Expansion Possibilities

Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency Executive Director Amy Turner explained that with the organization's rent due to increase regularly in the coming years, owning their building was a desirable, less-expensive alternative. "It will also give us some flexibility to explore expansion opportunities at the site," she added.

The facility includes classrooms for infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers. A valuable resource for working parents who need extended daycare, it is open from 6:45 a.m. through 5:30 p.m., M-F, 12 months a year. A school-age program for youngsters 5-12 is also offered, providing care before and after school, on days when public schools are closed and during the summer.

The Center serves children across the spectrum, including those with disabilities who may have special needs. "We don't want to turn anybody away," said Michelle Kelly, education manager.

"With all the children we see, we provide a holistic approach," she continued. "We work with them and their families in areas ranging from



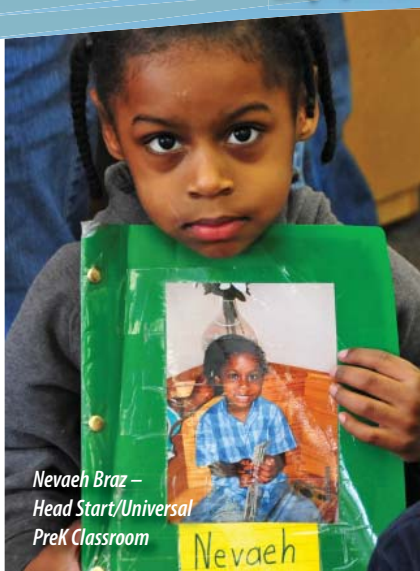
setting and meeting educational and other goals, to health and nutrition, to assisting with disabilities.

"The goal of our staff is, and has always been, to provide this in a safe, nurturing and loving environment for all of the children."

## Building a Strong Tomorrow

"Children are the future of any community and in Rome, a number of organizations are working diligently to help mold that future into a bright one," said Community Foundation President & CEO Peggy O'Shea. "Their efforts are diverse and productive, and The Community Foundation has been pleased to support them."

## Enjoying their day at MVCAA's Child Development Center in Griffiss Park!



Nevaeh Braz –  
Head Start/Universal  
PreK Classroom

Nevaeh



Jeremiah Hince –  
Toddler Room



Head Start/  
Universal PreK Class



Seth Hammers –  
Infant Room



Gina Mooney –  
Head Start/Universal  
PreK Classroom



Alex Whiteman –  
Day Care Classroom



Layla Grimaldi –  
Head Start Classroom

### Community Foundation Grants Supporting Youth Programs in Rome Since January 1, 2001

Agency	Project	Grant Amount
Bikes for Kids	Refurbishing Bicycles	\$ 2,500
Children's Corner at Rome	Playground Installation	\$ 5,400
City of Rome	Kennedy Arena Renovation	\$25,000
City of Rome	2nd Phase Arena Renovation	\$50,000
The Joseph Center	Van for Servicewatch Program and Oneida County Youth Bureau	\$10,000
Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency	Purchase Building for Griffiss Child Development Center	\$25,000
Rome Baseball Association	Baseball Camp for Underprivileged Children	\$ 3,308
Rome Baseball Association	Challenge Grant to Expand Baseball Park	\$100,000
Rome Baseball Association	Baseball Camp for Underprivileged Children	\$ 6,285
Rome Baseball Association	Little League Field Construction	\$25,000
Rome Baseball Association	Construction of Maintenance Building	\$10,817
Rome Indians Baseball Team	Baseball Camp for Underprivileged Children	\$ 5,000
Upstate Cerebral Palsy	Rome Children's Campus Expansion	\$25,000
YMCA of the Greater Tri Valley	Center for Creative Arts Recording Project	\$26,800
YMCA of the Greater Tri Valley	The Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong Summer Jazz Camp	\$15,000

Total \$335,110

# Grants

Between December 1, 2008, and January 31, 2009, The Community Foundation awarded 64 grants totaling \$941,551, plus four scholarships amounting to \$3,000. Listed below are those grants, including the funds from which they were derived.

## Discretionary Grants

Discretionary grants emanate from funds that are unrestricted in their purpose, allowing income from them to be used to meet the most urgent community needs.

