25 Years of Engaged Philanthropy
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What does that translate to in real life? It means supporting a culture of “yes” when responding to community needs and grant proposals, visiting as many partner organizations as possible each year to witness the good work they do in their own environments, and helping donors realize the power of their giving and the impact they make in their own communities.

This report includes powerful stories of engagement by donors, community members and organizations literally “on the ground,” making a difference in the lives of the people they serve.

• In Oxford, a teacher immerses his third grade students in multiple learning opportunities as they build a greenhouse and learn about plant science and nutrition, and use their math skills as they measure and build the structure.
• Across the region, committed residents build, support and maintain community parks to improve recreational opportunities and green space.
• In Binghamton, parent mentors work in concert with their school district and a small nonprofit to improve educational and social outcomes for both students and parents. Also, an alumnus of the Binghamton schools builds a fund to support arts and athletics for the community.
• The donor advisors to a fund originally designed to support HIV/AIDS training and education determine that they should also support emerging needs. So they fund an online course at the Binghamton University Decker School of Nursing and Health Sciences that addresses vulnerable populations. The course attracts 175 students.
• Police and youth come together to build trust and mutual understanding.
• The American Civic Association reaches out to welcome Ukrainian refugees while continuing to extend legal and social services to all immigrants.
• Observing the need for a camp that provides a safe and welcoming space for LGBTQ+ youth, Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways develops Camp Beyond Binary, attracting a “standing room only” crowd. To accommodate the demand, the camp will add a second week in 2023.
• A dedicated group of volunteers and veterans comes together to sponsor an Honor Flight for women veterans that proves so popular, it attracts twice the anticipated number of vets.

None of these wonderful projects and programs would be possible without the full engagement of our donors, community members and volunteers, or our Board and staff. I hope you find these stories as inspirational as we do.

Finally, a personal note from Diane. I am retiring this year, so this will be my last letter to you. It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve as executive director of the Community Foundation these past 16 years. Words cannot express how much it has meant to me to serve my home town, to meet and get to know so many wonderful people and to witness the good work of amazing organizations. It’s truly bittersweet to be retiring. I leave you in the very capable hands of my successor, Tina Barber. Tina has been with the Foundation since 2010, first as a consultant and then as program officer. Her deep commitment to the organization and the people and communities we serve is unparalleled. I can’t wait to see in what new and exciting directions she will take us.
How To Become An Engaged Philanthropist

Over the years, Sherry has sewn patriotic quilt squares to give to veterans in hospice, tutored children who needed extra academic help and volunteered with an after-school program at her church. They both teach adaptive skiing at Greek Peak. The pair has also volunteered with Mennonite Disaster Services, living in their camper as they help people in Florida and Texas rebuild after hurricanes and floods.

To complement their gifts of time and talent, the Frenches have established a donor advised fund with the Community Foundation. Over time—and especially when Sherry started serving on the Foundation’s Small Grants panel—they’ve educated themselves about pressing local needs, sharpening their sense of how to use their fund to achieve their philanthropic goals.

Aaron Callaway was born and raised in Binghamton. He’s made a successful career outside the area, but as he looked around for ways to do good in the world, his thoughts turned back to his home town.

So he decided to anchor his philanthropy in two things: his love of Binghamton and his belief in the power of sports and art to shape character and well being. “Sports were very instrumental in who I am today,” he said. And through his mother and sister, he’s seen the power of art to give life passion and purpose.

In 2022, Aaron created the Arts and Athletics Community Fund within the Community Foundation. Tapping other sports-minded Binghamton High School alumni to form a board, he started building a framework to raise money and determine how best to support athletic and arts activities in Binghamton.

Aaron, Tim and Sherry agree that the key to engaged philanthropy is to focus on the things you care about most. For Aaron, a big part of that is the home town connection. “Binghamton is filled with some really awesome people,” he said. “I always feel a part of Binghamton inside me, no matter where I am.”

People who want to get involved as volunteers should focus on activities they like to do, whether that involves books, education, sports, food or other interests, Sherry said. “Get involved in something you enjoy and then look for ways you can help. The opportunities will just overwhelm you.”

What—or whom—do you care about?
What activities do you enjoy doing?
Talk with others to see what opportunities might be out there.
What you can you reasonably give? Your time, skills, or funds?
Warm Welcome and Solid Support

Whether they're fleeing danger or simply looking for fresh opportunity, people come from all over the world to settle in the Binghamton region. Since 1939, the American Civic Association (ACA) has been helping those new arrivals find their feet. The ACA assists with essentials such as housing, employment, and health care, helps with legal requirements and offers classes in citizenship and English as a second language, among other services.

