After a year of celebrating our past, CFHV trustees and staff came together to focus on our future. Guided by an expert and consultant to community foundations across the country, we returned to the premise of our founding, as articulated by Jack Gartland. The question then became – how can we embody the timeless path set out 50 years ago, in a timely manner?

**Community people.** The Hudson Valley is changing. With more city-bound commuters, weekenders, and diversity than ever before, the region is as dynamic as the rivers and valleys that connect it; historic, and imminently new. Whether your family has been here for seven generations or seven months, you have a role to play in our foundation. As we move into the next 50 years, we will strive to be an inspiring and integral resource that reflects our community.

**Organized and supported.** To empower people to give back, guide clients, and improve lives, CFHV will offer resources to make a difference. Our resources include expertise, awareness and community connections – as well as financial assets and acumen. In partnership...

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“A foundation, organized and supported by community people, to reflect the distinctive needs of their community.”


Above: Students at the North East Community Center in Millerton learning the skills needed to build a path to the future.
A Thoughtful Approach

Dear Friends,

An organization doesn’t reach 50 years without the committed effort of caring people supporting it. Motivated by their own stories, thousands of people just like you have sustained our work. For this, we are deeply grateful.

Whether telling the stories of those impacted by trauma (see our Spotlight), supporting the stories of families wishing to give back (see our spotlight), or framing the story of our vision for the future (see cover story) – the narrative of our personal and collective lives is central.

Unique in ways, and universal in others, we share a connection to making life better in the place we call home.

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name and mission with people in your network. We are working with Boardwalk Consulting, a search firm based in Atlanta, which has served other community foundations’ searches. While they are conducting a national search, we welcome candidates with local roots to contact them. Read more online at: CommunityFoundationsHV.org/CEOSearch.

Lastly, we hope you’ll save the date for several important events coming up in 2020: our Professional Advisor’s Breakfast will be Tuesday, May 19, our Partnership in Education (PIE) Grants Award ceremony will be Wednesday, May 20, and our first Garden Party to be hosted in Putnam County will be Sunday, September 13.

If you would like to attend or support any of these events, please contact info@communityfoundationshv.org.

With appreciation,

Nevill Smythe
Interim President & CEO

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Community Impact
Between June and December, grants from the following funds supported 225 local, national and international nonprofits.

- Al & Glen Smith/Hudson Fund
- Anon/Darrin Advised Fund
- Anonymous/Donor Advised Fund
- Barbara Brown Market/Donor Advised Fund
- Barry G. Jordan Sports Fund
- Bernard and Shirley Hanfus Foundation/Donor Advised Fund
- Bonded Family Donor Advised Fund
- Carroll and Allie Lawrence Fund
- Chip and Karen Simon/Charitable Fund
- Citrus/Rosie Family Fund
- City of Poughkeepsie PBA Charitable Fund
- Dr. Carla/Donor Advised Fund
- Don and Mary Muller Fund
- Donna and Eben Fund
- Dufallo/Kiernan Charitable Fund
- Dutchess County Bar Association Fund
- Elizabeth A. Dill Fund
- Elizabeth C. Decker/Charitable Fund
- Farley Gibson Fund
- Floyd Lattin and Ward Mintz Family Fund
- Fanny V. Bos/Trust Fund
- Fischer-Bedell Fund
- Floyd Lettin and Westmore/Charitable Fund
- Foundation for Community Health Fund
- Founding Family/Donor Advised Fund
- Gellert Family/Donor Advised Fund
- Hawes Family Fund
- Helen Mary/Alva Watkins Donor Advised Fund
- Howard/Quinlan Memorial Fund
- Hyde Park Rotary Clifford/Unifer Fund
- Irving and Gloria Schoenberger Family Fund
- Jacob and Mollie Fishman Fund
- James and Elizabeth Moxon Fund
- Charitable Fund
- Jerome and Sheila Ross Family Fund
- Donor Advised Fund
- John and Gloria Golden Fund for Hyde Park
- John and Nancy O’Shan Charitable Fund
- John Sherman Family Fund
- Judith and Paul Standard Family Fund
- Kate Billen/Memorial Fund
- Kaufman Family Fund
- Kitzchhofen Family Fund
- McCauley/McMorrow/Donor Advised Fund
- Melissa D. Beasner/Charitable Fund
- Michael Family Fund
- Notis Fund
- Peter and Emma Van Kliew, Family Fund
- Pfeifer Family Fund for Poughkeepsie
- Quilty Family Fund
- Randy Day Fund
- Ritter Family Fund
- Robert Ryan Jr. Family Fund
- Ronald J. and Meda Miller/Weiss Fund
- Rosa Williams Family Fund
- Scottie Family Fund
- Senator Stephen M. Saland Legacy Fund
- Stanley and Betta Greenwald Fund
- Monroe Family Fund
- Stichcomb Family Fund
- T.J. Cunningham Family Fund
- The Next and Armandos Fund
- Thomas Family Fund
- Through Other’s Eyes, the Dylan Miller Family Fund
- Uchitelle Family Fund
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- Virginia/Donor Advised Fund
- Whitefield/Beer Fund
- Williams Family/Donor Advised Fund

