2015 ANNUAL REPORT

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Our Vision

The Community Foundation for South Central New York works hard to fulfill our vision of contributing to the well-being of our communities and community members.

As regional and local needs, donor priorities and economic circumstances shift over time, it is crucial to stay in tune with those changes. That is why we keep our vision broad, with an eye toward where we have been, where we are now and where we are headed. In the following pages, you will see how we have pursued our vision throughout the year.

Reflecting the Past
As we wrapped up 2015, we reflected on the Foundation’s accomplishments over the previous 18 years and evaluated the findings of our comprehensive needs assessment. Building on past successes, we plan to be more intentional and focused in our grantmaking in the future. We want to respond to community needs with informed funding, transforming the Foundation from purely a grantmaker into an active problem solver.

Honoring the Present
We reached some impressive milestones in 2015. More than $1 million was granted for projects, programs and organizations in the region, reaching a total of $10 million in grants since 1997. Grantmaking stands at the heart of our work, and we could not provide that support without the generous gifts from our friends and donors, from whom we raised more $3 million in 2015. We also began using special funds to respond to grant requests of less than $5,000, leaving more opportunities for the Community Fund to support larger initiatives. This new strategy allowed us to provide significantly more grants than in past years. Finally, we took our grantmaking digital, a change that (according to feedback from nonprofits) made our process more accessible and user-friendly.

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We also traveled the region to examine first-hand the challenges facing individual communities. For example, we met with the police department in Oxford to discuss its heroin action plan, and in Hancock we met with town supervisors, NYC watershed officials, mayors and community planners to learn about the economic importance of stream management in Delaware County.

In April 2015, we contracted with Horn Research to conduct a comprehensive assessment of community needs in Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego and Tioga Counties. The results of that assessment will shape our grantmaking for years to come.

We hope you will take a few minutes to read our Annual Report and review 2015 from our perspective. As always, the people, projects and programs we have highlighted are all local. The stories in these pages illustrate how your friends and neighbors give generously of their time, talent and treasure to make South Central New York a better place to live. Their commitment, dedication and hard work benefit us all.

FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Heather M. Cornell, Board Chair
Diane L. Brown, Executive Director
As young professionals raising a family, Gene and Judy Peckham couldn’t devote much money to community causes. But that didn’t stop them from devoting themselves.

The Peckhams discovered the pleasure of public service as Peace Corps volunteers in Peru in the 1960s. “We learned more there than we ever taught anybody,” Judy says.

Back in Binghamton, Gene resumed his legal career while also lending his talents to local nonprofits and political campaigns. At various times, he served on or headed the boards of the Binghamton Boys & Girls Club and its foundation, the Binghamton University Foundation, Twin Tier Home Health, the Roberson Museum, the Community Foundation and several others. He served as president of the local Young Republicans and, over the years, helped several political leaders get elected.

Gene did the legal work to create the Hoyt Foundation, the Community Foundation and the Gaffney, O’Connor, Decker and Roberson Foundations. He was elected Broome County Surrogate Judge, serving ten years in that capacity, and he served as an acting justice for the New York Supreme Court from 2003-2011. He also taught courses in taxation at Binghamton University for 30 years.

Meanwhile, Judy attended to the family, taught English at Broome Community College (now SUNY Broome) and grew deeply involved in the Junior League, both on the local and national levels.

She served as a trustee of SUNY Broome for 18 years. She has also served on or chaired the boards of WSKG, the Broome County Mental Health Council, SUNY Broome, United Health Services (UHS) and UHS Hospitals. Professionally, she has worked as assistant director for development and public relations at the Roberson Museum and executive director of the Hoyt Foundation, the Community Foundation (which she helped to found) and, currently, the Klee Foundation.

It’s no surprise that Gene and Judy were among the first to create one of our donor advised funds. The Eugene E. and Judith C. Peckham Fund became a convenient conduit for donating to causes the couple had started supporting as they gained the means. Those include scholarships at SUNY Broome and Binghamton University, plus the United Way, the Boys and Girls Club and Roberson, among others.

