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safety. But along with food, clothing, shelter and medical care, a vibrant and healthy community also needs museums, history centers, theaters, libraries, parks and all the rest.

Besides awarding grants to organizations that help our communities flourish, the Foundation also focused in 2019 on convening community partners around areas of mutual concern. Not only do those discussions highlight deficits that we can address together, but they give us a chance to collaborate on solutions.

To that end, we commissioned a Community Assessment as a follow-up to our 2015 Regional Needs Assessment. The new study looked at economic and workforce development, the impending leadership gap and the need for increased diversity, equity, and inclusion in the nonprofit and for-profit sectors. The results of that study are now available to anyone who wishes to use them. Along with that assessment, we also funded a master plan for Ross Park in Binghamton.

In addition, we led our Planning Committee in learning more about social determinants of health, always asking ourselves what we can do to address those concerns from a philanthropic perspective.

Our volunteers, board, donors and supporters dedicate significant time and resources to our mission. We take their efforts seriously, and we thank them for helping to fulfill our mission. The following pages illuminate the important and critical work your friends, colleagues and neighbors are accomplishing in their communities. We hope you will consider joining them, and us, in making the Southern Tier a great place to live.

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To the Rescue

Grant helps rural ambulance service attract more first responders with advanced skills.

With a staff of just 18, the Hancock Ambulance Service stands ready to save lives every day, around the clock, across 164 square miles of Delaware County plus a sliver of Pennsylvania. This extremely rural region is many miles from the nearest trauma center. "We could have a 10-minute transport to the call scene, but then a 45-minute transport to Binghamton," says Gina O’Boyle, the ambulance service’s business manager.

Heavily-traveled Route 17 runs through the Town of Hancock, and local streams, hiking trails and other attractions draw visitors to spots where there’s a risk of serious injury. All this boosts demand for emergency services and makes it especially important to have skilled personnel on duty.

The Hancock Ambulance Service is the only ambulance squad in the Town of Hancock, and one of only two in Delaware County that uses paid staff. But, just as Hancock founded this service in 2015 to fill a void, O’Boyle predicts that more communities will convert to paid emergency medical technicians (EMTs) in the coming years.

"The volunteers just aren’t there," O’Boyle explains. "The population is dwindling. Employers can’t afford to let the volunteers leave, and employees can’t afford to take three hours off for a call”—the time it takes ever been able to offer EMTs.

The grant will support those items for just a short time, of course. But it has helped the service attract a few more advanced life support professionals, who are trained to provide more critical care than basic life support staff. "We can bill at a higher rate for advanced life support calls," O’Boyle says. Those revenues will, in turn, help the ambulance service sustain the higher pay and benefits.

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Here’s a Lift

Need to see a doctor? Running low on groceries? Haven’t socialized with friends in weeks? If you don’t drive a car, don’t live on a bus route and can’t walk far, such needs might pose a logistical nightmare.

Some years back, the Community Care Network of Nichols (CCNN) started organizing volunteers to give rides to people who need transportation to essential activities. The service is designed to help senior citizens and adults with disabilities. In 2013, a $15,000 grant from the Community Foundation’s Dick and Marion Meltzer Fund helped CCNN expand this service into Tioga Center, Smithboro and Barton.

In 2019, the service expanded again, this time into Waverly and Owego, thanks in part to another $15,000 grant from the Community Foundation. CCNN—whose programs were recently integrated into Tioga Opportunities—used the grant largely to publicize the program, connecting with potential volunteers and riders in the new communities. Some of the money supported volunteer training. Some paid for transporter kits, with items such as gloves, hand sanitizer and sickness bags to protect volunteers and their cars when they transport riders who are ill.

The money also helped CCNN support its outreach efforts with mobile devices and data hotspots. “Volunteers are not coming into our office. We need to get out there,” says Dot Richter, who was acting director of CCNN and now serves as community development department director at Tioga Opportunities. Mobile technology lets staff engage the public and sign up volunteers at local libraries, community festivals or other locations.

The first new volunteer driver came on board in April, 2019. As of October, 25 drivers were serving households in Owego and Waverly.

