

2015 Annual Report



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- We help people from all walks of life become philanthropists.
- We assist financial planners and attorneys as they explore giving options to benefit their clients.
- We establish endowment funds for nonprofits and other charitable causes.
- We provide grants and resources to community organizations.
- We work with government, private foundations, and local leaders to address current and emerging needs.



National Standards is a rigorous process, guaranteeing Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley demonstrates excellent philanthropic practice.



On the Cover

Hudson Valley Seed

More than 1500 elementary school students in Hudson Valley Seed's school gardening programs in the Beacon City School District are learning to love vegetables by growing them, trying simple recipes and voting on their favorites, which are then incorporated into school menus.

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Sharing Our Bounty



Dear Friends,

'n the Hudson Valley we are blessed with abundance – from sweeping landscapes, fresh water and fertile farmland to excellent schools, innovative technologies, imaginative artists and talented professionals. Perhaps most abundant of all is the charitable nature of the people

who live here. As the needs of our communities and our neighbors change, people like you give of your time, treasure and talent, demonstrating both foresight and commitment to improving the quality of life in our region.

Thanks to our generous community, which encompasses three counties, the Community Foundations have been entrusted with assets of \$54 million, including 34 new charitable funds this year. These assets, combined with experienced volunteer leadership and oversight, efficient operation and low overhead, funded over \$3.1 million dollars in grants in the areas of health and human services, arts and culture, education, animal welfare, food security, and strengthening the local nonprofit community.

This year also marked a turning point, as the Community Foundations' fondly thanked Andrea L. Reynolds for her decade of service and excellent management as she stepped into a new role leading the Dyson Foundation. As we take the reins of this finely tuned organization, we look ahead with great optimism toward the Community Foundations' continued growth and impact.

Please enjoy this glimpse into what our donors' philanthropy has made possible this year, and note the statistics that illustrate the magnitude of their impact. Charitable gifts truly make a difference. On behalf of the Community Foundations and the entire Hudson Valley, thank you for your interest and support.

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To strengthen our communities by offering donors the means to establish charitable legacies, by making grants, and by providing leadership to address community needs in a manner that is responsible, responsive and lasting.



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Arts & Culture

Expressing Our Creativity

he performing and visual arts do so much more than simply bring beauty to our lives – they help us express feelings, understand one another and improve educational outcomes. Representing 27% of grants this year, funding for the arts, arts-in-education programs for underserved youth and access for seniors and students remain a top priority for many donors to the Community Foundations.



Spark Media Project >

Thanks to a Community Response Grant, students at Spark Media Project learn the art of scriptwriting and filmmaking while they are trained in professional video filming, editing, production and post-production — all while earning a paycheck. Students in the program gain life skills such as confidence, decision making, leadership and positive risk taking.



Mill Street Loft

Mill Street Loft in Dutchess County, which receives funding from several donor-advised funds, provided arts-related programs to 118 talented City of Poughkeepsie youth, with the goal of helping them express themselves through art and go on to college. These students, who received training and art supplies at no cost, must stay in school to participate. Mill Street Loft reports a 95% high school graduation rate for participants.



Bardavon & Ulster Performing Arts Center

The Bardavon 1869 Opera
House in Poughkeepsie and the
Ulster Performing Arts Center
in Kingston are the region's
premiere venues for highquality live music, dance,
theater and more. Several
donors have created funds
that provide access to
tickets and transportation for
200 seniors and more than 650
students from high-need
school districts in both
Dutchess and Ulster counties.





◀ Ramapo for Children

Ramapo for Children dedicated their Goldberg Art Center in Rhinebeck, where more than 1,000 children with social, emotional and learning challenges participate in experiential learning and art. The Goldberg Art Center was supported, in part, by a competitive grant from a donor advised fund.



Manitoga: The Russel **Wright Design Center**

Grant funding for Manitoga in Putnam County supported the purchase of an automatic external defibrillator (AED), providing additional safety to guests at the Center and students in the Manitoga Summer Nature & Design Camp.



Education Grants 6200+ **STUDENTS** from 50+ schools

Educating Our Children

rom laboratory equipment to scholarships to field trip grants, Community Foundations donors

continue to place a high priority on providing access to quality education for our region's students. Combined, it represents 23% of grants this year.

The Partnership in **Education (PIE)**

program, established in 1985, has distributed more than \$1 million in grants to public and parochial teachers in Dutchess,

Orange, Putnam and Ulster counties since its inception. These grants have been used for laboratory equipment, teacher professional development and other programs for students that bring science and other subjects to life.