To support this vital engagement, and to celebrate our 25th anniversary, in 2022 the Community Foundation made a special, unrestricted grant of $25,000 to the ACA, presenting the check at our 25th anniversary celebration in October.

The ACA does amazing work helping migrants and immigrants integrate into the community, said Tina Barber, program officer at the Community Foundation. “That’s what the Community Foundation is all about, supporting community building. So we thought they would be an awesome choice for that $25,000 unrestricted grant.”

The needs of our immigrant communities are closely tied to events around the world. For instance, in 2021, when the U.S. added Haiti to the list of countries from which refugees may qualify for Temporary Protected Status, many Haitians came to the ACA for help, said Hussein Adams, the organization’s executive director. Afghans also arrived that year, after the Taliban took over their country. “We filed hundreds of humanitarian parole applications,” he said. “And we helped with Special Immigrant Visas for Afghan nationals who helped U.S. troops.”

More recently, the war in Ukraine has triggered an influx of refugees from that part of the world. “Weekly—daily—we've been filing applications under the ‘Uniting for Ukraine,’ program,” Adams said.

The ACA also helps with many routine processes, such as obtaining work visas, renewing green cards and applying for citizenship. The volume of requests keeps the staff busy. “In the last year, we've been seeing upwards of 100 clients every couple of weeks,” Adams said.

The Community Foundation grant will help the ACA give all of its many clients the care and attention they deserve. For instance, the money could help the organization enhance its employee compensation package. Like any small nonprofit, the ACA struggles with staff retention, Adams said. More attractive benefits could help.

The grant could also help more of the ACA’s employees become accredited with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to perform immigration services. “Once you become accredited, you can function much like an attorney, providing legal representation for clients,” Adams said. “We’re hoping we can pay for additional training, so we can increase our DOJ staff.”
What Vulnerable Patients Need

“Too often, medical practices ignore the needs of vulnerable populations,” said John Chaffee, an original donor and fund advisor to the Barbara H. Chaffee, MD, MPH Educational Fund, a field of interest fund of the Community Foundation.

Of course, barriers to good health are often financial: people lack insurance or other means to pay for medical care. But other obstacles may also play a role. Maybe a person can’t take time off from work to see a doctor, or doesn’t realize that certain symptoms demand attention. Maybe they don’t have access to healthy meals or safe housing. Or maybe the complexities of daily life make it hard to comply with a doctor’s instructions.

To help health care professionals better address the needs of vulnerable populations, in 2020 the Chaffee Fund awarded $21,667 to the Decker College of Nursing and Health Sciences at Binghamton University. The Decker College used the grant to develop and deliver five online educational modules for health care professionals, focused on vulnerable populations and the factors that affect their access to health care.

Dr. Barbara Chaffee was one of the first physicians in our region to treat patients with HIV/AIDS. She served as medical director at the Internal Medicine Center at Binghamton General Hospital and also worked in the Broome County Health Department’s HIV/STD clinics. Not only did she treat patients, but she taught medical professionals throughout upstate New York and beyond about HIV and AIDS.

Before her death from breast cancer in 2013, Dr. Chaffee established her fund to help students and employees at several institutions in our region gain more education about those conditions.

Learners who complete the Decker College’s five educational modules do indeed get instruction on the special needs of HIV/AIDS patients. They also learn about vulnerable populations and social determinants of health, hepatitis C, trauma informed care and sexually transmitted infections.

This expanded curriculum squares well with Dr. Chaffee’s plans for the fund, said John Chaffee, who was married to Dr. Chaffee. “The advisory board had a strong sense that the critical needs of HIV have leveled out, in part because the treatments have become very good,” he explained. But people who have felt the impact of hepatitis C, sexually transmitted infections or various kinds of trauma face many of the same issues as people who live with HIV. “When the idea came
up to support this effort by the Decker College, we were all very enthusiastic about it.”

Paul Rushanski, another original donor to the fund and current chair of its advisory board, knows a great deal about Dr. Chaffee’s service to vulnerable populations. As one of her original HIV patients, starting in 1990, he benefitted from her talent for communicating and building trust.

“One of Dr. Chaffee’s biggest things was to get people to talk about what they do behind closed doors, about their sexuality,” said Rushanski. “She used street language and made you comfortable.” She wanted practitioners to learn how to ask patients about their sex lives and steer them toward safe practices, he said. When she held a teaching event each year at United Health Services, she always included a session on that topic.