The transportation program has usually found volunteer drivers through church congregations. But in Owego and Waverly, many volunteers have come through a different source, veterans’ organizations. “It’s either people wanting to help veterans, or people who are veterans wanting to give back,” Richter says. The first volunteers, found through Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, have since brought non-veterans—friends and relatives—into the program.

“It’s been heartwarming to see,” Richter says. “It’s always nice to sit down with a volunteer and feel their excitement, their desire to help another and to be part of something bigger than themselves.”
Good Food

Too many people lack reliable access to nutritious food. Luckily, many community groups are working hard to meet this essential need.

Several recent grants support programs based on a simple principle: no one should go hungry.

Take the Unatego Central School District’s backpack program, which gives students in need healthy food to take home. The goal is to help families get through the weekends, when kids don’t get meals at school. In 2019, the Community Foundation provided $9,150 to help support that program for two years.

Many families in the program live paycheck to paycheck, earning too much to qualify for government assistance but not enough to keep their kitchens stocked. “The backpack program takes some of the stress off these families,” says Michele Wilson, backpack program coordinator at Unatego Central School District.

As a fifth grade teacher, Wilson knows that children who are hungry struggle to succeed in the classroom and beyond. “Having this program in place ensures that every student has an even playing field,” she says.

In Tioga County, Broome-Tioga BOCES has extended the backpack concept into the summer, packaging food at five sites and making home deliveries to families that need extra help. This Summer Lunchbox initiative complements the government-supported Summer Food Service Program, which serves meals at locations throughout the community.

An estimated 2,000 children in Tioga County are food-insecure, says Nancy Eckstrom, who collaborates with local schools on summer nutrition programming. The Lunchbox program relies on volunteers in each community to repack and deliver food that BOCES buys in bulk. A $15,000 Community Foundation grant paid for much of that food in 2019.

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An innovative pantry based at Sidney

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Primary Care, a satellite office of Oneonta’s A.O. Fox Hospital, received a $5,000 Community Foundation grant to purchase food. Called the Food Farmacy, this pantry helps people with chronic medical conditions who are food-insecure, are on Medicaid or under-insured and have committed to making healthy lifestyle changes. A.O. Fox Hospital launched the Food Farmacy as a pilot program in January 2020, with plans to enroll 20 people.

Many patients in the A.O. Fox emergency department face underlying issues, such as homelessness, substance abuse disorder or food insecurity, that exacerbate their chronic illnesses, says Sarah Buttice, director of education and employee wellness at A.O. Fox Hospital in Oneonta. Now, for some of those patients, primary care providers can “prescribe” visits to the Food Farmacy to pick up healthy perishable and non-perishable foods.

Buttice says she hopes that access to healthy food will help to alleviate certain chronic health conditions, such as diabetes. “I also hope it will decrease food insecurity by way of increasing education and awareness. And, hopefully, it will decrease emergency department visits, and provide better patient and primary care provider engagement.”

Residents of Binghamton’s North Side will soon gain convenient access to a large range of healthy foods, as the Broome County Council of Churches (BCCC) opens a full-service discount grocery store in that neighborhood.

“The community is incredibly excited. They’ve been without a full-service grocery store for 23 years,” says Jack Seman, director of BCCC’s Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (CHOW) program and lead manager at the new store, which is scheduled to open in July 2020. Merchandise for sale will include fresh fruits, vegetables, meats and dairy products at affordable prices.

The Community Foundation facilitated the group that planned and developed the new North Side grocery and funded the project with a $20,000 operating grant from the Harriet Ford Dickenson Fund. The grocery has also received support from the City of Binghamton, New York State, United Way and several other foundations.

It’s heartening to see so many people pull together to make sure our neighbors have steady access to the nourishing food we all need to lead healthy, happy lives.

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Entrepreneurs, employers and workers in Delaware County could all get a boost from a new training center under development at SUNY Delhi. Called the Business Innovation Hub, the center is designed to support workforce development and forge stronger ties between the college and community, says David Brower, dean of SUNY Delhi’s School of Business and Hospitality Management and project leader for the new facility.

SUNY Delhi is using a $15,000 grant from the Community Foundation to buy equipment for the Business Innovation Hub.

The Hub will serve three main purposes, Brower says. First, it will provide resources to students and community members who want to start businesses—helping them, for instance, to develop business plans.

