Passion and concern can run in many directions—yours may include family, a pet; our heritage; appreciation of architecture or artwork; support for church, hospital or school, among others. Helping people support their passion is part of the satisfying work we do here at the Community Foundation.

When John and Vivian Wadlin approached us to discuss their thoughts and plans for charitable giving, many of the passions noted above were part of that conversation.

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For many years this well-known Ulster couple have been involved in the continuing process of improving lives and experiences for us all. John is a partner in the law firm of Rusk, Wadlin, Heppner and Martuscello in Kingston, and Vivian has been the guiding force behind the publication About Town of Ulster County. Between the two of them very little slips by.

Vivian and John were both born and raised in Ulster County, and continue to live here. They both serve on many boards and committees, and have each run businesses locally for more than 35 years—they continue to have more than a passing interest in what happens here. One important interest in their lives has always been local history—the history of the towns of Lloyd, New Paltz, and Esopus in particular. When the idea of a fund to address that interest came up, they contacted us and created a Donor Advised Fund, one focused on saving and disseminating local history. The plan includes their ability to advise grants to those groups, organizations and institutions they support now, and leave a legacy that will continue to honor their original intent into the future.

Specific concepts and areas under the heading of local history were also chosen so there is a clear indication of where their contributions are to be used. Among those areas of interest are artifact and materials conservation, stipends for lecture series, exhibition support and a host of other suggestions to ensure their passions are addressed in a well thought-out and strategic way.

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Our 45th Year Proves to Be a Year of Increased Generosity

Dear Friends,

Through your thoughtful charitable giving, the Community Foundations surpassed $50 million in assets. We granted $3.2 million in grants and scholarships for a total of $29 million since our founding in 1969, and received numerous grants totaling almost $5 million to support our programs.

These numbers tell a story of generosity, of the belief in our work, and of your desire to help your friends and neighbors here in the Hudson Valley. Because of you, the Community Foundations help make Dutchess, Ulster and Putnam counties stronger, richer and more vibrant places to live and work. We continue to build on our region’s legacy of enriching the quality of life for all, but especially for those who most need it in our local communities.

You will read in this newsletter that we lost one of our own. Yet as life causes us to do, we forge on into the New Year with our grants and scholarships and other programs that we hope will make 2015 a good year for all of us. With you, we look forward to increasing the positive impact made on the Hudson Valley now and for many years to come.

Thank you for all you do for our communities,

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

A Tribute to Jennifer Lee Nolan

In November, we lost our friend and co-worker Jennifer Lee Nolan to leukemia. Jen was a special person who managed to share her life and family with us every day through stories and laughter and the love she showed us all. We got to know her three children Ellie, Will and Bailey and her husband Michael because her life was their lives. She had a strong commitment to the Community Foundations wanting to be sure all were well served.

Jen touched many lives in her time with us. She lived a life of compassion and caring. We found these rules – her family rules about life – which we would like to share with you:

Always tell the truth • Keep your promises • Don’t whine •
Always say I love you • Do your best • Be kind • Say Please and Thank You •
Work hard • Try new things • Laugh out loud • Use kind words • Be grateful •
Be proud of yourself • Remember you are loved

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Community Foundations Award
Nearly $200,000 Locally

In December, grants were awarded in Dutchess, Ulster and Putnam counties to scores of non-profits. Receptions were held and representatives from the many recipient organizations gathered to be recognized for their ongoing contributions to our community. Those contributions include feeding and clothing the hungry, providing educational opportunities, improving libraries and museums, caring for animals and a host of other needs that are being addressed every day through their good work.

Monies awarded come from several funds, donors and the proceeds from our annual Garden Party. Applications are on-line in August and selections are made before year end. For more information visit our website at cfhvny.org at 845-452-3077.

Scholarships Available

Approximately $275,000 in scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors from area high schools for the 2015-2016 school year.

Application deadline is April 1st, unless a special deadline is noted.

Visit cfhvny.org for more information and to access the online Scholarship Application Portal.

The ABC’s of Planned Giving

For nonprofit staff and board members
Ellen G. Estes, LL.B.

Learn from a renowned expert the basic elements of Planned Giving and tips for marketing, improving, or getting started on a planned giving program.

Tuesday, March 31, 2015
Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel

8:30am Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00am-noon Program
Registration fee $75 per person
$125 for two staff or board members from the same organization
Register at cfhvny.org

Sponsored by the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, Planned Giving Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan, and Association of Fundraising Professionals Mid-Hudson Valley Chapter.

Garden Party 2015

Save the Date: Sunday, September 27, 2015

Last September, with near perfect weather and a stunning private home site in Ulster County as a backdrop, the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley showcased philanthropy in our community to a crowd of 500 plus attendees. Net proceeds from the event are used to support local nonprofit organizations. We look forward to your participation as we begin to plan this year’s event happening in Dutchess County. Stay tuned!
Please remember us in your will and trusts.

Women Who Change Lives
sharing the wisdom of giving your talent, time and treasure

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Jessica Lawrence, Mass Mutual
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Cindy Schmehl, Founder & Director, To Love A Child

Thursday, March 12, 2015
The Nelly Goletti Theatre, Marist College

8:00am Continental Breakfast
8:30am–10:30am Program & Interactive talks

Registration Fee: $20.00

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