



A Sense of Communities

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

Community Foundation makes largest grant in its history \$1 million grant will support Center for Performing Arts in Rhinebeck now and forever

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— Andy Weintraub



Annie Get Your Gun on stage at The Center

Thanks to a forward thinking donor who strongly believes in the many positive benefits the arts can bring to our local community, Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley is poised to make the largest grant in its history to the Center for Performing Arts in Rhinebeck.

A \$1 million grant will be divided evenly between annual support for the Center’s operations and establishing an endowment fund to ensure its future.

The donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, designed the gift to help send a message that planning for the long-term financial health of a non-profit organization is just as important as giving to ongoing programs like the Center’s annual performance seasons.

According to Andrea Reynolds, President and CEO of Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, the donor chose to make this gift through the Community Foundation for several reasons. “The donor’s goal has always been to keep the focus on the Center for Performing Arts and its wonderful work in the community

rather than the origin of the gift. We also have the expertise needed to administer the annual grant making as well as managing the endowment fund. And, having everything under one roof will make the whole process simpler for the Center too.”

Andy Weintraub, President of the Board of Directors at The Center, says, “We’re very excited about both aspects of the grant; it’s going to make a huge difference to our everyday operations but also into the future. We’ve had an endowment on our wish list for a long time but never could have imagined that it would get started like this. This is going to be an important catalyst for future fundraising and we’re already thinking of ways to expand the endowment further.”

If you’d like to work with the Community Foundation on your community giving, call us at 845.452.3077 or email Christine Kane at ckane@cfhvn.org or Kevin Quilty at kquilty@cfhvn.org. Our focus is always on your wishes and we can customize our charitable giving tools to fit your needs.

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.

City of Kingston Fund*
Jacqueline and Russell Croce Memorial Fund*
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Andrea Reynolds and Nancy Rossi Brownell

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Creating Positive Impact

Dear Friends,

This newsletter is full of information regarding the many grants we make to support our communities. These grants are made possible because of the funds you establish with us, the gifts you give to us or the ticket or sponsorship you purchase to attend our annual Garden Party.

Each year we award \$2.5 million to area charities (and some nationwide) as well as to hundreds of students who are attending college. Every aspect of our community is supported by your generosity and the follow up work the Foundation does to ensure positive impacts are being made.

We never cease to be astounded by your generosity and the good work being done by our fellow nonprofits thanks to these grants.

Thank you for all you do for our communities,

Nancy Rossi Brownell, Chair
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Community Foundation Elects Officers & New Trustees

Please join us in congratulating the following officer and new trustee appointments:

Chair	Nancy Rossi Brownell	Vice Chair, Grants	Jeffrey Wood
Vice Chair, Audit and Secretary	John K. Gifford	Vice Chair, Finance and Treasurer	William Brenner
Vice Chair, Development	Sue Hartshorn	Vice Chair, Putnam	Matthew Marrone
Vice Chair, Dutchess	Joseph A. Bonura, Jr.	Vice Chair, Ulster	Arthur R. Upright
Vice Chair, Governance	Ann Chambers Meagher	Assistant Secretary	Robert R. Butts

Joseph A. Bonura Jr., Nancy Rossi Brownell, Matthew Marrone, Lorraine Roberts and Arthur R. Upright were re-elected to serve a three-year term. Tim Dean will continue for another year on the Board as immediate past chair.

We're also pleased to welcome new trustees William Brenner and James Davenport.

Special thanks to Stephen E. Diamond and Steven Tinkelman as their Trustee terms come to an end after more than nine years of service. We appreciate all of the time, talent, energy and support they've given the Community Foundation and our community.

Community Foundations To Honor Two Local Couples At Annual Garden Party

McGowans and Lowe & Sutherland to be cited for outstanding community service



J. Joseph and Mary McGowan



Glenn B. Sutherland and Cynthia A. Lowe

On October 6th, the Community Foundation will honor J. Joseph & Mary McGowan and Cynthia A. Lowe & Glenn B. Sutherland for their dedication and personal contributions to community service and philanthropy.

The event will be held at All Canter Farm in Stanfordville, NY, a hilltop location which celebrates the rich agricultural heritage of the Hudson River Valley.

Honorary Co-Chairs for the event are last year's Honorees: Daniel & Nancy Aronzon and William & Tildy Davenport.