Second, it will offer classes to people who want to upgrade their work skills in areas such as software applications, business management and leadership. People who complete these classes will earn “micro-credentials,” which they can “stack” as they work their way through a series of units. “For instance, if a student takes all six credentials in one computer course, those would stack into the equivalent of a college level course for credit,” Brower says.

Third, the Business Innovation Hub will work with local employers to identify training the employers want to provide to current employees, and skills those employers want to bring into their organizations. “We

have talented people locally, but they may not have the right skill sets to be hired into the positions that need to be filled,” Brower says. Training at the Hub could make some of those people into strong job candidates.

One of the first industries the Hub will focus on is health care. Nearby care facilities need more people to work in areas such as coding, billing and office management, and SUNY Delhi has faculty who can teach those skills, Brower says.

The Business Innovation Hub is scheduled to launch its first classes in the fall of 2020. College officials hope the training program will create new, productive ties between “town” and “gown” in Delhi, Brower says. They also hope the Business Innovation Hub will make a real difference to the local economy. “We’ll see some of these folks get better paying jobs and also meet the needs of organizations in the area, so they can grow and prosper.”
Safe on the Farm

A few years ago, experts at the New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health (NYCAMH) identified a flaw in their efforts to keep people who work on farms healthy and safe. NYCAMH would send a specialist to walk through a farm and point out conditions there that posed potential hazards. The expert would explain how to resolve the problem and offer technical assistance with the necessary work. “Then the farmer would say, ‘I know that’s dangerous, but I don’t have any money to fix it,’” says Julie Sorensen, director of NYCAMH, in Cooperstown.

According to NYCAMH, agriculture is one of the most dangerous industries in the U.S. Recent research by the organization shows that in 2009 through 2018, agricultural injuries in New York killed 169 people.

NYCAMH is owned by the Bassett Healthcare Network but relies entirely on grants for support.

The NYCAMH specialists who visit farms often find hazards that could injure or sicken farmers, their families or their workers. One common example is obsolete wiring that could start a barn fire. “The barn may have been wired decades ago, and that wiring doesn’t match the energy requirements now that the farm has gotten more animals or purchased more machinery,” Sorensen says.

People also get hurt when farms lack proper livestock handling systems, or eye wash stations for people who work with hazardous chemicals, to name just a couple of other examples.

If farmers can’t afford to make improvements, NYCAMH’s research and educational efforts become pointless, Sorensen says.

To address this problem, in 2016 NYCAMH started to offer mini-grants to farmers who want to eliminate safety hazards. In 2019, the Community Foundation granted that program $15,000.

Proposals for the mini-grants go through a rigorous review process, Sorensen says. When NYCAMH awards support, it covers 50 percent of the cost of an improvement, up to $5,000.

Not only has the mini-grant program let more farmers make safety upgrades, but it has helped NYCAMH engage with more small and medium-sized farms. Those farmers face especially tough economic challenges these days. With no cash to spare for improvements, in the past they often steered clear of NYCAMH’s initiatives, Sorensen says.

Staff at NYCAMH hope the mini-grant program will let those farmers and others address safety issues, Sorensen says. “And, in turn, we hope that will keep them healthy, injury-free and sustainable.”

Mini-grants help agricultural businesses root out conditions that cause sickness and injury.
New Tools for Schools

The services that schools provide these days go way beyond the traditional “three R’s. They also reach deep into our communities. One example is the Whitney Point Central School District’s Early Eagles initiative, a pre-literacy program for families of infants and toddlers.

Whitney Point launched Early Eagles because teachers were finding that when three-year olds join Whitney Point’s full day pre-kindergarten program, their language skills vary widely. “Some of them have very little vocabulary, and others have vast vocabularies and very different life experiences,” says Jo-Ann Sexton, the district’s assistant superintendent. The new program aims to even the playing field for the youngest students, and to forge strong connections between families and school.

Early Eagles invites parents to Whitney Point’s family resource center to learn about topics such as vocabulary-building, developing motor skills and how best to read to young children. A $15,000 grant from the Community Foundation funds outreach activities, including a welcome packages for families. Some of the money goes to add books for babies and toddlers to the resource center’s library.