At CFHV, we can tailor your fund to help fulfill your charitable interests. We understand that your philanthropy is a personal expression of your values. To engage the next generation, you can name who will succeed you in making grants from your fund. Our staff can suggest organizations or other opportunities for you to make a difference in the community.

To assist adult children with aging parents, we offer oversight on grant-making. We recently worked with a family to establish a fund to manage their elderly mother’s generosity. While they cared for her through memory loss and declining health, they felt overwhelmed by the number of charitable requests they received. To better track her commitments and fulfill her wishes, they came to us to monitor and guide her giving.

Our staff can work with you to support the causes dear to your family – while protecting everyone’s interests.

TMI Project is a nonprofit transmedia organization teaching true storytelling and writing workshops that culminate in inspiring live performances.

These narratives focus on the “too much information” parts of a story, the parts typically left out because of shame or stigma. The organization holds that sharing these parts empowers both storytellers and listeners to empathize, connect, and take action toward positive social change.

“I feel called to do this work because I grew up keeping secrets and know what it feels like to have information you can’t tell anyone,” said Eva Tenuto, Executive Director of TMI Project. “Having the opportunity to say these things out loud, fundamentally changes how we remember an event. In working with people who have experienced trauma, we see this time and again, and it is so rewarding. By the end of their performance, storytellers stand taller and seem to almost float.”

Since 2010, TMI Project has led approximately 90 true storytelling workshops and staged live storytelling performances by more than 1,750 storytellers, which have been presented to audiences of nearly 60,000 people in schools, colleges, prisons, mental health clinics, theaters, community centers, and the United Nations.

Learn more at tmiproject.org

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You Asked Staff

How can Community Foundations help my family give back?

Sally Gross, Vice President of Philanthropy, answered:

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Save the Date

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**Tuesday, May 19**
Professional Advisor’s Breakfast,
Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel

**Wednesday, May 20**
Partnership in Education Grants
award ceremony, Locust Grove Estate

**Sunday, September 13**
26th Annual Garden Party,
Putnam Location to be Named

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with our board of trustees, advisory boards and various committees we will provide responsive and resilient support to sustain and enhance life in the Hudson Valley.

**Distinctive needs.** Throughout the conversation, we shifted our approach from perceiving or assessing ‘needs’ to embracing and understanding opportunities. That said, our dynamic region has both urgent and emerging opportunities for solutions. Whether encouraging innovative or proven methods for making a difference, we will empower donors, professional advisors and nonprofit colleagues to best serve our region. We will continue to distinguish our work by being an agent of transformation, rather than transactions.

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With a renewed commitment to our founding principles and an eye to the future, we look forward to serving you. Your values and vision are our mission. Your commitment and sense of service to our shared community mark you among our greatest assets. We look forward to your continued partnership and invite your ideas on creating a more vibrant and healthy Hudson Valley for all.

**Please remember us in your will and trusts.** CommunityFoundationsHV.org