Scholarships for college-bound students in Dutchess, Putnam and Ulster counties and beyond – continue to inspire our donors' generosity. Scholarship selection committees reviewed some 350 applications and awarded 180 scholarships totaling more than \$275,000.

The Field Trip grant program, created by the Dyson Foundation in response to growing pressures on public school budgets

> and administered by the Community Foundations, provides access to quality educational experiences outside the classroom for students in high-need districts. This year, teachers at 40 public schools in Dutchess and Ulster counties were able to bring nearly 6,000 students on field trips to New York City, Albany, Boston, Philadelphia and numerous destinations along the Hudson River.

These grants have made the difference between teaching science out of the book vs. teaching hands-on science.

— Maribel Pregnall, teacher

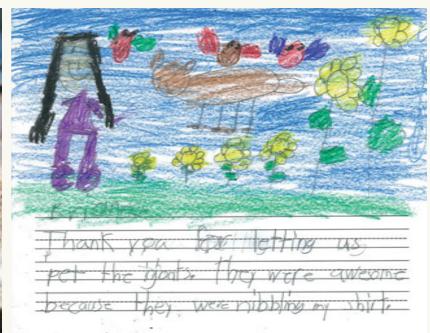
Field Trip Grants ▼

Field trip funding from the Dyson Foundation provided 68 first grade students from Arthur S. May Elementary School with an educational visit to Sprout Creek Farm, a working farm in Poughkeepsie, for a farm animal "mothers and babies" program.

"I have students who have never been to a farm before...after the field trip all students left with a good understanding the importance of plants and animals on a farm."

— Judy McGuire, teacher





Health & Human Services



Health & Human Services 954,148

Improving Quality of Life

ur donors care deeply about individuals in our communities who are underserved or economically disadvantaged. Nonprofit partners providing health and human services programs received 32% of grants awarded.

These organizations provide critical services to individuals and families who need a safe place to call home, access to medical and mental health services, non-traditional educational programs and vocational training.

Hudson River Housing >

Hudson River Housing received a Community Response Grant to create and furnish an employment and training station to help homeless individuals build basic life skills, improve computer proficiency, increase employment readiness and dress for job interviews.



Phoenicia Library purchased 10 laptops thanks to a Community Response Grant. "I feel now I am part of the 21st century," said a Phoenicia resident who had never touched a computer before the library began offering free digital literacy classes.

Rebuilding Together Dutchess County V

Grants to Rebuilding Together Dutchess County supported the mission to provide low-income homeowners, including seniors and veterans, with no-cost repairs, accessibility modifications and energy efficiency improvements. Their volunteers completed critical home repairs on an aging electrical system, unsafe exterior steps, inoperable plumbing and more for an elderly Hyde Park homeowner.



"So that lives may be saved"

GRANTS

Hundreds of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) have been provided to organizations throughout Southern Dutchess and Putnam counties through the John T. Sloper Community Fund, which has granted more than \$344,000 to support emergency medical services and training since its inception 10 years ago.







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Hudson Valley.

Sourced from Hudson Valley apples

and packaged in Ulster County,

applehoni looks and tastes like

Foundations and the Local

honey, and is "bee-free". Produced

with support from the Community

Economies Project, all profits will support the Food Bank of the

Awarded

IN GRANTS

to 13 organizations providing farm fresh food

Feeding the Hungry

unger is a daily reality for far too many people in our region, especially those with limited or no transportation. Some low income neighborhoods in cities like Kingston, Newburgh and Poughkeepsie, are considered "food deserts" due to lack of access to high quality vegetables, fruits, grains and meats.

People living in "food deserts" may eat what is easily available to them, often fast food or processed food of poor nutritional quality from gas stations or corner stores. The high sugar, fat and salt content can put people at greater risk for obesity, certain types of cancer, heart disease and type 2 diabetes.

Farm Fresh Food Initiative **Local Economies Project**

The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley is in the second year of the three-year Farm

Fresh Food Initiative, thanks to a grant from the Local Economies Project of the New World Foundation. Funding supports the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley's work with local farmers to increase the amount of local, farm fresh produce for distribution to those in need. Sub-grants to local nonprofit organizations – including Poughkeepsie Farm Project, the Poughkeepsie Plenty Mobile Market of Dutchess Outreach, People's Place in Kingston and others – are providing free or low cost farm fresh food to people who need it most throughout Dutchess, Putnam and Ulster counties.