The Peckhams also have made many gifts to the Community Foundation and the Women’s Fund. “Gene and I both feel so strongly about the potential of what a community foundation can do,” Judy says.

A donor advised fund within the Community Foundation offers convenience, strong tax advantages and a partner in choosing which organizations to support. And, of course, as Gene puts it, “You give to the things you’re involved with.” Their fund helps the Peckhams continue to bolster the causes they care about most.
The Newark Valley Historical Society (NVHS) also plays a vital role in the present-day life of northern Tioga County. The NVHS offers more than 70 events a year, held mainly at its Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum and the Train Depot Museum. Local residents use parts of these properties for everything from youth soccer games to meetings and wedding receptions.

Once the board chose its top-priority projects—including repairs to a bridge on the property, and renovations to the barn and blacksmith’s shop—the architect also helped NVHS estimate costs and seek contractors.

A second grant from the Foundation, for $2,787, helped to build a stage in the 1870s-era Depot building.

NVHS has used the Depot for public programs since it took the property over more than a dozen years ago. First came historical presentations, then band concerts. “Now we have a program every Friday night from June to September,” says Marcia Kiechle, the Depot’s program director. In 2015, the building hosted 32 events in all.

A couple of years ago, Kiechle proposed adding dramatic productions. But with the Depot’s flat floor, people sitting at the back wouldn’t be able to see the action. A stage would elevate performers, providing a better view.

The Foundation’s grant paid for materials. Three weeks after volunteers finished the construction, including sound and lighting systems supported by other grants, the Depot hosted a Civil War play by a local writer. Plans are already in place to stage an old-time, radio-style variety show in the summer of 2016.

Other than churches, the Depot is one of the only places in northern Tioga County where people can get together for entertainment and socializing, Kiechle says. “It’s become very important to the social fabric of the community.” With the stage in place, residents will find even more occasions to come together.

Historical Site Doubles as Community Magnet

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SPECIAL FUNDS
Giving in Your Own Way

When you open a special fund with the Community Foundation, you chart your own course as a philanthropist. You might create the fund to honor someone you have loved or admired. You’ll focus your support on an issue that speaks to your heart, and you’ll build for the long term, assured that the good you do today will continue into the future. Here are some recent examples:

Tribute to a Musical Treasure
One of our newest special funds is the Duane R. Skrabalak Memorial Award in Music Fund. Family, friends and colleagues of Duane Skrabalak—former artistic director at Binghamton’s Tri-Cities Opera (TCO)—created the fund to award a scholarship each year to an outstanding music student who is graduating from Johnson City High School, Skrabalak’s alma mater.

“Duane was totally dedicated to the education, training and coaching of young artists,” says Roger Hartman, a former singer at the TCO who also served for a time as its executive director. That makes the fund a fitting tribute.

To get things started, Hartman and two other community members, Joanne Ardune and Barb Van Atta, solicited donations via an extensive mail campaign, personal appeals and a memorial concert. The fund was officially established in the spring of 2015.

The Skrabalak Fund will make its second award to a Johnson City student, picked by faculty, in 2016. “We want the chosen students to realize how special they are,” says Ardune, who also sang at the TCO and worked on its staff. “We want to support their studies, and we hope that one day we’ll be funding the next Duane Skrabalak.”

Passing Along the Love
Lee Shepherd created the Ida Anne Lipshultz Madrigal Choir of Binghamton Fund to honor the memory of her mother, a gifted violinist.

Shepherd was just three, living in Rochester, when her mother enrolled her in a music appreciation class at the Eastman School. Years of musical education followed. “She gave me her love of music, which has been a joy to me my whole life,” Shepherd says.

When Lipshultz died in 2010, after years of frugal living, she left an inheritance that Shepherd decided to put to work for others. “I wanted to keep her memory alive and remind people what music can mean in life—something that parents can give to their children.” So she created a fund to support the Madrigal Choir.

