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## **Chobani Foundation, in Collaboration with Community Foundation for South Central New York Announces \$100,000 In Grants to the Region**

***Johnson City New York, December 13, 2018.***

The Chobani Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Chobani, has announced the grant recipients of the Foundation's inaugural annual Community Impact Fund, which was designed to fuel big ideas from local organizations, expand economic opportunity and promote entrepreneurship in Idaho's Magic Valley and in Central New York.

Established in 2018, the \$100,000 annual Community Impact Fund at the Community Foundation, will result in \$1 million being invested in Central New York over the next decade.

Working with implementing partner, the Community Foundation for South Central New York, the Chobani Foundation has named four recipients in the Central New York regions.

They are:

- Catskill Development Foundation - Delaware County FoodWorks+ is a collaborative initiative of the Catskill Development Foundation, Delaware County Industrial Development Agency, and AgriForaging Food Safety. The facility is an incubator space that supports entrepreneurs aiming to create food products. The grant will fund a program that will offer individual training, reserved kitchen time for product development and more to 10-12 aspiring food and agricultural entrepreneurs.
- Sidney Central School District - Sidney Central School District has been very active in changing the nutritional offerings and overall wellness of the school and district. The school will receive funding to incorporate a Food Truck into its programming. The Food Truck, which will be run by students, will offer school meals such as wraps, bowls and salads with an emphasis on fresh, local and healthy ingredients.
- Oxford Academy & Central School District - This grant will fund the Career Pathways Program, which teaches students how to develop their ideal career pathway and provide them with applied learning opportunities through paid work experiences at local businesses. Funding will enable Oxford to pay the wages and payroll costs of 25 students for a 10-month work experience.
- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County - The organization established farmers and farmer's market managers needed assistance in marketing; marketing their farm, their products, and their practices. The grant will help direct market farmers in Madison County who are open to new and expanding farm operations by giving them the tools to brand their businesses and excite new customers, with the goal of increasing sales and customer engagement.

*"We are excited and proud to partner with Chobani and the Chobani Foundation to further their, and our, commitment to improving the quality of life in the region through expanding economic opportunity and promoting entrepreneurship." said Diane Brown, CFSCNY Executive Director.*

Chobani has continually invested a portion of its profits to charitable causes through the philanthropic arm, the Chobani Foundation, and a key pillar of the Foundation's work is Community Wellness, which focuses on contributing to Central New York and the Magic Valley in Idaho, where our two yogurt processing plants are located.

### **About the Chobani Foundation**

By volunteering its time, donating its products, and supporting impactful charitable projects and programs, the Chobani Foundation is strengthening communities we call home, improving childhood nutrition and wellness nationally, and helping those in need wherever they live.

For more information regarding the Chobani Foundation visit [www.chobani.com/impact/chobani-foundation](http://www.chobani.com/impact/chobani-foundation).

### **About the Community Foundation for South Central New York**

Founded in 1997, the Community Foundation for South Central New York encourages and facilitates personal and institutional philanthropy throughout the region by managing a 25 million dollar endowment with 120 funds, established by donors to achieve specific charitable goals. From these funds, the Foundation has awarded over \$12 million in grants to the area's nonprofits, schools, and municipalities to help address community concerns and improve the quality of life in the region. The Community Foundation serves donors and nonprofits in Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego and Tioga counties. More information about the Foundation can be found on its website at [www.donorswhocare.org](http://www.donorswhocare.org).

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