



A Sense of Communities

Newsletter of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley serving Dutchess, Ulster, and Putnam Counties

Celebrating 45 Years of Growth and \$45 Million in Assets Accomplishing Great and Lasting Things

As we celebrate our 45th year, we remember the thousands of small steps (and some large ones!) that have brought us here. We honor an individual with an idea that took root – an idea that was successfully nurtured by many caring hands and watchful eyes over the years. We are justifiably proud of our sustained growth and are poised to advance our efforts of stewardship and collaboration to improve lives and benefit our communities into the future.

The story began in 1969, when John J. Gartland, Jr. attended a meeting of the Council on Foundations and became aware of the existence of entities known as “community foundations.” He met with several Poughkeepsie leaders and discussed the concept with them. When the McCann Foundation was established with Gartland as a Trustee, its first grant of \$100,000 was awarded as seed money to establish the Poughkeepsie Area Fund which is now your Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley.

In our early years the Poughkeepsie Area Fund provided leadership to the capital campaign to build the Mid Hudson Civic Center and helped renovate the Cunneen Hackett Cultural Center. It wasn't until 1986 when a separate holding company was established to own these properties, that the Area Fund of Dutchess County, as we were then known, began to spread our wings. 1986 also saw the inception of our Partnership in Education (PIE) Program that provides grants to public high school teachers to be used for special enrichment projects with their classes or for professional

development. That year the Community Foundation held \$579,000 in endowed funds and awarded \$57,787 in grants with a staff of one.

By the 30th Anniversary in 1999 the endowment stood at \$11, 827,000 and \$70,000 in grants were awarded. The Foundation continued to increase our visibility, offering programs and services to the community; explored and engaged professional management of the investment portfolio; established a fee structure to support the organization and presented community awareness programs.

Collaborative efforts would become a larger component of the work of the Community Foundation as we partnered with other funders and philanthropic groups to raise awareness of philanthropy and charitable giving in our communities.

In 2008 assets reached \$32 million with \$1.6 million awarded in grants and scholarships. In 2010, with new affiliates in Ulster and Putnam counties, our official name was changed to Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley.

Today our \$45 million dollars in assets are spread over 530 different funds. Since 1969 we have awarded more than \$22 million dollars in grants and scholarships delivered back to our community. Our Annual Garden Party event, begun to celebrate our 25th anniversary year supports our Community Response Grants.

Stewardship, thoughtfulness, personal attention, fiscal responsibility and a deep commitment and sensibility to our community have brought us here.



John J. Gartland, Jr.

Together with our donors we have forged a relationship that has made a difference to many, both now and into the future. Our associations and collaborations continue to strengthen and widen the web which began with a single thread. With 45 years of experience we continue to focus on our donors and honor them with every grant, every scholarship and every acknowledgment knowing that through them and our nonprofit partners we are accomplishing great and lasting things.

New Funds at the Foundation

More than 530 individuals, families, businesses and nonprofits have chosen the Community Foundation to help them accomplish their charitable giving goals. Below is a list of funds, whose founders and donors recently placed their trust in us.

Canter Family Donor Advised Fund
Foundation for Community Health Fund
Hudson Valley Guns and Hoses Scholarship Fund
Steven and Linda Lant Family Scholarship Fund
Rhinebeck Community Scholarship Fund



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Making an Impact for 45 Years

Dear Friends,

This May, the Community Foundations will be 45 years old. While an article in this newsletter marks our reaching \$45 million in assets, we believe we will surpass that amount by this summer. It's been a rewarding journey for all involved.

We've been honored to be here supporting our communities all these years and we couldn't have done it without you – our donors, our friends, our grantees, our professional advisor community, our staff, our trustees and our former trustees.

In total, \$22 million has been allocated to quality programs and nonprofits over the years with more to come.

Thank you for supporting our work which supports your charitable intent. If we can ever be of service helping you shape your charitable goals, please contact us.

Thank you for all you do for our communities,

Nancy Rossi Brownell, Chair
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Andrea L. Reynolds
President and CEO

Welcome Cristin

Cristin McPeake joined the Foundation Staff in March 2014. Cristin is responsible for ensuring the accuracy and integrity of the Foundation's database. Her position includes processing grants and scholarships, entering donations and financial transactions and maintaining the database records of vendors, grantees and donors.

Prior to joining the Community Foundation Cristin worked for Rock Solid Foundation in Austin, TX, as their Program Development and Improvement Coordinator. In addition to policy, procedure and quality improvement process development, she also maintained and developed data management systems for each organization with which she worked. Before her move to Texas in 2007, Cristin worked locally as a Quality Improvement Coordinator for The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie.

Cristin was born and raised in the Hudson Valley. She received her Bachelor's degree from Emerson College in Boston, Massachusetts.



Cristin McPeake

Partnership In Education Grants Support Excellence in Education Program makes profound impact



Arlington High School students 'hands on' with science

In 1985, the Community Foundation established an endowment to provide grants to public and parochial school teachers for programs benefitting students or for professional development. In total 17 different named funds were established to support education. In 1997, the Fund for Excellence in Education grants were joined by the Taconic IPA Fund and more recently the World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley to provide grants and awards to teachers. Because of people's generous donations, almost a million dollars have been distributed to support our teachers in Dutchess, Ulster and Orange counties.

One example of a teacher who has

been awarded a number of Fund for Excellence in Education and Taconic IPA grants is Maribel Pregnall, Science Teacher at Arlington High School. Over 25 years and more than 15 grant awards later, Maribel has been awarded a total of more than \$30,000. "Having nearly \$30,000 extra in the science budget has meant the difference between teaching science out of the book vs. teaching hands-on science."

Maribel continued, "I went into teaching to try to make science more interesting and fun for students and the equipment over the last 24 years has enabled me to do that! Thank you Community Foundation for making science fun!"

Save the Date May 23rd Philanthropy Forum – Next Generation Impact Measurement Locust Grove, Poughkeepsie

Grantmakers Forum of New York and the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley will host nonprofits and funders for a special workshop on how data, analytics and technology are becoming game changers for achieving outcomes. The workshop will be conducted by Peter York, Chief Idea Guy, Algorhythm.

Save the Date May 28th Partnership in Education Awards Reception Locust Grove, Poughkeepsie

Join us for our 29th annual event, where we'll award more than \$65,000 in education grants and scholarships to local students.

At the reception, we'll present:

- Fund for Excellence in Education Grants to Dutchess County school teachers to recognize the important contributions they make in improving learning opportunities for students,
- Taconic IPA Science Equipment Teacher Grants to educators from Dutchess, Orange and Ulster counties,
- World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley Excellence in Teaching World Affairs and Global Studies teacher recognition award, and
- Scholarships to students to assist with their college education.

Reception registration begins at 5:00; program will begin promptly at 5:30. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

Please visit the Foundation's website, www.cfhnvny.org for more information. We hope to see you there!

The cost is \$45.00/person for the workshop; \$25 for each additional attendee from the same organization (limit 3 participants). The workshop is scheduled from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

For more information and to register, visit the Grantmakers Forum of New York's web site, www.grantmakers.org Contact: Liz Wilder, Grantmakers Forum of New York, 585-232-2380, gfnvny@grantmakers.org



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Save the Date!

2014 Garden Party

Sunday, September 28th • 3 – 6 pm

Lang Syne, Stone Ridge, NY

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Michael and Clare Graham

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