Shepherd joined the Madrigal Choir several years ago. “It’s the area’s best elite choir, made up of amateurs in the best sense—people who get together to make music because they love it,” she says. Each year, the fund will distribute a sum that the Choir can use as its leaders think best—perhaps to award a scholarship.
or commission a piece of music. “This will give them a bit of freedom to imagine what they would like to do—some extras for the community and for the choir as well.”

Creature Comforts
Dr. Anthony Trusso practiced medicine in Broome County for 30 years. An animal lover, he adopted several dogs and cats in his lifetime, and he wanted an ongoing way to provide for the welfare of animals.

In 2011, Trusso opened the Tipper Fund, named for a beloved dog. Trusso died in 2014, and in the following year his estate fully funded the Tipper Fund, allowing it to make its first grants.

The Tipper Fund provides for dogs and cats housed at three rescue organizations, the Broome County Humane Society, the Animal Care Council and the Society for the Promotion of Education in Animal Kindness (SPEAK). Each year, the fund gives an equal sum to each of the three organizations, to be used directly to benefit the animals.

During his life, Trusso worked with his financial advisor to craft the fund in a very specific way. The three organizations may spend their grants on food, toys and medical expenses, including vaccinations and medications, but not on office or administrative expenses.

Trusso had a clear philanthropic vision. In collaboration with the Community Foundation, he made that vision both real and lasting.

Close to Home
The Paul G. and Miriam B. Mattern Fund honors the memories of two long-time residents of Walton, N.Y. Established in 2013 by the Matterns’ children, the fund makes several small grants each year, totaling up to $5,000, for projects that enrich the lives of Walton residents.

A committee of people who live or work in Walton reviews applications and makes the awards. Among other projects, the fund has supported a summer art program for children at a village park, a performance for children at the Walton Theatre and two backpack programs, which send students from needy families home from school with nutritious food for the weekend.

“It’s just for Walton—that’s what I love about it,” says committee member Sally Cranston, former director of Walton’s William B. Ogden Free Library. “The Mattern family always did a lot for the community, and this is a way to keep it going.”
A CLEAR Educational Gain

For children who struggle in school, summer is a perilous time. Unless those kids use their learning muscles in July and August, they may lose some of the strength they developed during the past school year.

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That’s why the Milford Central School District created the Career, Learning, Enrichment and Academic Readiness (CLEAR) program. Designed for at-risk middle school students—kids entering grades five through eight—CLEAR mixes work and fun in a four-week program that fights learning loss in English language arts (ELA) and math.

In 2015, CLEAR ran for three hours a day, Monday through Thursday, for four weeks in July.

CLEAR’s teachers built their educational activities around a summer camp theme. “The kids were divided into three learning communities, based on age and ability. Each community designed its own ‘cabin,’ its own cabin cheer and its own flag,” says Dara Rhodes, CLEAR program coordinator.

When one group read a novel about surviving in the wilderness, a New York State forest ranger came to demonstrate basic survival skills; then the students went outside to practice them. A math teacher working with the seventh and eighth graders reviewed multiplication and division while leading an activity about stargazing.

Students also wrestled with challenges meant to build collaboration and communications skills. For instance, during a field trip to nearby Betty and Wilbur Davis State Park, students tied on blindfolds and then headed out to explore a nature trail under the guidance of a few non-blindfolded peers. “They had to navigate, find specific coordinates, answer questions and then do a puzzle at the end,” Rhodes says.

The Milford District launched CLEAR with funding from New York State in 2014. “When that funding ended, we did not have any funding for a summer program,” says Lorre Gregory, a grant writer and media specialist with the district. A $14,971 grant from the Community Foundation made it possible to continue CLEAR in 2015.

That investment paid off for the 31 students who completed the program. “The teachers developed pre- and post-tests, based on the New York State assessment exams, and administered them during the first and final weeks of the program,” Rhodes says. The tests showed that the students made academic gains in July.