The new initiative from Decker delivered materials in several different ways. Working at their own pace, participants read articles, explored web sites, viewed videos, watched recorded lectures, pondered thought-provoking questions and received reference materials for further study.

The college offered the modules in the fall of 2021 and again in the spring of 2022. Organizers had expected the two sessions to draw about 50 learners each, but demand outstripped expectations. As of July 2022, about 175 learners had completed the modules.

“There’s been interest from nurses and other community members to learn about these topics,” said Jodi Sutherland, clinical associate professor at the Decker College and project director for the educational modules. “We’ve been asking our undergrad nursing students to participate as well.”

Feedback from participants shows that the modules are making the desired impact, prompting health care professionals to consider more carefully how they interact with vulnerable patients.

“Every person has their own unique situation,” wrote one. “We cannot judge anyone and must give quality care to each person we encounter.”

Said another: “I will be more understanding of the individual’s lifestyle and lifestyle choices, and behaviors and background.” And a third: “I will focus on treating every patient with compassion and respect.”

Officials at the Decker College hope to offer the modules again, and to expand on them based on ideas from past participants. “They suggested including additional topics focused on issues related to addiction, LGBTQAI+, homelessness, health discrimination and Native American individuals, families and communities,” Sutherland said. “Those were just some of the topics that our learners would like to see included in the future.”
Kids in Clayton Kappauf’s third grade class at Oxford Primary School dug into some of those lessons in the spring of 2022 when they built a 10 x 24-foot cattle panel hoop house on school grounds. Now that Kappauf has moved into the role of science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) teacher for the whole school, he’s using the greenhouse and adjacent raised gardens as educational tools for students in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade.

“The hope is to plant a lot of vegetables and some sunflowers,” said Kappauf. The school cafeteria should be able to use some of that produce during the 2022-2023 school year and during summer session in July. “And then in August, we hope to take it to the local farmers market and sell it there to recoup some of the money for potting soil and other things we need to regrow for next year.”

A $2,000 grant from the Community Foundation paid for supplies used to build the greenhouse. Even before the greenhouse, Kappauf’s students were gaining valuable experience in the garden, for instance by monitoring pH levels in a set of hydroponic “tower gardens” and adding the right amount of nutrient when they replenished the water. They also made mozzarella cheese for caprese sandwiches, with basil and tomatoes they had grown.

When it came time to build the greenhouse, students who struggled with academic subjects gained a chance to show off their talents in a different arena, Kappauf said. “Some of them had the skills for that kind of work, that don’t necessarily always shine in the classroom.”

In spring 2023, students will start a new crop in the greenhouse and then transplant the seedlings to raised beds around campus.

“Some of those plants will be able to go home with them,” Kappauf said. That’s an important benefit in a school district where quite a few households get much of their nutrition from packaged foods. “This exposes them to new foods and shows them that it really doesn’t take that much to grow their own foods,” he said. “And then they get to taste it. And they really enjoy it.”

“Funds in Action”

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Small Town Parks Are Community Gems

Funds in Action

Even in a small, rural town, a public park works a different kind of magic than a private back yard or open country. Parks draw people together to play, exercise, commune with nature, celebrate with family or enjoy cultural events with neighbors.

The Community Foundation gives a good deal of support to small town parks. In 2019, 2021 and 2022, for example, we helped the Village of New Berlin install new playground equipment in Hyde Park, in the village center.

With the first two grants, for $1,360 and $1,500, the village replaced aging equipment that was no longer usable. The most recent award—$4,761—paid for a new play feature, a swing set that complies with standards set in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

“I’d had several families come to me who had children with limited mobility,” said Michelle Priola, youth services director for New Berlin. The new equipment welcomes those families with a special swing seat that has a five-point safety harness, and a second swing that holds a wheel chair. “It’s all installed, it’s beautiful and it’s getting used,” she said.

Built on land donated in 1914, Hyde Park is a popular spot for birthday parties, family picnics and other events. Three years ago, the village library moved its concert series to the park’s gazebo, where it’s been attracting bigger audiences, said Priola. “We also do our Easter egg hunt there every spring. It’s just a jewel in the center of the village.”

In Tioga County, two $5,000 grants from the Community Foundation, in 2021 and 2022, helped develop two loops of the walking trail in Berkshire Creekside Park.