The grant also helps with expenses such as speakers’ fees and refreshments.

At Spencer-Van Etten Middle School, a $2,254 Community Foundation grant supported startup costs for a new course on biotechnology in agriculture. Offered to seventh and eighth graders, the class serves as an introduction to programs in general agriculture and agricultural mechanics that students might take in high school, says Dewitt Grove, the middle school’s biotechnology teacher.

The class also lets students work in, with and for the community. “We’re going to tap maple syrup in our town park,” Grove says. “We’re going to grow vegetables in the community garden. We’re also going to work on small engines, such as lawn mowers and snow blowers, that community members bring to us.”

All that hands-on activity offers a chance to learn about natural science through direct experience. And students enjoy seeing the results of their labor, such as the picnic table that some of them built in the school’s flower garden. “They’ll go over to it and say, ‘We

School districts invent new ways to serve their students and the broader community.

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made that!” Grove says. “And they want to keep it looking nice. They take pride in what they’ve been doing in the community.”

Students at the Unadilla Valley Central School are also getting out into the world, thanks to the district’s community service initiative. Nursing homes, the Farmers Museum and Fenimore Art Museum in Cooperstown, Bassett Hospital—many nearby venues offer a chance to learn while helping to improve life in the community, says district superintendent Robert Mackey.

In part, this program is designed to help students build important social skills such as resilience and empathy, Mackey says. “One way to do that is to serve others and not expect anything in return.” Educators also hope that volunteer opportunities will engage kids in new ways—a critical goal at a time when rates of mental illness among young people are soaring, he says.

A $10,000 grant from the Community Foundation will pay mainly to transport groups of students by school bus to the sites of afterschool service projects. The district has also earmarked about $1,000 to help with efforts such as a holiday craft project at a nursing home, Mackey says. “We would buy the supplies and materials for the kids to use with the adults.”

School-community collaborations may also extend to health care. The Windsor Central School District, for instance, is working with United Health Services (UHS) to provide telemedicine in school. The goal is to help students get health care without losing time in class or making family members lose time at work, says Scott Beattie, the district’s assistant superintendent.

When a student feels ill, the school nurse uses a computer and web cam to connect with a UHS physician over the internet. The doctor performs an exam with hands-on help from the nurse. A parent may also participate on line or by phone, or the nurse may follow up with the parent afterwards.

The school uses telemedicine only if a family has signed up for the service. The Windsor district is using a $6,000 grant from the Community Foundation to educate families about its telemedicine program and drum up interest, creating a video and using social media to spread the word.

Windsor’s telemedicine initiative is part of a broader commitment to the community schools movement, says Beattie. Once the service is firmly established, school officials hope they can make telemedicine available not just to students, but to community members at large.

“The school district is a central hub of the community,” Beattie says. “It’s leveraging the assets that we have to better serve our students and families.”

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Women’s Fund Grants

Six awards in 2019 helped women and girls get to work, pursue their dreams, find bonds in the community and more.

Six organizations received a total of $35,984 from the Women’s Fund in 2019 to support programs that help women and girls.

Three of those awards went to programs focused on employment. For example, an $8,000 grant to Catholic Charities of Broome County funded emergency assistance to help women fuel their cars, buy work uniforms, reserve spots in day care or otherwise overcome financial obstacles that might keep them from their jobs.

Safe Streets, a Binghamton nonprofit, put a $2,734 grant from the Fund toward a series of workshops in skills such as auto maintenance and furniture repair, which women can use to find work, or just to become more self-sufficient. And at the Family and Children’s Society in Binghamton, a $2,250 grant helps women with mental health diagnoses update their wardrobes or hairstyles as they look for jobs.

“Self-esteem is tied to appearance,” says Wendy Hitchcock, who, at the time the Fund made the award, supervised the organization’s Vocational Incentives Program. “This grant will give women a real boost in their confidence, so they can take on the world.”

A new science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) classroom at the Girl Scouts’ Camp Ahamami in Deposit could help girls discover new interests and, perhaps, future careers. The Women’s Fund awarded $8,000 for a solar installation that will power this “science lab in the woods,” while also providing a way to teach about energy.