J. Joseph and Mary McGowan have been active members of our community since moving to Poughkeepsie in 1964. Joe is a

native of Marlboro and met Mary at a Saint Patrick's Day party at his law school eating club in 1961.

Joe earned his baccalaureate degree, cum laude, from Georgetown University and followed that with a law degree from Harvard Law School. After law school he served in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the U.S. Army where he attained the rank of Captain and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal. He joined the law firm that is now McCabe & Mack LLP in early 1965 and has been with that firm ever since.

Joe's community activities include board memberships at Astor Services for Children and Families, Community Foundation of Dutchess

County, Mount Saint Mary College, Mid-Hudson Civic Center, Abilities First, Inc., the Georgetown University Alumni Association and the City of Poughkeepsie Planning Board. He is a former President of the Dutchess County Bar Association and Poughkeepsie Tennis Club and recipient of the Catharine Street Community Center's Martin Luther King Community Service Award, the Gartland Award for Community Service of the Dutchess County Bar Association, the Serena Branson Leadership Award from Astor Services and the John J. Phelan Meritorious Trustee Award from Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York.

Mary McGowan graduated from Newton College of the Sacred Heart,



View to the east from All Canter Farm, site of 2013 Garden Party.

now merged into Boston College, with a major in chemistry. Her first job was as a flavor chemist with General Foods at its laboratories in Tarrytown. Her second job was as a full time mom raising her two daughters. She later returned to the job market and earned her second baccalaureate in accounting. She became a CPA and worked at the public accounting firm that is now Passikoff & Scott, CPA's and at Vassar College. She is now retired, with more time for her tennis, rowing and gardening.

Mary was elected twice to the board of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District where she served as Treasurer and later as President. She also served on the boards of The Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill and the Cuneen Hackett Cultural Center. She is also a sustaining member of the Junior League of Poughkeepsie. Currently Mary is on the board of the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie, volunteers at Meals on Wheels, and is a member of two garden clubs.

Ulster County honorees **Cynthia A. Lowe and Glenn B. Sutherland** have spent their lives working for the positive growth and development of our area.

Cynthia graduated from SUNY Potsdam and her first job was at Empire National Bank, which is where she met her husband. She became a CPA and together they operated Sutherland & Lowe, an accounting practice.

Next, Cynthia joined First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Middletown as a board member, Secretary to the board and Executive Vice President. After leaving the bank she began work in the nonprofit world at the Council of

Community Services of NYS, Inc. (now known as New York Council of Nonprofits) before becoming the first Director of the Community Foundation of Ulster County, and subsequently a Vice President of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley.

Cynthia has been active in many community organizations in Ulster and Orange Counties including the Boys and Girls Club of Kingston, the Downtown Middletown Business Improvement District, Leadership Orange Alumni Association, Orange County United Way, Orange Regional Medical Center, Middletown and Sunrise Rotaries, Children's Home of Kingston, Friends of Historic Kingston, Orange Regional Healthcare Foundation and Shadowland Theatre.

She also contributed her time to the government sector as a member of the Ulster County Comptroller's Advisory Committee, a member of the Ulster County Reapportionment Commission and a member and the chair of the Ulster County Charter Revision Commission.

Cynthia is currently pursuing her interest in community healthcare as the Vice Chair of HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley and is its immediate past chair and has previously been its Treasurer.

Glenn B. Sutherland, a Kingston native, is President and Chief Executive Officer of Catskill Hudson Bank and its parent Catskill Hudson Bancorp, Inc. He is a graduate of the Stonier Graduate School of Banking and served in the United States Army at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis, Indiana. Over the years he has also been an instructor of accounting at Orange County Community College, the State University of New Paltz and Ulster County Community College.

Glenn currently serves on the boards of the Sullivan County Partnership, Hudson Valley Economic Development Corporation, New Paltz Regional Chamber of Commerce, Ulster Community College Foundation, Independent Bankers Association of New York State and the New York Bankers Association. Past board memberships include the Ulster County Development Corporation, Chair of the "Ulster Tomorrow" economic development project, Economic Advisory Council to the Ulster County Executive, Bardavon Opera House, Shadowland Theatre, Ulster County Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Ulster County and Kingston Lions Club.

Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, supporters and guests, all net proceeds from this annual Garden Party support the Community Foundation's efforts to promote philanthropy in Dutchess, Ulster and Putnam counties, and provide much needed funding for the programs and services of worthy local nonprofit organizations.