Located in the Town of Berkshire, the five-acre park sits on the east branch of Owego Creek. It’s a fairly new addition to the town, said George Lohman, co-chair of the Berkshire Recreation Committee, the volunteer group that led the development effort.

The town completed the northern loop of the trail—the last of three—in June of 2022. “Then we had a dedication with a bonfire on August 6,” Lohman said.

Along with the trail, the park offers a pavilion with six picnic tables, which several families with roots in Berkshire have used to hold reunions, Lohman said.
And the Recreation Committee plans to add even more features to the park. As of fall 2022, the first priority was to install a set of benches, all of them donated. “We also are putting in a bench swing that’s been donated,” Lohman said. “And with access to the creek, we’ll probably have a kayak launch, although people have already been using the park for that without any special arrangements.”

The time, work and money the community invests in the park are well worthwhile because they’re an expression of community pride, Lohman said. “And because these are facilities that people can use.”

Like their counterparts in Berkshire, Deposit’s residents also have volunteers and generous donors to thank for a new local park. The development effort started in 2017, when several residents formed Deposit Community Park, a nonprofit originally devoted to creating a new field for youth sports.

Once the group acquired land for the project, the initiative snowballed. “Instead of just a sports park, we wanted to make it a community park for every age,” said Brian Riter, a member of the organization’s board.

A $15,000 grant from the Community Foundation helped Deposit build a new baseball field but also inspired others to support the broader vision, Riter said. “That was the seed that made other foundations, other investors, say this is really going to come to fruition.”

Today the park includes a field for youth baseball and softball teams; a multipurpose field; a fishing access on Oquaga Creek; a playground; and a building that features a kitchen, a concession, storage rooms, bathrooms and a picnic pavilion. When sports leagues aren’t using that building, members of the public can rent it for weddings, family reunions and other events, providing revenue to help maintain the park. “It’s been booked pretty much completely throughout the spring, summer and early fall for the past two years,” Riter said.

The new park also makes a nod to the past. Most Deposit residents remember a huge brick tower that once formed part of a Borden’s condensary, and later an Agway building, on the site. Even after the building fell into ruins, the tower remained as a local icon.

“There were some hard feelings when we had to bring that down,” Riter said. “But it wasn’t stable, it wasn’t safe.” Today, bricks from the demolished tower form an archway at the park’s entrance, paying tribute to Deposit’s heritage while welcoming people into a site that will serve the village for many years to come.
"I don’t have one day of college," said Westley Mays. "But a teacher could have ten years of college and not be able to communicate with students the way I can."

Mays is one of 20 Black parents bringing their special brand of expertise these days to classrooms in the Binghamton City School District, thanks to an initiative called the Parent Mentor Program.

Operated by CARES Advocates for Families, Inc. (Community Advocates Restoring Educational Standards), the Parent Mentor Program currently has parents working in Binghamton High School, East Middle School and several elementary schools to provide extra help in the classroom. Offering one-on-one attention, the mentors help students stay on task, guide their behavior, hear their concerns and serve as their advocates. “Everyone needs someone, and a lot of these children don’t have that someone in the school,” said Nadia Harris, who has worked as a parent mentor for six years.

The program also nurtures understanding and respect between teachers in the district—most of whom are white—and parents of color. Too often, succumbing to stereotypes, teachers treat Black parents as problems rather than partners, said Denise Yull, associate professor and chair of the Department of Human Development at Binghamton University and co-founder and president of the board at CARES.

Parents whom CARES recruits for the program are not “the classic PTA parent,” said Yull. Their children have been involved in disciplinary procedures, and the parents have sometimes faced hostility when they've visited school in the past. But these mentors have a great deal to offer, she said. “We picked parents who were concerned about what was happening to their kids, who were interested in making a difference in the schools and wanted people to know that they care about their children.”

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Parent mentors gain insight into how schools operate, and they learn to appreciate the pressures that teachers face in their work. Teachers who take part in the program learn by example as they watch mentors interact with students, gaining new ways to communicate with kids from a variety of cultural backgrounds.

In recent years, the Community Foundation has made two grants to support CARES’s initiatives, including the Parent Mentor Program. The most recent award, $4,969, went toward operating expenses.

Parents who serve as mentors in the Binghamton schools are delighted to see the difference they make for students. Said mentor William Harris, “I like how I can go to school every day and plant a seed, and watch how that seed grows.”
After the murder of George Floyd in 2020, Lt. Steven Faulkner of the Binghamton University Police had some deep conversations with his best friend, a Puerto Rican man who has endured some bad encounters with law enforcement. The two friends don't always agree, Faulkner said. "But we still respect each other's beliefs and ideas."