“Girl Scouts is all about helping girls find what they’re passionate about,” says Joanne Morak, development director and grants manager at Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways, which operates the camp.

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Safe Streets Learning Circles empower women in the NoMa neighborhood to become more self-sufficient.

Girl Scouts is all about helping girls find what they’re passionate about.

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Some woman veterans making the transition to civilian life found opportunities to connect with and support one another, thanks to Veterans Opportunity for Integration and Community Engagement (VOICE), a program at the Binghamton Zoo at Ross Park. Working with local artist Emily Jablon, the women created a mosaic in the enclosure housing the zoo’s amur leopards and snow leopards. The Women’s Fund supported the project with $8,000.

“One reason we’re looking at female veterans in particular is that they’re often overlooked,” says Phillip Ginter, executive director of the Southern Tier Zoological Society. In launching VOICE, zoo officials hoped that some of the woman vets who came to work on the mural would stay on to volunteer at the zoo, using skills developed in the service to form new connections in the community.

Senior women make connections at Chop and Chat, a program launched in 2016 by Faith in Action Volunteers at the Broome County Council of Churches (BCCC). Led by program coordinator Larese Isaacson, and held twice a month at each of eight senior centers and senior living facilities, Chop and Chat assembles participants to do prep work for healthy meals. BCCC supplies the ingredients. Seniors—nearly all of them women—socialize while they chop fresh produce. Then each takes her own portion away to cook at home. BCCC used a $7,000 grant from the Women’s Fund mainly to buy ingredients for the meals.

“Food insecurity and social isolation are two of the top risks of aging,” says Susan Spencer, program director for Faith in Action volunteers. Chop and Chat helps to alleviate both.

Year after year at the Women’s Fund, we’re excited to see how much good our relatively small but carefully-chosen investments can accomplish for women and girls.

![Chop and Chat participants socialize while they chop fresh produce for healthy meals.](image-url)
Go with the Grain

Locally-grown produce is a hot commodity these days, and that doesn’t mean just fruit and vegetables. Consumers also want cereals, flour and baked goods with local roots. “They’re very interested in nutritious and good-tasting fresh grains,” says Elizabeth Dyck, founder and coordinator of the Organic Growers’ Research and Information Sharing Network (OGRIN) in Bainbridge.

Those grains include heirloom and ancient varieties such as emmer, einkorn and spelt—all wheats with well-established health benefits, Dyck says. These and other “small grains” (wheat, barley, oats and rye) are good for the soil as well, returning organic matter to the ground.

Dyck founded OGRIN in 2012 to collaborate with organic farmers and gardeners on agricultural research and share the practical information that comes from those studies. The nonprofit has received a two-year, $26,235 grant from the Chobani Community Impact Fund, a field of interest fund within the Community Foundation, for a program to help farmers learn to grow, store and process high-value grains and bring them to market.

“Demand for these grains far outstrips supply,” Dyck says, and many farmers are eager to add the high-profit crops to their existing enterprises. “You can integrate them onto vegetable farms, onto dairy farms, and of course onto farms that are already doing field crops.”

Along with training, to be conducted mainly by experienced grain farmers and processors, the grant will pay for mobile equipment that will move from farm to farm, giving farmers a chance to dehull, mill and otherwise process their grain. “Then we’ll be helping the farmers to market those crops,” Dyck says. Dyck will work with each farmer to develop a plan for marketing into wholesale and/or retail channels.

The grant includes $12,000 in direct support to farmers. A recipient can use some of the money, for example, to buy seed or to buy or recondition a combine.

By improving the soil, the value-added grains could increase sustainability on the 20 farms that OGRIN chooses to participate, Dyck says. The grains should also give participants a new, profitable enterprise. “It should put more money into their pockets and diversify their operations.”

As much as Chobani’s own yogurt operation contributes to the local economy, no one silver bullet—not yogurt, not hemp—will keep our rural areas alive, Dyck says. “We have to look at a diversified landscape. These value-added grains can add to that.”

Chobani Community Impact Fund grant will help local farmers reap profits from wheat, barley, oats and other in-demand crops.
Max Gabriel Edell Kranbuhl had a great sense of humor, a ready laugh and a deep connection to his family. He loved hanging out in the garage with his father, Mike, caring for his family’s tractor mowers and full-sized tractor, and riding the mowers around the yard. He collected horror movie masks and figurines connected with the “Scooby-Doo” TV series and the movie “Cars.” He loved to catch fish in the family’s pond, catch lawn snakes, watch YouTube videos and make videos of his own.