The Community Foundation’s support provided a valuable bridge for the Milford Schools, keeping CLEAR alive while the district sought a more permanent funding source. “Without the grant,” Gregory says, “we would not have had a summer school for these students.”
The study revealed that each county has unique needs, but also that certain experiences apply across the region.

To review the Needs Assessment on line, go to www.donorswhocare.org.
Too often, women and girls in our region who struggle with mental health issues can’t connect with the specific help they need. “There are services out there, but finding out about all of them is incredibly difficult,” says Sharon Ball, who chaired an ad hoc advocacy committee on mental health for the Community Foundation’s Women’s Fund.

The Women’s Fund formed the committee in late 2014 to measure the gap between available mental health services and needs in our region, learn how that gap affects women and girls and advocate for changes to help close the gap.

The initiative started when Dr. Camelia Lawrence, a breast surgeon who was then a member of the Women’s Fund’s Leadership Committee, spoke of the obstacles some of her patients faced when they needed mental health services. In response, the Leadership Committee launched an in-depth effort to map the local mental health landscape.

Members of the ad hoc committee hosted a focus group with local decision makers involved in mental health. They later surveyed focus group participants about their priorities for service improvements. In addition, they met with people from the New York State Office of Mental Health’s Mobile Integration Team, 2-1-1/First Call for Help at United Way of Broome County and the Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier (MHAST) to learn about their offerings.

The biggest finding to emerge from this research was the lack of coordination and collaboration among providers, says ad hoc committee member Linda Biemer. “Different agencies don’t seem to know what other agencies are doing.”

When a woman or girl doesn’t get the help she needs, often it’s simply because there’s no one to point her toward appropriate services.

The Women’s Fund invited MHAST to submit a proposal for a mental health information and referral service. That grant was approved in 2016 and will be funded by the Women’s Fund in conjunction with the Community Foundation.

“When the Mental Health Association is in a wonderful position to help,” says Ball. It has experience, good contacts in the community and strong name recognition, she says.

Lawrence is pleased with the way the Women’s Fund responded to her initial observations. “What a great group of women, to rally behind this not only to listen, but to develop an action plan and do the leg work for an entire year,” she says. “They have come up with a resolution that I think is effective and will work.”
To reach people who require your help, sometimes you have to get creative. That’s what Tioga Opportunities, Inc. was doing in 2015 when it started a three-pronged effort to connect with people who need contraceptives, health screenings, family planning education and related services.

“We’re trying to meet people where they’re at,” says Marlaina Allen, family planning health educator at Tioga Opportunities.

The Tioga Opportunities Family Planning clinic is the only facility in the county supported through the U.S. Title X program, which funds family planning services for low-income families and the uninsured. There’s a big need for those services, says Allen. “A large population throughout Tioga County qualifies for free or significantly reduced-cost reproductive health care.” But the Owego-based clinic has seen only a small portion of those residents. The demise of public transportation in the rural county makes access especially difficult.

The new initiative, developed with $10,000 in support from the Community Foundation, began with a Facebook page. “We started the social media campaign to reach all age populations and genders throughout Tioga County,” Allen says.

The second part of the program is Tioga County Condom Couriers, which mails condoms, plus other forms of protection against sexually-transmitted disease, to people who can’t visit the clinic. Supplies arrive in an unmarked envelope. “No one would know that it comes from Family Planning,” Allen says.

Third is “Seventeen Days,” a one-on-one educational program that uses an interactive DVD to teach young women how to avoid unintended pregnancies. Staff can use this tool in the clinic, Allen says. “But we’re also looking to do home visits and work with high-risk populations.” Referrals for those visits will come from school guidance counselors, juvenile probation officers and the foster care system.

The clinic’s innovative outreach efforts got a boost last summer from intern Kayla Malarkey, a middle school student from Newark Valley who plans a career as a gynecologist. “She helped me get a sense of how to capture the attention of the younger community throughout the area, before we launched the program,” Allen says. Kayla created an informational display for the clinic’s waiting room. While helping Allen staff the clinic’s table at various community events, she connected easily with teens who stopped by, encouraging them to pick up literature and “like” the Facebook page.