The world needs more discussions aimed at mutual understanding, Faulkner said. That's why he decided to bring the You and Police Initiative (YPI) to Broome County.

A national movement founded in Boston in 2003, YPI runs training programs that unite local youth and police in an effort to build trust and overcome stereotypes. A $15,000 grant from the Community Foundation helped pay for the first five-day session in our region, held in June 2022 in Binghamton's West Middle School. Seventeen young people from Binghamton and Johnson City, ages 13 to 17, graduated from that program, which included members of the Binghamton, Johnson City and University Police Departments.

Faulkner held a second workshop in October and scheduled further sessions for January and May 2023. Different youth attend each workshop. Police officers who participate can become certified as trainers and lead sessions of their own in the future.

During the week, among other activities, the teens explore choices they've made in life, the impact of those choices and their goals in life, giving presentations to the group on those subjects, Faulkner said. "We also talk a lot about social media and the news and how they impact relationships between police, youth and the community in general."

In addition, there are games and team building activities, plus, on the last day, a role playing exercise. "The youth get to be police officers and the police officers get to play the youth," Faulkner said.

Until that final day, police come to the workshop in civilian clothes, and the youth don't realize there are officers in the room. "When they see us at the end as police officers in uniform, their minds are blown. They say, "Oh my God, you're just like everyone else!"" said Jay Peets, community engagement officer at the Johnson City Police Department. "That's a huge change, a big process, for the youth to see that the officers care, that we're there to help them."

Besides forging ties with the teens in the workshops, YPI has helped Peets improve communications with the broader community, he said. "It's a really good feeling to continue to build these relationships."
A Safe Space, A Brave Space

“I don’t live in an area with a lot of great queer support,” said Alister Barber, a 16-year-old from Vestal. As a person who identifies as transmasculine, Alister had never had a chance to meet many peers from the LGBTQ+ community.

So he was delighted to attend Camp Beyond Binary, a one-week experience for teens of all genders who identify as LGBTQ+. Sponsored by the Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways, Camp Beyond Binary had its debut in August 2022 at Camp Amahami in Deposit.

The Women’s Fund supported Camp Beyond Binary in 2022 with an $8,000 grant.

Beyond Binary was created to fill an important need for the many LGBTQ+ youth who feel isolated, said Chris Kukenberger, camp director and director of LGBTQ+ education for the Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways. “They don’t know that there’s a bigger community around them, with thousands of years of history behind them.” In an environment where nearly all the staff and 100 percent of the kids are queer-identified, these young people learn for the first time that they are actually in excellent company.

That reassurance isn’t just nice to have: it’s often a matter of survival. “The LGBTQ+ population sees suicide ideation at a much greater rate than the rest of the population,” Kukenberger said. For instance, 47 percent of transgender youth suffer from suicidal thoughts. “But when parents and relatives use the correct name and pronouns, that number drops to four percent,” they said.

Camp Beyond Binary offered many of the same activities kids enjoy at any camp—boating, swimming, camp fires, arts and crafts and the rest. But it also provided lessons on LGBTQ+ history, plus twice-a-day small-group meetings where campers and counselors discussed topics such as social justice, personal care and community care. The goal of those meetings was to help campers become more comfortable talking with others about their lives, so they would feel closer to the broader LGBTQ+ community and learn to advocate for themselves and others, Kukenberger said.

One of the most popular activities was the clothing cabin, a space stocked with donated clothes of all kinds, where kids could experiment with different looks and identities.

For Asher Adams, a 13-year old from Syracuse, using those clothes to dress up for a pride parade was one of the best parts of camp, said his mother, Betsy Fernandez. “He...
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was dressed in a red shirt with lipstick on. It was like he was representing every gender.”

The week at Beyond Binary was life-altering for some campers and life-affirming for the rest, Kukenberger said. “We had kids who were in little shells at the beginning of the week who just climbed right out of them and were great, big personalities by the end of the week.”

Very few camps offer a similar experience for LGBTQ+ kids, Kukenberger said. And demand is strong. To help meet the need, in the summer of 2023 Camp Beyond Binary will offer two back-to-back one-week sessions. Asher will return to the camp in 2023. He had a great time, and the experience increased his confidence, Fernandez said. It’s hard to feel confident about who you are when you don’t see yourself reflected in the world around you, said Alister. “But when you’re in an environment where everybody else is just like you, where it’s all supported, it doesn’t make you feel quite as weird.”