Since the program began in 2014, some 600,000 pounds of produce has been donated by farmers throughout the Hudson Valley and distributed by the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley.

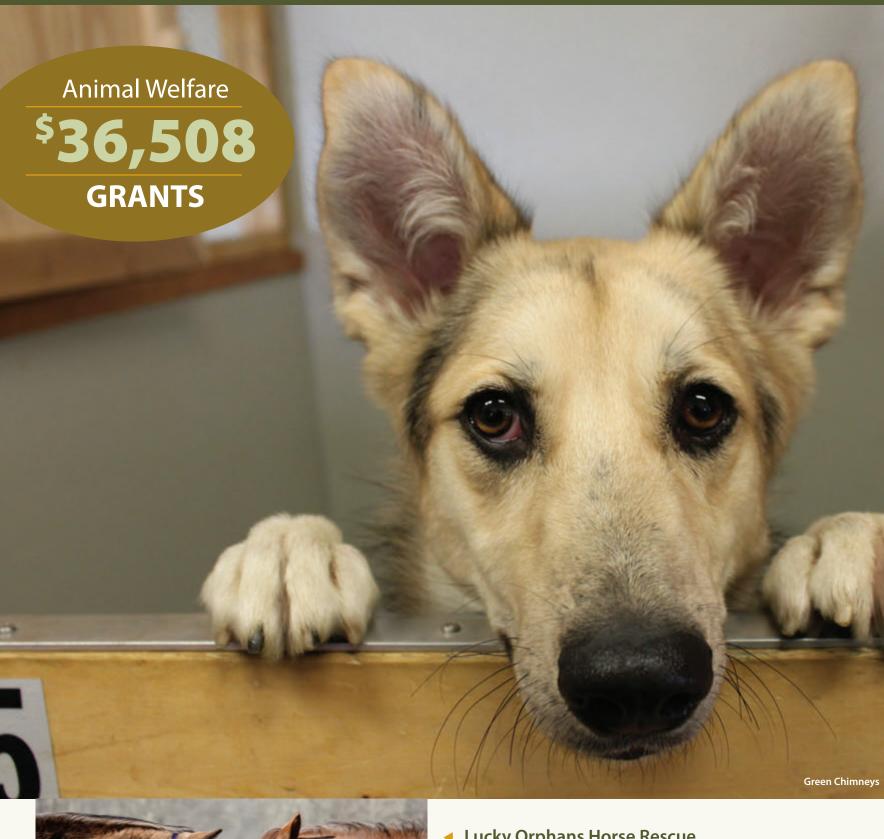
Poughkeepsie Farm Project

An urban farm on 12 acres of land leased from Vassar College, Poughkeepsie Farm Project is deeply committed to food justice – the belief that everyone has a right to healthy, wholesome food. Its Food Share program donated some 20,000 pounds of produce to five emergency food providers in the region.









Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue

Luck comes in many forms. A recipient of a Community Response Grant, Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue in Dutchess County provides a safe haven for abused and neglected horses, along with equineassisted psychotherapy programs for people suffering from PTSD, depression, grief, abuse and more.

Sandy O'Shea, Wings of Love Portrait and Design Studio

Animal Welfare

Green Chimneys

Green Chimneys in Putnam County helps children with emotional, behavioral and social challenges. The Community Foundations' Cleopatra Fund provided 200 students with opportunities to feed, care for and formally train two dozen rescued dogs in obedience and agility, making them more adoptable as pets. Students experienced reduced anxiety and behavior challenges, and improved emotional resilience through this program.

Caring for Creatures Great and Small

nimals and pets bring so much to our lives that sometimes it is hard to tell who is helping whom. Animal welfare grants that feed and care for animals are especially close to our donors' hearts, as are programs such as equine-assisted therapy and a dog training program that increases the emotional health of the student trainers.



Woodstock Farm Sanctuary ▼

Woodstock Farm Sanctuary rescues farm animals – cows. pigs, fowl, sheep, goats, rabbits and more – from abuse and neglect. Visitors learn to think differently about animals they previously may have considered food. A grant from the Cleopatra Fund purchased hay to feed these rescued animals.



The Dutchess County SPCA treats and cares for cats and dogs waiting for adoption. Ten percent of roughly 200 cats in care each day require special diets. The Cleopatra Fund provided funds to purchase special food for kittens, cats in surgical recovery and cats with specific dietary needs.