The Foundation’s grant has given the three outreach initiatives a strong start, Allen says. “They’ve been recognized by other agencies, and they’re supported throughout the county. We’ve had a lot of positive feedback.”
The vision of Broome County Habitat for Humanity is simple: help local families achieve home ownership while also helping to maintain safe, stable neighborhoods. Habitat assembles volunteers from local churches, nonprofit organizations, schools and businesses to rehabilitate existing homes and build new ones.

To qualify for a Habitat house, a family must complete an 18-page application, attend home ownership workshops and put in 400 to 500 hours of “sweat equity” on its own or another Habitat project. The family also provides a modest down payment and closing costs. Habitat then sells the home to the family at no profit, with a no-interest mortgage.

Along with a core group of 20 to 25 volunteer construction leaders, Habitat relies on a continually-changing cast of local community members to work on its construction projects. “It is critical to our success that those volunteers stay safe and healthy,” says Amy Winans, executive director of Broome County Habitat for Humanity.

To make sure the houses harmonize with their neighborhoods, Broome County Habitat usually builds two-story structures. So it made sense to buy a scaffolding and railing system to protect volunteers. “When they climb ladders, they are harnessed, and they have a lot of safety protection around them,” Winans says. The new equipment also helps when workers climb open staircases or stand near the edges of platforms. “Any time you have a fall safety risk, those railings are really important.”

An $11,000 grant from the Community Foundation in 2015 paid for that equipment, plus a smart TV that volunteers use to view safety videos. “These educate people in a general way about how to stay safe on a job site,” Winans says. “And whenever we bring in new equipment, such as this safety system or a new tool, we can bring people in to watch instructional videos together.”

The new safety equipment gives workers greater confidence. “There are volunteers who might not have been able or willing before to climb a ladder to balance a piece of siding or hoist roof- ing,” Winans says. “Now they’re up on the scaffolding, taking part in a really fun part of the build.” For their part, construction managers now feel better about sending other volunteers onto high perches, she says. “They’re friends on that crew, and they want to keep each other safe.”

Volunteers also consider the Foundation’s grant a thank-you note from the community, says Winans. “Someone noticed that what they do matters, and someone noticed that we need to keep them safe.”
Without a basic education, it’s hard to move ahead in life. In 2015, the Community Foundation made two grants to help adults leap the educational hurdles that have kept them off the path to success.

One of those awards was $15,000 in general operating support to Literacy Volunteers of Broome/Tioga Counties (LVBTC). Since 1967, this organization has enlisted volunteers to tutor adults one-on-one in reading, writing, English and math.

LVBTC also offers classes in basic computer skills for adults at the Tioga Adult Learning Lab in Owego. At its headquarters in the Broome County Public Library, it recently added reading and math labs for learners who have not yet been matched with tutors, and a reading roundtable. All of its services are free of charge.

The Community Foundation’s grant helps to cover basic expenses—staff salaries, rent, utilities, instructional materials and other essentials. “This support helps us to continue to provide basic education and ESL services to the 95 adult students and more than 300 computer literacy students we serve,” says Gordon-Pier.

A second $15,000 grant went to the Family Enrichment Network (FEN). This organization has offered free high school equivalency and ESL classes at its headquarters in Johnson City for more than a decade. FEN uses buses from its Head Start program to transport students who couldn’t otherwise get to the classes, and it offers free child care.

“We’re trying to break down some of the barriers that keep people from attending classes and improving their education levels, and then getting out in the work world and providing for their families,” says Sandele Wenzel, family literacy specialist at FEN.

Some students come to the program with only rudimentary academic skills. “We also have students who are much closer to getting a high school equivalency diploma,” says Kristen Gordon-Pier, executive director at LVBTC. Students in the English as a Second Language (ESL) program may be well-educated but need to become more fluent in English. LVBTC tailors an educational plan to meet each individual’s needs.

