Community Foundations Awarded $475,000 Dyson Foundation Grant

Money helps grow Putnam County activities

The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley received a $475,000 grant from the Dyson Foundation. $225,000 was awarded to support the Foundations’ general operations for three years.

An additional $250,000 was awarded to help grow community foundation activities in Putnam County. $150,000 will be used over three years for Putnam County operations and $100,000 will be applied as a challenge grant to raise matching money and create a pool of funds for Putnam County nonprofits.

The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley began the Community Foundation of Putnam County affiliate six years ago to expand the services of a community foundation in Putnam County. A board was formed and outreach begun, but this funding will help take our activities to the next level.

The Community Foundations will be hiring a staff person to grow the operations in Putnam County and help raise the matching funds in order to begin grantmaking in the county.

Andrea Reynolds, President and CEO of the Community Foundations noted, “in order for a community foundation to be successful, you need paid staff, an engaged board and a pool of funds to show the impact a community foundation can make in its service area. This grant will help us do more to support charitable giving and nonprofits in Putnam County. We are grateful for the Dyson Foundation and for their support of the work we do.”

“The Dyson Foundation values the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley as an important partner in philanthropy in the mid-Hudson region. We are pleased to be able to support their efforts to increase activities and services in Putnam County,” said Cecilia Stancell, program officer at the Dyson Foundation.

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.

Amenia Town Hall Garden Project Fund
Andrew David Arenson Scholarship Fund
Center of Performing Arts at Rhinebeck Fund
Elizabeth C. Davis Memorial Fund
Richard S. and Harriet K. Fein Donor Advised Fund
James and Elizabeth Manion Charitable Fund*

Community Foundation of Dutchess County Funds (no mark)
* Community Foundation of Ulster County Funds
Giving Increases Your Own Prosperity

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on our 45th anniversary and the strides you and the Community Foundations have made together in improving the quality of life in our communities, the opinion piece by Arthur C. Brooks printed in the New York Times on March 30, 2014 resonated with us, seemed apropos and worth sharing.

Mr. Brooks, who is president of the American Enterprise Institute, noted that when people give their income rises. He went on to explain what psychologists have long discovered, “that donating and volunteering bring a host of benefits to those who give.” He cited a study that showed that, “in terms of quantifying ‘happiness,’ spending money on oneself barely moves the needle, but spending on others causes a significant increase” in ones happiness.

The bottom line, when people make a donation they are exercising their ability to make a difference in their world. Evidence supports the idea that this benefit works both ways, both to giver and receiver. We have been witnesses to that for 45 years. This is what the Community Foundations are all about.

We can help you make a difference. Please contact us to show you how.

Best wishes for a happy summer,

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Sally J. Cross comes to the Community Foundations from Montefiore Medical Center, where she served as Director of Major Gifts and Gift Planning. Prior to that, she served as the Director of Development and Alumni Relations at SUNY New Paltz and Executive Director of the College’s Foundation from 2001-2012. She has worked as a development professional at Portland State University’s College of Engineering and Computer Science, in Portland, Oregon, and for a variety of Oregon non-profits.

Sally is responsible for marketing the Foundation’s gift planning, investment management and charitable fund options to attorneys, financial advisors, accountants, brokers and others who work regularly with potential donors in the area of estate and financial planning. She also works directly with active and prospective donors to encourage and facilitate current and future gifts, and serves as a planned giving resource to donors, professional advisors and nonprofit fund advisors.

Welcome New Staff

Sally J. Cross

Foundation Scholarships & Education Grants Awarded
Over $300,000 awarded this Spring

Fund for Excellence in Education Awards $18,000

This year’s winners of the $18,000 in grants for programs benefiting students or for professional development of teachers.

Taconic IPA Fund Awards $10,000

Dr. Holly Miller of Taconic IPA (Left, standing) with this year’s winners of the $10,000 in grants for science education from the Taconic IPA Fund at the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley.

Adams Fairacre Farms – Kathleen Zwissler Scholarship

From far right: Jennifer Killian, Director of Programs for the Community Foundation, stands next to KellyMcLaughlin, this year’s scholarship recipient, and her co-workers from Adams.

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Scholarships Make a Difference

Thanks to the generosity of many wonderful donors who established these funds, the Community Foundation currently delivers over 100 scholarships and other awards totaling $275,000 each year to college bound seniors throughout Dutchess, Ulster, Putnam and surrounding counties. The Community Foundation Fall Grants Available

Fall 2014 grant opportunities will begin with online grant applications on August 1, 2014. Grants are available to Nonprofits in Dutchess, Ulster, Ulster and surrounding counties to support capacity building and program related needs. Interested organizations are encouraged to review the grant criteria online for each specific program offered this fall.

Application information, grant guidelines and deadlines can be found on the Community Foundation’s Web site at www.cfhvny.org under the “Grant” section. For questions regarding our grant programs, application guidelines or the application process, please contact Jennifer Killian, Director of Programs at jkillian@cfhvny.org or Cristin McPeake, Database Administrator at cmcpeake@cfhvny.org or by phone at 845-452-3077.
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