



A Sense of Communities

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

“By partnering locally with the Community Foundation, we access their expertise”

— Bob Dandrew, Director LEP

Celebrating Local Farms

Bringing Hudson Valley Bounty to the Food Insecure

The Hudson Valley is one of the richest agricultural areas of the country providing fruits, vegetables and dairy products to markets at home and abroad. Yet hunger and food accessibility remain cyclical problems.

The New World Foundation’s Local Economies Project (LEP) was launched in 2010 in the Hudson Valley to support sustainable local agriculture and ongoing efforts to create a resilient food system including providing funding to non-profit organizations working in agriculture throughout the region. The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley was chosen by LEP to lead a program to provide farm fresh food for the food insecure. This program includes a grant process, project monitoring and working side-by-side with the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley.

The Community Foundation’s role in this collaborative effort ensures that the issue of food security and accessibility is managed in a manner that is a natural fit for the Community Foundation.

Our mission includes making grants, and providing leadership to address community needs in a manner that is responsible, responsive and lasting. “By partnering with the Community Foundation, we access their expertise and establish more local credibility,” said Bob Dandrew, Director of the Local Economies Project.

This multi-year grant program will address food insecurity issues locally by distributing funds in amounts up to \$25,000 to nonprofit organizations in Dutchess, Ulster and Putnam counties which are working to increase access to local, farm fresh food to those who are considered food insecure. Applicants are encouraged to develop programs and collaborate in ways that effectively address ongoing issues of food access and food insecurity and implement innovative solutions that can be sustainable over time.

All aspects of local food production will come into play including education, gleaning, crop selection and best use of land processes. Ron VanWarmer, Associate

Director of The Food Bank of the Hudson Valley, will be charged with improving the availability of local fresh foods using farmers markets and outlets including direct delivery in outlying areas. Coordinating delivery, increasing yield through better gleaning procedures and increasing communication with and between farmers will all be augmented through this grant.

“Fresh produce is more often than not either unaffordable or unavailable to those in need,” said Ron, “This grant allows the Food Bank to provide free produce at Food Bank Farm Stands especially in those areas that don’t have access to supermarkets or farm markets.”

The Community Foundation will continue to monitor progress and update our stakeholders on this process over the three year time period. Plans call for ongoing funding and sustainability over the long term by various means including designing, processing and marketing products produced locally. Stay tuned!



Andrea Reynolds and Nancy Rossi Brownell

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Creating Your Legacy and Making An Impact

Dear Friends,

As one year closes and another begins we tend to reflect on our accomplishments of the past and our plans for the year ahead. While the Community Foundations have achieved a number of milestones this year, what we really want to share with you is the story of the generosity of others who carryout their charitable giving through the Community Foundations. Everyday, through the Community Foundations, people are helping others.

In the past 6 months alone, \$1.3 million have been distributed in our community through funds set up by individuals, businesses and organizations, and with donations made to the Community Foundations. Libraries, hospitals, sports programs, arts, historical, religious and health organizations, seniors, students, animals, organizations that lend a hand to those in need, to name a few, have all experienced the generosity of those who give through and to the Community Foundations.

So if you are ever looking for an upbeat story after watching the evening news, please take a moment to read our annual report or visit our new website and learn the good news, the happy news, the news that people are making a positive, compassionate and caring difference in our world.

And if you'd like to learn more about our grants programs or about ways to award your own grants through the Community Foundations, please contact us at 845-452-3077 or cfhv@cfhvny.org.

Thank you for all you do for our communities,

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



Emily Robisch

New Staff

The Community Foundation welcomes Emily Robisch as our Chief Financial Officer. Emily is responsible for all accounting, financial, fund and operational reporting; investments; management information systems; and select personnel and administrative functions.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Emily worked for Mental Health America of Dutchess County for over eleven years as Division Director of Finance and Administration. Emily is a native of the Hudson Valley, has her BS in Public Accounting from SUNY Plattsburgh and will receive her Masters in Public Administration from Marist this spring.



Garden Party Honorees Glenn Sutherland, Cynthia Lowe and Mary and Joe McGowan.
Photo by Matt Gillis Photography

2013 Garden Party a Great Success Event supports charitable programs and grants in three counties

*All Canter Farm hosts event to recognize philanthropy
and community service*

By highlighting honorees from both sides of the Hudson River, the Community Foundation's annual Garden Party once again showcased two wonderful couples who are making a positive impact here in the Hudson Valley. J. Joseph and Mary McGowan and Glenn B. Sutherland and Cynthia A. Lowe's service and dedication to community epitomize the work of your Community Foundation: to make our region an even better place to live.

Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, supporters and guests, all net proceeds from this annual event will support our efforts to

promote philanthropy in Dutchess, Ulster and Putnam counties, and provide much needed funding for the programs and services of local nonprofit organizations.

An event like this doesn't happen without the help and support of many people and businesses in our community. We'd like to thank everyone who helped us show our appreciation to these amazing people, especially our Event Chair Rebecca Blahut, the Garden Party Committee and Volunteers and our host Joel Canter, MD, and All Canter Farm.

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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.

Sadie Jane Effron Cahn Beacon Hebrew Alliance Endowment Fund
Circle of Friends for the Dying*
Eisberg Family Trust Fund*
Farm Fresh Food Fund^
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* Community Foundation of Ulster County Funds

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