The Community Foundations 24th annual Garden Party celebrates community and philanthropy on September 30th. Hosted by Linda and Thomas Hopfenspirger at their historic property, Bontecou Farm in New Paltz, it will be an afternoon of delicious food and noteworthy honorees.

Floyd Lattin and Ward Mintz of Ulster County bring their experiences, vision and generosity to a range of charities. Mr. Lattin chairs land protection at the Mohonk Preserve, and serves on the boards of the Southeastern NY Library Resources Council and Woodland Pond in New Paltz. Originally trained in Ancient Egyptian Archaeology, he then went into the financial world, most recently as Founding Principal of a real estate private equity firm. Mr. Mintz chairs the advisory board of the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art and the Kingston Arts Commission. He serves on the advisory boards of the Reher Center for Immigrant Culture and History, the Latino Folklife Project, and the Preservation League of New York State. Mr. Mintz has spent his career in community arts, museums and arts philanthropy and currently directs an arts foundation.

Lou and Candace Lewis of Dutchess County believe in empowering local institutions, both with financial support and personal involvement. A practicing lawyer for fifty years, Mr. Lewis currently serves on the boards of the Dutchess County Interfaith Council and the Dutchess County Historical Society. He has represented many local not-for-profits including the Scenic Hudson Land Trust, Locust Grove and the Walkway Over the Hudson. Mrs. Lewis, a Vassar College graduate, with a PhD from the Institute of Fine Arts at NYU has taught Art History at Vassar and Marist Colleges. She currently serves on the board of the Dutchess County Historical Society and as editor of their Yearbook.

Claudio and Jean Marzollo of Putnam County have shaped their community through creative and philanthropic work. Mr. Marzollo had a career as a nationally and internationally-known sculptor until his retirement. He is a 36 year member and past chair of the Philipstown Recreation Commission. He was instrumental in the acquisition of the Philipstown Park and the Community Center, which is named in his honor. He was also a founding member of the Hudson Highlands Land Trust and the Philipstown Depot Theatre. The late Mrs. Marzollo, best known for her “I Spy” series, authored over one hundred award winning books for and about children. She was a long-time member and past president of the Haldane School Board, and a founding member of the Haldane School Foundation and the Philipstown Depot Theater. The Butterfield Library in Cold Spring recognized her long term dedication by naming its new Children’s Room for her. While we were saddened by her passing in April, we look forward to commemorating her outstanding service.

Last year, over 400 supporters and friends like you joined us—raising more than $85,000 for grants to 40 nonprofits. Join us as we recognize these inspiring community members. Tickets, sponsorships and ad opportunities are available online at http://bit.ly/hvgardenparty

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Dear Friends,

You are the heart of our work at Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley. Indeed, without you we simply could not do what we do. In preparing our summer newsletter, we are reminded of that fact.

Your desire to toast philanthropy while raising funds for the region’s nonprofits celebrates the good in our community. The 2018 Garden Party will take place Sunday, September 30th at Bontecou Farm in New Paltz. Our signature event brings together hundreds of friends to recognize local philanthropic leaders. More than just a party, the afternoon embodies the values it honors – with proceeds providing vital support to regional nonprofits. We hope you will join us with a sponsorship, commemorative journal ad or ticket purchase.

Your dedication to making a difference shapes our shared future. In this newsletter, we mark the passing of Barbara J. Murphy, dedicated Community Foundations trustee, avid volunteer, and accomplished professional. Barbara created two funds at the Foundations to invest in the education of students. To date, those funds have empowered young women to pursue a career in education, and supported students at Holy Trinity School. While we are saddened by her loss, we are grateful to her family and friends for working with us to ensure her vision is carried on.

Your service to the region. Enacting change on the ground, our nonprofit partners carry out the work of changing lives every day. With empathy, professionalism and vision the agencies of the Hudson Valley are responding to community needs.

However it is you have come to us, we thank you for being you and being here.

March S. Gallagher, Esq.
President and CEO
Q: When do I need to revise (or make) my estate plan?
It's never too late (or too early) to plan! Major life events like marriage or your first child may prompt you to review or create your plan. Perhaps you've become more deeply involved in your local community or developed a particular charitable passion which represents your personal values. Have you considered how these might be included in your personal legacy?