### ENHANCING EDUCATION

Colgate University	\$45,000.00
Rosamond G. Childs Fund	
<i>Consumer bankruptcy law project</i>	

### ENSURING PUBLIC HEALTH

Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Foundation	\$50,000.00
Douglas J. Grant Fund	
Frank, Mame and J. Lansing Reed Fund	
Frank W. Baker Fund	
Helene Doyle Sinnott Fund	
Trustees and Staff Commitment Fund	
<i>Start-up of Keith A. Fenstermacher Center For Continuous Learning</i>	
Masonic Medical Research Laboratory	\$42,500.00
Addison M. White Fund	
Alexander Pirnie Fund	
Frank C. & Clara S. Thurwood Fund	
General Fund	
Gerald J. & Nancy E. Pierce Fund	
<i>Purchase of new equipment</i>	
Ronald McDonald House Charities of CNY	\$50,000.00
Albert and Kathryn Payne Memorial Fund	
Wesley & Marion Small Fund	
<i>Capital campaign to build the new CNY Roland McDonald House</i>	
St. Elizabeth Medical Center	\$50,000.00
Albert and Kathryn Payne Memorial Fund	
<i>Installation of a wireless local area network</i>	

### IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE

City of Rome	\$50,000.00
Rosamond G. Childs Fund	
<i>Phase 2 of JF Kennedy Civic Arena renovation project</i>	
Frank J. Basloe Library	\$10,000.00
Wesley & Marion Small Fund	
<i>Lighting project to improve lighting quality and reduce energy costs</i>	
New Hartford Central School Foundation	\$10,000.00
Rosamond G. Childs Fund	
<i>For purchase of property for park on Higby Road</i>	
The Wild Center/Natural History Museum	
of the Adirondacks	\$30,025.00
Rosamond G. Childs Fund	
Wesley & Marion Small Fund	
<i>River otter critical habitat expansion project</i>	

### NURTURING YOUTH & FAMILIES

Children's Corner at Rome, Inc.	\$5,400.00
Harry & Edith Hurd Fund	
William L. Schrauth Fund	
<i>Playground installation</i>	
Northern Community Pop Warner Association	\$25,000.00
Daniel C. Hayes Fund	
George H. Gschwind Fund	
Rosamond G. Childs Fund	
<i>Multi-purpose building at Perry Field Sports Complex in Holland Patent</i>	

Rome Baseball Association, Inc.	\$10,817.00
B. Victor & Ruby Rogers de Iorio Memorial Fund	
Helen Bremer Westcott Memorial Fund	
<i>Construction of a maintenance building</i>	

### STRENGTHENING HUMAN SERVICES

Catholic Charities of Herkimer County	\$33,600.00
Robert R. & June F. Farrington Fund	
Wesley & Marion Small Fund	
<i>Electrical system upgrade/computer system network project</i>	
Catholic Charities of Oneida & Madison Counties	\$21,090.00
Albert and Kathryn Payne Memorial Fund	
Philip F. & Jane G. McNeil Family Fund	
<i>St. Martin de Porres building improvements</i>	
Herkimer Area Resource Center	\$8,294.00
Wesley & Marion Small Fund	
<i>To purchase baler for the Goodwill-HARC program</i>	
Hope House	\$100,000.00
Franklin J. Ely First Lake Foundation Fund	
Rosamond G. Childs Fund	
Sinnott-Sheldon Fund	
<i>New building project</i>	

## Agency Grants

Agency grants are generated by funds established by nonprofit organizations to provide long-term support of their charitable mission.

Annie's Fund	\$1,000.00
Women's Fund of Herkimer & Oneida Counties, Inc.	
Good News Foundation of Central NY, Inc.	\$175,000.00
Good News Foundation Fund	
Oneida County Historical Society	\$6,000.00
Oneida County Historical Society 2nd Century Fund	
Women's Fund of Herkimer & Oneida Counties, Inc.	\$7,500.00
Annie's Fund	

## Donor-Advised Grants

Donor-advised grants are derived from funds that allow donors to participate in the grantmaking process by recommending which charities will benefit.

Alfred & Elizabeth Duffy Fund	\$2,000.00
New Hartford Public Library	
Sculpture Space	
Utica Symphony Orchestra, Inc.	
Bull Family Fund	\$9,000.00
Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare	
Herkimer County Community College Foundation	
United Way of the Valley and Greater Utica Area, Inc.	
Charles A. Gaetano Family Fund	\$500.00
St. Peter's Catholic School	
Credit Bureau of Utica Fund	\$50,000.00
Mohawk Valley Community College Foundation	

Donna & George Herthum Family Fund	\$500.00
Abraham House	
Doug & Donna Lynch Fund	\$3,000.00
The House of the Good Shepherd	
F.X. Matt II Memorial Fund	\$3,000.00
Princeton University Class of 1955 Foundation Inc.	
Sunset Neighborhood	
Transportation Alternatives	
Utica Public Library	
Giotto Family Fund	\$65,000.00
Hope House	
New Hartford Central School Foundation	
New Hartford Presbyterian Church	
United Way of the Valley and Greater Utica Area, Inc.	
Harry H. & Martha S. Love Fund	\$4,100.00
United Way of the Valley and Greater Utica Area, Inc.	
Utica Symphony Orchestra, Inc.	
Hummel Family Fund	\$11,000.00
Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare	
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City of Utica	
Food Bank of Central New York	
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## Scholarship