The camp is also super-welcoming, he added. “I’m a socially awkward person, and I still made so many friends.”

2022 Women’s Fund Empowerment Society Members
Karen Bearsch
Dr. Linda Biemer
Cheryl and Bruce Boyea
Diane Brown
Sarah Campbell
Marcia Craner
Elizabeth Daniels
Rita Ernstrom
Katherine A. Fitzgerald
Michelle L. Gardner
Betty Goodwin
Harvey & Elizabeth Prior
Shriver Foundation
Charles and Patricia Ingraham
Cory Jacobs
Elizabeth Koffman
Nancy LeBlanc
Leonard & Cummings, LLP
Jean Levenson
Linder Bible Study Group
Ann Machlin
Charlotte MacLatchy
Nancy Miller
Ty and Crystal Muse
Merri Pell-Preus
Pauline Putney
Catherine Scarlett
Jennifer Small
Joan Sprague
Marcia Steinbrecher
The Franklin Conklin Foundation
Jackie Visser
Tracey Wheeler

Trip Honors Military Women

Forty-two military veterans and 18 volunteer escorts visited Washington D.C. on November 5 and 6, 2022 in the first all-women’s excursion to be sponsored by Twin Tiers Honors Flight. The Women’s Fund supported the trip with an $8,000 grant.

Twin Tiers Honors Flight brings veterans to Washington free of charge to tour memorials related to their service. The all-women’s trip drew twice as many veterans as the group had originally expected, said Keelin Kistner, a veteran and a volunteer with Twin Tiers Honors Flight who joined the trip as an escort.

Along with sites such as the World War II Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial, the all-women’s group made a stop at the Military Women’s Memorial, which they found amazingly beautiful, Kistner said. “Everyone was stunned that they have this there for women. I think a lot of people were surprised and honored to go see it, and to know that it was even there.”

Many of the women veterans—who ranged in age from their 30s to one in her 90s—were also surprised by the size of their cohort and by how good it felt to be part of that group. “When you’re on active service and you’re a woman, there’s a different kind of camaraderie with the other women in your unit,” Kistner said. The honor flight rekindled that sense of closeness.

Although woman veterans are welcome to take part in any honors flight, the all-women’s trip sparked so much interest that it probably won’t be the last of its kind in the Southern Tier. “I definitely think we could fill more trips,” Kistner said.
Funds

COMMUNITY FUND
The General Community Fund
Craw Foundation
Shirley Keller Memorial Fund
Dick and Marion Meltzer Fund
Executive Director's Discretionary
John F. and Mary M. Russell Fund

SPECIAL FUNDS
Agency
Binghamton Dollars for Scholars Fund
E.L. Rose Conservancy Conservation Fund
Wilson Children's Center of Deposit Fund

Designated
Binghamton Arts & Athletics Community Fund
Binghamton Police K-9 Fund
Black Knight Fund
Black Knight Legacy Fund
The Lisanne P. Bobby Fund
Lillian Briggs Fund
Cibo Fund
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County 4-H Camp Shankitunk Fund
Doig Family Fund
Early Childhood Capacity Building Fund
Emergency Animal Care Response Fund
Friends of the ACA Memorial Park Fund
Friends of the Vestal Public Library Fund
Harriet Ford Dickenson Fund
Healthy Gardens Norwich Fund
Ida Anne Lipshultz Madrigal Choir of Binghamton Fund
Jonas Kilmer Mansion Preservation and Restoration Fund
Lukensmith Fund
Paul G. and Miriam B. Mattern Fund
Owego Blackhawk Fund
Owego Rotary Arthur B. Stiles Fund
Phelps Mansion Preservation Fund
Pickert-Hickok Fund
Cynthia Stephens Animal Welfare Fund
Taren Family Fund
Tiger Ventures XQ Fund
The Tina Fund
Tioga Arts Council Fund
Robert and Dorothy Wells Memorial Fund
Whitney Point Schools Fund