The Foundation’s support allowed FEN to add high school equivalency classes at the Tioga Workforce New York center in Owego.

Besides helping individuals earn their diplomas, Wenzel says she hopes the new classes will inspire others in the community to develop complementary services. Number one on her wish list: services to replace Tioga County’s defunct public transportation system.

“If we help with that barrier,” Wenzel says, “we take one more worry off people’s shoulders, and those goals they’ve set for themselves become obtainable.”
How Grant Seekers Raise Their Game

Some people who attend the workshops are pleasantly surprised to learn that writing a grant isn’t nearly as hard as they had thought.

If you’re applying for a grant from the Community Foundation, Tina Barber could be your best friend. “I am the person who helps you put your best application forward,” says Barber, the Foundation’s program officer. Since she doesn’t have a vote in funding decisions, she can work impartially to help all applicants sharpen their grant writing skills.

Toward that end, the Foundation’s main educational tools are technical assistance workshops. During each grant cycle, Barber runs three of those sessions in Broome County and one each in Chenango, Delaware, Otsego and Tioga. Capped at 15 people, so questions and answers can flow freely, the workshops introduce attendees to the funds that are open for proposals. Barber also walks participants through the application process.

Some people who attend are pleasantly surprised to learn that writing a grant isn’t nearly as hard as they had thought. “We’ve had tiny historical societies come to a workshop and say, ‘I didn’t realize I was eligible for this, and it wasn’t going to be a big, scary deal to apply,’” Barber says.

Besides giving new applicants a basic orientation, the workshops offer another advantage to newcomers and veterans alike, Barber says. “Because program officers like myself have seen so many applications, and have watched the process play out with our grant review panels, we can give them insight into how to frame their proposals—what panels like to see in applications, and what they don’t so much like to see.”

Those insights don’t involve what kinds of grants to ask for: the opportunities there are nearly endless. Rather, they focus on how to explain a request and document an organization’s needs.

These days, the workshops also cover how to apply for grants online, using the Community Foundation’s new digital grants management system.

After the workshops, Barber may mentor some of the grant writers one-on-one. “I’ll often have a small organization that has attended a workshop send me a draft and a budget,” she says. She offers suggestions for improvement, going through several rounds if need be. “I have gone back and forth with some organizations and seen each subsequent submission become better and better,” she says.

Grant seekers who don’t have time to attend a technical assistance workshop can still get help with the application process, including support with the online system. Applicants are welcome to call Barber with any questions or concerns, she says. “There is always a real, flesh-and-blood person at the other end of the phone.”
SPECIAL FUNDS GRANTEES

20/20/20 Wonderworks
ACHIEVE Foundation
American Civic Association
Animal Care Council
Apalachin Elementary School Helping Hands Club
Apalachin Library
Apalachin Lions Foundation
Athelas Therapeutic Riding, Inc.
AVRE
College of Wooster
Community Care Network of Nichols
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Broome County
DCMO BOCES
Delaware County Department of Watershed Affairs
Discovery Center Foundation
Doctors Without Borders
Kate Dodge
Mary Wilcox Memorial Library
Mom’s House
Mount Holyoke College
Nichols Volunteer Fire Company
Northeast Classic Car Museum
Northfield Mount Herman School
Norwich Theatre Company
NYS Rural Housing Coalition
Otego Central School District
Phelps Mansion Museum
Richford Summer Youth Program
RISE
Road Scholar
Roberson Museum and Science Center
Roxbury Central School District
Rural Health Network of SCNY
Samaritan Counseling Center of the Southern Tier
Samaritan’s Purse
Southern Poverty Law Center
SPEAK

Special Funds awarded a total of $818,013 to 111 organizations and programs, and $78,600 to 91 scholarship recipients.