L-R: March S. Gallagher, Esq., new CFHV President & CEO; Sally J. Cross, CFRE, Vice President of Philanthropy; 2015 event honorees: Darlene L. Pfeiffer, Richard C. Strain and Karen Strain Smythe, Arthur R. Upright, Board Chair

Celebrating Philanthropy, Supporting Community

September 27, 2015 - Montgomery Place

On a beautiful afternoon in September, some 500 of the Hudson Valley's most generous philanthropists, business and community leaders came together at historic Montgomery Place to honor **Darlene L. Pfeiffer** of Ulster County and **Richard C. Strain** and daughter **Karen Strain Smythe** of Dutchess County. These beloved community leaders were recognized for their long and impressive commitments to philanthropy and community service in the region.

The event netted over \$100,000 to support the Community Foundations' work in the region and its Community Response Grant programs in Dutchess and Ulster counties to build the capacity and effectiveness of local nonprofit organizations in health and human services, education, the arts, environmental protection and more. Thank you for your generous support!

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ifts to the Community Foundations, ranging in size from \$2 to \$3.5 million, supported hundreds of organizations, and thousands of people and animals in the Hudson Valley and beyond. These gifts were used to feed the hungry, protect the abused, bolster the arts, enrich young people's lives, engage seniors, support those with disabilities, teach people to read and so much more – just as the donor intended. While we are unable to list everyone who gave to the more than 500 charitable funds we administer, we are grateful for your ongoing support of our communities.

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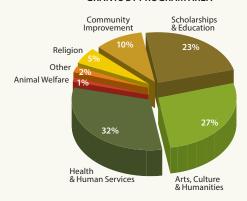
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Fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 (Unaudited)

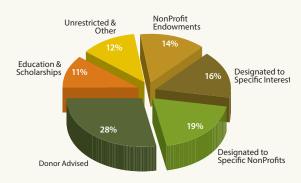
ASSETS*	Total
Unrestricted Cash	899,739
Prepaid Expenses	22,924
Grants and Pledge Receivable	545,146
Accrued Interest Receivable	112,225
Total Current Assets	\$1,580,034
Investments	49,536,201
Restricted Cash Endowments	2,803,407
Residual Interest - Split Interest Agreement	256,000
Beneficial Interest - Life Insurance	432,943
Pledge Receivable	122,549
Fixed Assets, Net	13,210
Total Long Term Assets	\$53,164,310
Total Assets	\$54,744,344
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	2,909
Agency Endowments	7,545,734
Deferred Income	512,390
Grants Payable	1,110,294
Total Current Liabilities	\$9,171,327
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted Net Assets	18,211,447
Temporarily Restricted	3,161,648
Permanently Restricted	24,199,922
Total Net Assets	\$45,573,017
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$54,744,344
*ASSETS BY AFFILIATE	
Dutchess County	\$51,127,293



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Ulster County

Putnam County Hudson Valley

\$2,681,095

\$240,925

\$695,031

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Creating a Lasting Impact

The Legacy Society was created by the Community Foundations to honor and thank those individuals whose commitment to our communities inspired them to make a planned gift through their wills and estates to support the causes they care about most.

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Since our founding in 1969, the Community Foundations have enjoyed a strong partnership with this region's professional advisors. This year, we were pleased to honor Vincent C. Pangia, CPA of Pangia & Company, LLC, and Paul L. Delisio, CLU/ChFC of Main Street Financial, for their exceptional work at our annual Professional Advisors Breakfast.

Sincere thanks to the following advisors for recommending the Community Foundations to their clients during the past year:

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Estate Planning Questions with Ellen L. Baker, Esq., Partner with McCabe & Mack LLP

I have a will, why do I need an estate plan?

A will is part of an estate plan, but an estate plan is so much more. It ensures that everything in your estate – property and other assets, retirement plans, life insurance, powers of attorneys, health care directives, and in some cases, trusts – work together so that your goals can be achieved. We recommend that you review your estate plan at least every five years; sooner if changes occur in your family situation (e.g. birth, death, divorce, marriage, etc.), your financial situation, or in tax laws.

Do I need a trust?

A trust provides important benefits for some. They are used in tax planning, and to avoid the probate of out-of-state property. They can safeguard assets for disabled or special needs family members, or provide for members of a blended family; they can protect assets from the cost of long term care.

Let the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley help you and your family create a lasting legacy. Our staff and your professional advisors would be happy to assist you in creating a fund to accomplish your philanthropic goals.





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