Donor Advised
George and Sally Akel Fund
Joyce and David Barber Fund
John J. Barry and Tina M. Barber Fund
David and Linda Barton Donor Advised Fund
Blake Difference Donor Advised Fund
Donald and Shirley Bronsky Fund
Marian Blakeslee Butler Memorial Donor Advised Fund
Steven B. Cantella Memorial Fund
Clark Rowell Fund
Tom Connors and David Campbell Donor Advised Fund
Norman and Carolyn Davies Donor Advised Fund
Chris and Callie Demtrak Fund
Ben and Diane Dragon Donor Advised Fund
David and Virginia Eisenberg Fund
Feduke Family Fund
Fostering Dignities for All Fund
Tim and Sherry French Donor Advised Fund
Friends of Windsor Donor Advised Fund
Gary H. and Susanne G. Ganoung Fund
GKPH Family Fund
Laura Greger Fund
Tom and Elysia Gudas Fund
Robert E. and Laura J. Jensen Fund
The Kerby Fund, Jim and Carol Fish
Frances Koutnik Fund
George T. and Winifred K. Lacey Fund
Bette McElroy Memorial Fund
MHIBD Family Fund
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Jill Morgan Packard Donor Advised Fund
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Eugene E. and Judith C. Peckham Donor Advised Fund
Pool Family Animal Welfare Fund
Racketa Family Fund
William H. and Audree F. Rincker Fund
Dr. George and Kathi Roberts Fund
The Ruth Fund
Robert L. and Susan Mosher Slavicek Family Fund
Silvestri Family Donor Advised Fund
William G. & Katherine M. Steinbrecher Fund
Kent and Barbara W. Turner Fund
Twigg/Fogel Donor Advised Fund
Vestal Asphalt Donor Advised Fund
Visions Investment Services Community Impact Fund

Field of Interest
Broome County Housing Trust Fund
Charles Hibberd Bassett Senior Citizen Fund
Faith and Robert Sigler Gifting Fund
Glenda Blake and Leo Cotonno Fund for Art Empowerment
Barbara H. Chaffee, MD, MPH Educational Fund
CFSCNY Arts & Culture Fund
Chobani Community Impact Fund
Community Foundation Library Fund
Esther Couper Family Fund
Donna Davey Forget-Me-Not Fund
Endowment for Visual Arts in the Communities
Goodall-Komar Family Fund
The Janicki Family Animal Welfare Fund
Katie Titus Early Literacy Fund
The Mighty Max “Just Because” Fund
Stephen J. and Betty E. Purcell Fund
Racial Justice and Equity Fund
Riversong Fund
Selrahc Ah-Wa-Ga Legacy Fund
The Ah-Wa-Ga Foundation Center Fund
Robert Clarke Bassett Youth Lacrosse Fund
David P. Beere Family Fund
GO Ah-Wa-Ga Beautification Fund
The Scholarship Fund
The Youth Fund
Tioga County Youth Empowerment Fund
Tipper Fund

Ralph J. Warner Fund
Ron and Cindy Wenzinger Family Fund
The Women’s Fund
Women’s Fund Empowerment Society
Young Professionals Advisory Group Fund

**Pass-Thru**
James A. and Loretta J. Carrigg Fund
Our Space Fund
Carol Pogust Memorial Fund
Southern Tier Transgender Advocacy Fund

**Scholarship**
Clute Memorial Scholarship Fund
Decker Ayers III Memorial Scholarship Fund
Black Knight Scholarship Fund

Mildred Bowman Scholarship Fund
Sally Brooks Legacy Scholarship Fund
Wanda Gallup Busharis Memorial Scholarship Fund
Catholic Schools of Broome County Scholarship Fund
CFSCNY Scholarship Fund
Joseph D. and Julia V. Coughlin Scholarship Fund
Couper Family Scholarship Fund
Peter Cronk Scholarship Fund
Gerald DiGiusto Scholarship Fund
Naomi Lea Dyer Memorial Scholarship Fund
John Eisch Scholarship Fund
Mary Frances Farrell Renaissance Scholarship Fund
Greene Community Scholarship Fund
Wesley Laulys Keeler Memorial Scholarship Fund
Leonard Family Scholarship Fund
Edwin A. and Marion Clayton Link Scholarship Fund
Mack Family Scholarship Fund
Frank Matola and Katherine J. Matola Scholarship Fund
Mello-Dears All Girls Drum and Bugle Corps Scholarship Fund (in honor of Fred Ford)
Price Family Scholarship Fund
Ruff Farms Memorial Scholarship Fund
Art Sharpsteen Scholarship Fund
Sister Joanna Monticello Memorial Scholarship Fund
Duane R. Skrabalak Memorial Award in Music Fund
SPAN (Sonja C (Baranowski) and Phillip K Dunlavey and Nicholas J Sparaco) Memorial Scholarship Fund
Nicholas Spawn Memorial Upward Bound Scholarship Fund
Elaine S. Stratton Memorial Scholarship Fund
Terry Lee Strawn Memorial Scholarship Fund
Johny Stringfield Scholarship Fund
Ennis J. Townsend Memorial Creative Grant Fund
Alexander J. Wetzl Memorial Scholarship Fund
Paul G. and Ruth B. White Scholarship Fund
Connie Wilk Healthcare Scholarship Fund

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**2022 LEGACY SOCIETY**
The Legacy Society recognizes those individuals who have informed the Foundation that it is a beneficiary of a planned gift in the form of a bequest, charitable remainder trust or life insurance policy.