As a person with autism, Max had “a particular way of doing things,” says his mother, Maureen. And he loved to go shopping. “No matter where it was, he always thought it was for him to get toys—just because,” she says.

Max was also a warrior. Diagnosed with a rare form of liver cancer shortly before his 16th birthday, he endured two major surgeries, including a five-organ transplant, plus radiation. Three times, doctors declared Max cancer-free. But when the disease came back in the spring of 2019, there was nothing more to be done. “Mighty Max” passed away that June at the age of 19.

To celebrate Max’s life, his family worked with the Community Foundation to establish the Mighty Max “Just Because” Fund. The fund will provide toys to children who faces challenges—maybe due to special developmental needs, or maybe because their families need to be extra-careful with money. Max was lucky that his family could buy things that brought him pleasure, and his family wants to do the same for other children, Maureen says. “And maybe not just for Christmas, not just for their birthdays—just because.”

The fund might also help families hire professionals to assist with the legal and administrative challenges they face as children with special needs become young adults.

Now that they’ve started the fund, Maureen and Mike, their daughter Maeve and other relatives and friends have started brainstorming about fundraisers they might hold. “I would like it to have to do with something Max liked,” Maureen says—maybe an event during the local demolition derby, or a horror movie night at the Unadilla Drive-In.

“We are really looking forward to seeing this fund be successful and keeping Max’s memory alive,” Maureen says. “There’s more to come. This is definitely in its infancy, and definitely something our family is passionate about.”
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**Binghamton Philharmonic** $15,000 support for “The Beethoven Project” (Broome)

**Binghamton University Black Student Union** $2,000 support for transportation of at-risk youth to campus visiting/mentoring program (Broome)

**Broome County Public Library** $1,250 support to enhance adult programming at the library (Broome)

**Broome-Tioga BOCES** $15,000 for support of a summer feeding program for students and families in need (Broome/Tioga)

**Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga County** $15,000 for support of their food pantry (Tioga)

**Center for Gender, Art, and Culture** $8,000 for support of the “Northside Mural Arts Project” (Broome)

**Chobani Community Impact Fund Grants**

**Cornell Cooperative Extension Delaware County** $27,082 for support of a program that works with local farmers to develop and expand markets for their products

**Chenango River Theatre** $15,000 for general operating support for their 2019 season (Chenango)

**Chenango United Way** $15,000 support for the Greater Chenango Innovative Readiness Training Program which brings 250 military service personnel to Norwich to provide no-cost medical dental, vision and veterinary care to approximately 2,000 uninsured or underinsured residents (Chenango)

**Chenango Valley CSD** $2,500 for support of early literacy/numeracy programs (Broome)

**Community Arts Organization of Oneonta** $12,000 for support of HVAC improvements in their historic building (Otsego)

**Contemporary Community of Oneonta** $5,000 for support of a “Gateway to the Catskills” tent at the festival (Broome)

**Deposit Lumberjack Festival** $1,500 for support of a “Gateway to the Catskills” tent at the festival (Broome)

**Empire State Special Needs Experience** $1,100 for support of their community garden outdoor classroom (Chenango)

**Empire State Special Needs Experience** $4,000 to support the development of an agricultural support and launch center for business enhancement and entrepreneurship

**Organic Growers’ Research and Information Sharing Network (OGRIN)** $26,235 to develop value-added grain farm enterprises for organic farmers using training and mobile equipment

**Rural Health Network of SCNY** $60,000 to support the development of an agricultural support and launch center for business enhancement and entrepreneurship

**Salt City Harvest Farm** $50,050 to expand the Southern Tier Farm-to-School initiative connecting farmers to institutional markets, into Delaware and Otsego counties

**Salt City Harvest Farm** $50,050 to develop the infrastructure that will help expand economic opportunities for New American Farmers

**Hancock Community Education Foundation** $12,950 for support of STEM education workshops/camps at the Robert W. Nichol Nature Preserve Center in Hancock (Delaware)