For more information please contact Christine Kane at ckane@cfhvny.org or 845.452.3077. Tickets can be purchased at www.cfhvny.org.

Garden Party Grants at Work

Proceeds from last year's Garden Party supported 36 Community Response Grants of more than \$95,000 to area non-profits and community projects. These grants supported everything from summer meal programs for children to equipment purchase/repairs to arts programs across our region. Thank you to all of our 2012 Garden Party Sponsors and everyone who attended and/or donated.

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Community Foundation Grant Season in Full Swing

Over \$300,000 in Scholarships, Partnership in Education and Community Response Grants awarded this Spring

While grant making never really stops at the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, the months of March, April, May and June are our busiest time of year.

Scholarships Make a Difference

We currently award 120 scholarships and other awards each year totaling \$250,000 to college bound seniors throughout Dutchess, Ulster, Putnam and the Hudson Valley Region.

Our scholarships include many that make a one-time award of anywhere from \$250-\$5,000 to several that make payments throughout all four years of college totaling between \$4,000 and \$16,000.

Thanks to the generosity of many wonderful donors who established these funds over the years, these deserving students will have a little extra to help paying for the ever-increasing costs of a college education.

Partnership in Education Awards \$65,000

In 1985, the Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation established an endowment designed to provide annual grants to public, independent and parochial school teachers for programs benefitting students or for professional development. This endowment is called the Fund for Excellence in Education – and it is just that – a fund that supports excellence in education.

Over the years many donors have contributed directly to this Fund while others have created their own awards within the Fund. As a result, we now have 17 different named funds established to support education.

In 1997, the Fund for Excellence in Education grants was 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 in the Hudson Valley.

Because of people's generous donations, these funds have distributed almost \$1 million dollars to support our teachers in Dutchess, Ulster and Orange counties.

Community Response Grants help non-profits be even more effective

Each year the Community Foundation uses the monies raised at our annual Garden Party (see page 5) to make Community Response Grants to non profit organizations in Dutchess, Ulster and Putnam counties for programs, training and equipment that will help them accomplish their missions as efficiently and effectively as possible.

In May, we held a grant reception to award the Spring round of grants



Howard and Eva Kimlin meet Andrew Runne, winner of the 2013 Lorien Ninie Kimlin Scholarship which they established in memory of their daughter, who died tragically in a car accident while a student at Dutchess Community College studying foreign language and international business. Lorien's ultimate goal was to work at the United Nations where she hoped to make a contribution to promoting peace between all nations. This scholarship gives students who recognize the intrinsic value of learning about other cultures the chance to do so.



Above: Dr. Michael Freedman of Taconic IPA (left, rear) and Andrea Reynolds of Community Foundations of Hudson Valley (third from left, rear) with this year's winners of the \$9,500 in grants for science education from the Taconic IPA Fund at the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley.



Representatives of the grantees for the Spring round of Community Response Grants in Dutchess County gathered at an informal reception earlier this year.

of \$21,000 to 13 organizations in Dutchess County. These grants will support a wide variety of projects and programs from bus and tractor repair at Common Ground Farm in Beacon to Enhancing Caregiver Education at the Alzheimer's Association of the Hudson Valley to a watershed protection and

education project at the NorthEast Community Center.

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If you would prefer to receive this newsletter by email, please email jnolan@cfhvny.org. Subscribers who sign up by September 30th will be entered into a drawing to win a ticket to the 2013 Garden Party on October 6th. The drawing will occur at 2:00 p.m. on September 30, 2013. Thank you for all your support.



Please remember us in your will and trusts.

Bequest establishes multi-faceted fund

Local businessman creates lasting legacy for community he loved

\$3 million gift will provide grants to six organizations, establish three scholarships and make grants for youth activities in Dutchess County

When Leslie “Les” C. Roe passed away at the age of 96 he left a legacy for the community he loved that will live on forever. Mr. Roe was born in the Hudson Valley and built his life here. A former owner of Roe Moving Company in Poughkeepsie and a realtor for Leslie C. Roe Realty, he included a bequest to the Community Foundation in his will to ensure that present and future Dutchess County youth will have access to fun, recreational and character building activities and college educations now and forever.

“We’re honored that Mr. Roe chose the Community Foundation to carry out his wonderful legacy. The Leslie C. and Irene G. Roe Fund will begin making grants in 2014 and we look forward to seeing the positive impacts it will bring,” says Andrea Reynolds, President and CEO.