Anonymous (3)
Peter and Beth Altmann
Ramona M. Auchinachie
Joyce and David Barber
Lisanne P. Bobby
Shirley L. Bronsky
Eugene W. Burns
Keith and Gail Chadwick
Leo Cotnoir
Norman and Carrolyn Davies
Christina Di Giusto
James A. Doig
Mary Farrell
Peter H. Feehan
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Ronald and Betty Goodwin
Daron and Lisa Janicki

Robert E. and Laura J. Jensen
Paul Komar and Teri Goodall-Komar
Victoria A. Kubic
Judith C. Peckham
Carol Pogust
William and Judith Pool
Dr. George and Kathi Roberts
Stephen and Melissa Rowell
Faith and Robert Sigler
Robert L. and Susan Mosher-Slavicek
Shirley S. Tamulis
James and Teresa Turner
Kent Turner
Amy Tuthill
Deb Twigg
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**2022 GRANTEES**
40 Days for Life
ACHIEVE Foundation
Addiction Center of Broome County
Afton Historical Society
All Animals Matter
Alzheimer’s Association, CNY Chapter
American Battlefield Trust
American Center for Law and Justice
American Civic Association
American Legion Post #80
Amos Patterson Museum
Andes Public Library
Animal Care Council
Apalachin Library
Apalachin Lions Foundation
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)
Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District
Bandera Family & Community Alliance
Belize Economic & Ecological Development Fund
Beth David Synagogue
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Twin Tiers
Billy Graham Evangelistic Association
Binghamton Boys Lacrosse
Binghamton City School District
Binghamton Philharmonic, Inc.
Binghamton Police K-9 Fund
Binghamton University Foundation
Black Activist Women for Social Equity (BAWSE)
Boy Scouts of America - Baden Powell Council
Broome Community College Foundation
Broome County Arts Council
Broome County Council of Churches
Broome County Dog Shelter
Broome County Health Department
Broome County Humane Society
The Community Foundation awarded a total of $1,925,621 to 408 organizations and programs and $316,250 to 114 scholarship recipients in 2022.
Financial Statements

Statement Of Financial Position as of December 31, 2022

**ASSETS**

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<td>CASH</td>
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<td>INVESTMENTS, at fair value</td>
<td>$32,932,192</td>
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<td>OTHER ASSETS</td>
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**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

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<td>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES</td>
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<td>GRANTS PAYABLE</td>
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<td>ENDOWMENTS HELD FOR OTHERS</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL LIABILITIES</strong></td>
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<td>NET ASSETS, unrestricted</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</strong></td>
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Statement Of Activities as of December 31, 2022

**REVENUES AND SUPPORT**

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<td>Contributions</td>
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<td>Interest and dividends</td>
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<td>Other income</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL REVENUES AND SUPPORT</strong></td>
<td>$1,208,18</td>
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**EXPENSES**

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<td>PROGRAM SERVICES: Grantmaking</td>
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<td>Grant administrative expense</td>
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<td>Total grantmaking</td>
<td>2,391,242</td>
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<td>Managing charitable funds</td>
<td>51,925</td>
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<td>Community education and involvement</td>
<td>80,658</td>
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<td>Total program services</td>
<td>2,523,825</td>
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**SUPPORTING SERVICES:**

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<td>Finance and general administration</td>
<td>575,290</td>
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<td>Development and donor relations</td>
<td>63,670</td>
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<td>Total supporting services</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL EXPENSES</strong></td>
<td>$3,162,785</td>
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**INCREASE IN NET ASSETS**

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<td>NET ASSETS, beginning of year</td>
<td>37,587,394</td>
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<td><strong>NET ASSETS, end of year</strong></td>
<td>$33,216,428</td>
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**Financial Statements Diagram**

- **Community Fund**: $8,016,589
- **Designated Funds**: $8,826,332
- **Scholarship**: $5,511,823
- **Field of Interest**: $6,485,927
- **Agency Designated**: $222,370
- **Donor Advised**: $4,153,386

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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

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