**Handicapped Children’s Association** $4,000 for support of portable dual-ramp wheelchair scales (Broome)

**JC First Presbyterian Church** $5,000 for support of a program that works with local farmers to develop and expand markets for their products

**Kopernik Observatory and Science Education Center** $15,000 for support of roof repair (Broome)

**Mary Wilcox Memorial Library** $608 for support of the digitalization of historic Whitney Point Register newspaper (Broome)

**New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health** $15,000 support for mini-grant programs for farmers needing financial assistance to improve safety on their farms (Delaware/Otsego)

**New York Council for Non-Profits** $15,000 for support of the Southern Tier Capacity program (multiple counties)

**The Place-Norwich** $5,000 for support of the Chenango Youth Philanthropy Council (Chenango)

**Samaritan Counseling Center** $12,765 to expand mental health services for adolescents (Broome)

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Grants from the Women’s Fund

Broome County Council of Churches $7,000 for the Chop and Chat program that helps senior women fight food insecurity and social isolation (Broome)

Catholic Charities of Broome County $8,000 for emergency assistance for working women to help them maintain employment (Broome)

Family and Children’s Society $2,250 support for the Vocational Incentives program, which helps women with mental health diagnoses to achieve and maintain employment (Broome)

Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways $8,000 for the construction of a STEM classroom at Camp Amahami (multiple counties)

Safe Streets $2,734 for a program to build social capital and employment skills among women on the North Side of Binghamton (Broome)

Southern Tier Zoological Society $8,000 for Project VOICE, which will have female veterans plan and execute a mosaic at the zoo (Broome)

Unatego CSD $9,150 support for Backpack Feeding Program to reduce food insecurity for needy students/families (Delaware/Otsego)

United Way of Delaware/Otsego $5,000 for support of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library early literacy program in Walton, NY (Delaware)

Valleyview Elementary School $2,000 for support for a sensory wall and seating (Otsego)

Whitney Point Central Schools District $15,000 for a pre-literacy program for families in the district (Broome)

Wilson Children’s Center $12,800 support for operating expenses anticipating move to Deposit School (Broome)

Windsor Central School District $6,000 for a school-based telemedicine outreach program (Broome)

Your Home Public Library $15,000 for the repair of the historic front porch (Broome)

TOTAL: $347,208

Young Professional Advisory Group

The Community Foundation convened a group of young professionals in early 2019 to bring their voices to the table as we commissioned a community assessment of workforce and leadership issues and examined the future of philanthropy in the region. This dynamic group has met monthly since March, participated in a focus group highlighting their concerns, awarded grants to two area non-profits, and opened a fund dedicated to supporting the professional and personal growth of their peers.

GRANTS

Binghamton Zoo at Ross Park $1,000 for a web-portal that will support the professional development of zoo staff (Broome)

Commerce Chenango $500 for the Young Professional kick-off event in Norwich (Chenango)
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Statement of Financial Position
As of December 31, 2019

ASSETS
CASH $1,106,679
INVESTMENTS, at fair value 29,425,311
OTHER ASSETS 36,054
TOTAL ASSETS $30,568,044

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES $11,878
GRANTS PAYABLE 1,053,248
ENDOWMENTS HELD FOR OTHERS 38,947
TOTAL LIABILITIES 1,104,023
NET ASSETS, unrestricted 29,463,971
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS $30,568,044

Statement of Activities
As of December 31, 2019

REVENUES AND SUPPORT
Contributions $5,391,710
Interest and dividends 739,953
Net realized and unrealized loss on investments 3,595,389
Other income 73,010
TOTAL REVENUES AND SUPPORT $9,800,062

EXPENSES
PROGRAM SERVICES:
Grantmaking
Grants made $2,231,730
Grant administrative expense 107,431
Total grantmaking 2,339,161
Managing charitable funds 63,437
Community education and involvement 89,872
Total program services 2,492,470

SUPPORTING SERVICES:
Finance and general administration 495,475
Development and donor relations 27,717
Total supporting services 523,192
TOTAL EXPENSES $3,015,662

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS 6,784,400
NET ASSETS, beginning of year 22,679,571
NET ASSETS, end of year $29,463,971

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