Beth David Synagogue
Binghamton Philharmonic, Inc.
Binghamton School Educational Fund
Boys & Girls Club of Binghamton
Boys & Girls Club of Binghamton Foundation
Boy Scouts of America – Baden Powell Council
Broome Community College Foundation
Broome County Arts Council, Inc.
Broome County Council of Churches
Broome County Health Department
Broome County Humane Society
Broome County Promise Zone
Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga
Centenary – Chenango United Methodist Church
Central New York Ronald McDonald House Charities, Inc.
Charles H. Bassett Youth Foundation
Chenango County Historical Society
Chenango County SPCA
Children’s Home of Wyoming Conference
CHOW Program
Cider Mill Playhouse
Empire State Special Needs Experience
Faculty-Student Association of Broome Community College, Inc.
Family & Children’s Society
Family Enrichment Network
Family Life Network
Finger Lakes Library System – Cady Library
Food Bank of the Southern Tier
Foundation of the State University of NY at Binghamton
Front Street Dog Shelter
George F Johnson Memorial Library
Girl Scouts of NY/Penn Pathways, Inc.
Golden Key Prison Ministry
Good Shepherd Communities Foundation
Goodwill Theatre
Greater Binghamton Health Center
Greek Peak Adaptive Snowsports
Hobart Community Foundation
Jewish Federation of Broome County
Life Choices Center
Magic Paintbrush Project

CHOW bus mobile farmer’s market, Broome County Council of Churches – Binghamton

St. Joseph’s Catholic Church
St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital
St. Luke’s Lutheran Church and Community Center
SUNY Cortland
The Discovery Center of the Southern Tier
The Franklin Railroad and Community Museum
Tioga County Council on the Arts
Tioga County Historical Society
Tioga County Open Door Mission
Tioga County Rural Ministry
Tioga County Youth Lacrosse/TCBGC
Tioga County Council on Alcoholism & Substance Abuse
Tioga United Way
Tri-Cities Opera
Trinity Memorial Church
United Health Services Hospitals Foundation
United Presbyterian Church
United Way of Broome County
Upper New York Conference of the United Methodist Church
Upstate Medical University Foundation
Vestal Museum & Historical Society
Village of Windsor
Water for Sudan, Inc.
Waterman Conservation Education Center
Wesleyan University
Whitney Point Preschool & Daycare
Wilson Rehabilitation Foundation, Inc.
Windsor Central School District
WonderWork, Inc.
Wounded Warrior Project, Inc.
WSKG Public Broadcasting
YWCA of Binghamton/Broome Co.
COMPETITIVE GRANTS

Community Fund and Special Funds Grants

**ACCORD** $7,500 for purchase of furniture for conference room and reception area (Broome)

**Afton Historical Society** $1,800 restoration of the 1789 deeds for Afton (Chenango)

**Boys & Girls Club of Binghamton** $4,500 for a summer 2016 camp program (Broome)

**Broome County COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster)** $35,000 for operations (Broome)

**Broome County Council of Churches** $15,000 for the CHOW bus mobile farmer's market/summer meal program (Broome)

**Broome County Habitat for Humanity** $11,000 support for the volunteer safety program improvements (Broome)

**CADE (Center for Agricultural Development and Entrepreneurship)** $15,000 for phase 2 of the Community Creameries Project (Delaware/Otsego)

**Camp Ahwaga** $11,500 for insurance costs for the 2016 camp season (Tioga)

**Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga** $10,000 for emergency financial assistance for participants (Tioga)

**Coalition for the Homeless of the Southern Tier, Inc.** $1,800 for the no-freeze program providing overnight emergency shelter (Broome)

**Deposit Foundation** $10,000 for general operating support (Broome/Delaware)

**Family and Children’s Society** $2,500 for inspirational and motivational art for therapy rooms and lobby (Broome)

**Family Enrichment Network** $15,000 to expand an adult literacy program into Tioga County (Tioga)

**Grand Gorge Community Action Group** $1,400 for purchase of a watering system for community beautification efforts (Delaware)