Scholarships to students from Herkimer and Oneida counties are made possible by funds designated to support educational achievement, with the donor often determining the criteria for the award.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

TOTAL: \$3,000. . . . . four scholarships awarded

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*The following funds have recently been created at The Community Foundation by nonprofit organizations and caring donors who wish to give back to their community in a lasting way.*

### **Good News Foundation Fund** —

An agency fund established by this nonprofit foundation to provide long-term support for its charitable purposes, which focus on strengthening core religious values through Catholic evangelism, leadership training, family nurturing, counseling and related services.

### **Greatest Generation Fund** —

This acorn fund has been created from the remaining assets of the Oneida County World War II Memorial Trip, Inc., an organization established to send area veterans of the Second World War to visit the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. This nonprofit conducted several three-day tours, with hundreds of veterans from local counties participating in the all-expenses-paid, emotion-filled trips. The field-of-interest fund will continue to serve the needs of area veterans for years to come. (Please see our special feature starting on page 1.)

### **Kenneth & Evelyn Huyck Fund** —

An endowed, unrestricted fund created through a bequest from the estate of Evelyn S. Huyck. Income from the fund, named for her and her husband, is to be used forever to serve the charitable needs of the community—the place where they lived, worked and shared their life together.

### **St. William's on Long Point Fund** —

An agency fund created to support development efforts to preserve and restore this historic retreat, originally built in 1890 as a Catholic church to serve the families of the great camps of Raquette Lake. St. William's is on the New York and National registers of historic sites and has been awarded the Adirondack Architectural Heritage Award for its unique shingle style. It was deconsecrated in 1992 and transferred into a nonprofit corporation dedicated to the restoration of the church and site for public use and enjoyment.



## Lauzon Named Director of Finance

The Community Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Gilles G. Lauzon, CPA, as director of finance.

He joins The Foundation with 18 years of experience in nonprofit accounting and reporting. Most recently, he was Controller for Presbyterian Homes & Services in New Hartford. He previously held finance positions at Hamilton College, Syracuse Research Corporation and Cooper & Lybrand CPAs.

Lauzon grew up in the Finger Lakes region and earned his B.P.S. in business and public management from SUNYIT, as well as an M.S. in accounting from Syracuse University. He belongs to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New York State Society of CPAs.

In announcing his appointment, Peggy O'Shea, Community Foundation president & CEO said, "We are very pleased that Gilles has joined The Foundation's team. His experience and professionalism will be invaluable in guiding our work in Herkimer and Oneida counties."

Lauzon resides in New Hartford with his wife and two sons.

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## Nationally Known Advisor Presents Workshop for Local Not-for-Profits

The Community Foundation and The United Way of the Valley and Greater Utica Area took the lead in sponsoring a workshop with nationally recognized nonprofit expert Susan Kenny Stevens, Ph.D., last October. Representatives of 22 area not-for-profit organizations participated in the workshop "Becoming Who Your Are: A Lifecycles Approach to Nonprofit Capacity" presented by Dr. Stevens at the Radisson Hotel Utica Center. Organizations also had the opportunity to apply for individual consulting sessions with Stevens to discuss specific challenges and goals.

In the workshop and one-on-one sessions, Stevens offered not-for-profit organizations practical ways to think about organizational capacity. Using seven lifecycle stages to describe the challenges and opportunities nonprofits experience at each stage of development, this session presented concepts through which agencies can more creatively and effectively operate, whether newly formed, emerging or mature.

Dr. Stevens is a nationally recognized consultant and advisor to many local and national foundations. Over the past 25 years, she has written extensively on financial and management issues pertaining to philanthropy and the nonprofit sector, including five books, several journal articles and a variety of case studies used in university-based nonprofit management courses throughout the country.

Copies of Susan Kenny Stevens' latest book, *Nonprofit Lifecycles*, are available at the Jervis Public Library in Rome and at the Utica Public Library. Please contact The Community Foundation if you would like to purchase a copy.



*Pictured at the "Lifestyles Approach to Nonprofit Capacity" workshop were, from left, United Way Executive Director Phil Hayne, presenter Dr. Susan Kenny Stevens and Community Foundation President & CEO Peggy O'Shea.*

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