Q: Great idea, but a new estate plan is a lot of work for just one change. Is there a simple way for me to add a gift to my favorite charity in my will or trust?
Ask your estate planning attorney. Sometimes a small change to your existing will can add a gift to your favorite charity using a “codicil.” Other times, this goal can be achieved by changing the beneficiary of your retirement plans, life insurance policies or annuities.

Q: What happens if my charitable priorities change?
One approach is to leave a specific bequest in your will or trust to establish a fund at the Community Foundations. The Foundations will create an agreement for your fund that outlines your charitable priorities. If your priorities change, you can simply revise your agreement with the Community Foundations.

All cases depend upon your personal tax situation and we recommend consulting with your professional advisor to determine the best approach for you.

Community Impact

New Funds:
DaPuzzo Kilpert Charitable Fund
Caroline J. Gifford Fund
Unison Arts Center Fund

Grants from the following funds supported 78 local, national and international nonprofits. For the full list, please look online at http://bit.ly/recentgrants

Anonymous Donor Advised Fund # 1
Anonymous Fund
Berlin Family Fund
Bernard and Shirley Handel Foundation Donor Advised Fund
Bunnell Family Donor Advised Fund
Carroll and Wieck Charitable Fund
Charlie Carroll Music Enrichment Fund
City of Poughkeepsie PBA Charitable Fund
Cross Hahn Family Fund
Dan and Mary Mullan Fund
Darlene L. Pfeiffer Fund
The Dates Fund
Elizabeth C. Davis Memorial Fund
Feldman-Kopstein-Stuts Fund
Fischer Belville Fund
Floyd Lattin and Ward Mintz Family Fund
Foundation for Community Health Fund
Frehling Family Donor Advised Fund
George A. and Catherine V. Quill Donor Advised Fund
Grimaldi Family Helping Hand Fund
Hyde Park Rotary Clifford-Ulrich Fund
Irving and Gloria Schlossberg Family Fund
Jerome and Stella Rossi Family Donor Advised Fund
John and Nancy O'Shea Charitable Fund
Jonah Sherman Family Fund
Lucie M. Walker Memorial Fund
Melissa D. Bisaccia Memorial Donor Advised Fund
NoVo Fund
October Birthday Donor Advised Fund
Premier Cares Foundation Grant Fund
Ralph V. and Patti M. Ellis Donor Advised Fund
Ritter Family Fund
Rosalie Beinstein Memorial Fund
Stephen Saikin-Frank E. Lucente Fund
Stevens Family Fund
Stinchcomb Family Fund
Thomas and Irene Chalmers Youth Development Fund
Valri C. Simmons Donor Advised Fund
Wollner/Troccia Family Fund

Topfield Equestrian Center
Nubian Directions
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Investing in the Future, Honoring the Past

Education is a top priority for many of our donors. Whether giving to scholarships or to our Partnership in Education teacher grants program, they are giving to improve lives and offer opportunities to our local students.

Among our region’s most dedicated proponents for education, the late Barbara J. Murphy was a teacher, marketer, writer and dedicated volunteer. She established two scholarship funds at the Community Foundations to memorialize loved ones. The Michalene D. and Michael R. Joseph Memorial Scholarship Fund was created to support students of Holy Trinity School. The second named for her daughter Stephanie Brown, provides support to young women looking to pursue a career in education.

“We were deeply saddened by Barbara’s passing last year,” shared March Gallagher, President & CEO. “She was a powerhouse who created opportunities for young people in the Hudson Valley. The impact of her generosity is profound – and working with her family – her legacy will continue for years to come.”

Barbara’s extensive volunteer service included three terms as a Community Foundations trustee. During her tenure she led the Governance Committee as the Foundations grew beyond Dutchess County. Her leadership and vision have shaped our work - and the lives of a dozen young women. We celebrate Barbara, her dedicated family, members of the now renamed Barbara J. Murphy and Stephanie D. Brown Memorial Scholarship committee, and the many students these scholarships support.