**Historical Society of the Town of Middletown** $3,500 for support of a foundation repair project (Delaware)

**Jewish Community Center** $4,770 for toddler classroom renovations (Broome)

**Liberty Partnership Program** $900 for production of a film highlighting effects of poverty (Broome)

**Literacy Volunteers of Broome/Tioga** $15,000 for general operating support (Broome/Tioga)

**Milford Central School District** $14,971 for a summer Career, Learning, Enrichment and Academic Readiness program (Otsego)

**Newark Valley Historical Society** $5,234 for architect fees for a needs plan development at Bement-Billings farmstead (Tioga)

**New Hope Community Church** $2,500 for a weekend backpack food security program for middle and high school students (Delaware)

**Opportunities for Delaware** $15,000 for a bus for the Headstart Program (Delaware)

**Owego Revitalization and Betterment Corporation** $3,933 to replace bike racks lost in the flood (Tioga)
**Women’s Fund Grants**

**ACHIEVE** $1,200 for purchase of Health Relationship Curriculum for women with developmental/intellectual disabilities (Broome)

**Family Planning of SCNY** $5,440 for a summer program for middle school girls to promote healthy behaviors (Broome)

**Mothers and Babies Perinatal Network** $6,000 for Community Linkage for Addiction and Parenting Support (CLAPS) programming for women with substance use issues parenting infants and young children (Broome)

**Opportunities for Otsego** $6,000 for a security system upgrade at the women’s shelter (Otsego)

**SUNY Broome-Entrepreneurial Assistance Program** $300 for scholarships for two women to attend the Entrepreneurial Assistance Program (Broome)

**YWCA of Binghamton** $1,060 to support women that have lost housing subsidies due to DSS sanctions or loss of employment (Broome)

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Statement of Financial Position—
Accrual Basis as of December 31, 2015

**ASSETS**
- CASH $648,252
- INVESTMENTS, at fair value 22,571,873
- OTHER ASSETS 40,952
- **TOTAL ASSETS** 23,261,077

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES 8,756
- GRANTS PAYABLE 383,572
- **TOTAL LIABILITIES** 392,328
- NET ASSETS, unr
-estricted 22,868,749
- **TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS** $23,261,077

THE COMMUNITY FUND $6,987,010

SPECIAL FUNDS $15,881,739
- Designated Funds $9,116,801
- Donor Advised Funds $1,990,016
- Field of Interest Funds $3,881,615
- Scholarship Funds $753,976
- Designated Agency Funds $139,331

Statement of Activities—
Accrual Basis as of December 31, 2015

**REVENUES AND SUPPORT**
- Contributions $3,056,562
- Interest and dividends 508,824
- Net realized and unrealized loss on investments (780,545)
- Other income 9,683
- **TOTAL REVENUES AND SUPPORT** 2,794,524

**EXPENSES**
- PROGRAM SERVICES:
  - Grantmaking
    - Grants made 1,231,338
    - Grant administrative expense 100,802
    - Total grantmaking 1,332,140
  - Community education and involvement 61,609
- SUPPORTING SERVICES:
  - Management and general 459,245
  - Fundraising 36,177
  - Total supporting services 495,422
- **TOTAL EXPENSES** 1,889,171

**INCREASE IN NET ASSETS** 905,353
**NET ASSETS, beginning of year** 22,314,395
**Prior period adjustment** (350,999)
**NET ASSETS, end of year** $22,868,749
MISSION STATEMENT

The Community Foundation offers caring individuals an effective way to endow their community in a manner that is responsible, responsive and lasting.

Responsible
- provides leadership and resources to address problems of our regional community
- encourages individuals and organizations to participate in organized philanthropy
- preserves and enhances assets entrusted to our stewardship

Responsive
- identifies and evaluates the ever-changing needs of the region
- makes grants consistent with needs
- offers flexible options of charitable giving for individuals of varying means

Lasting
- builds capacity for community problem solving
- builds endowment in order to enrich quality of life and improve the human condition for generations to come

“Connecting donors who care with causes that matter.”

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