

# Community

## CONNECTIONS

WINTER 2020



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

*John ‘Jack’ Gartland, in 1969, Founder of what would later become Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley*

**A**fter 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 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.



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 candi-

dates with local roots to contact them. Read more online at: [CommunityFoundationsHV.org/CEOSearch](http://CommunityFoundationsHV.org/CEOSearch).

Whether telling the stories of those impacted by trauma (see our Nonprofit Spotlight), supporting the stories of families wishing to give back (see our You Asked Staff section), 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.**

As CFHV continues its thoughtful approach to identifying the next President & CEO, I want to be sure to invite you to consider sharing our

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.**

Abe & Eileen Uchitelle Fund  
Anonymous Donor Advised Fund # 1  
Anonymous Fund  
Barbara Brown Markell Donor Advised Fund  
Barry G. Jordan Sports Fund  
Bernard and Shirley Handel Foundation Donor Advised Fund  
Bunnell Family Donor Advised Fund  
Canter Family Donor Advised Fund  
Carroll and Wieck Charitable Fund  
Chip and Karen Simon Charitable Fund  
Ciminello Family Fund  
City of Poughkeepsie PBA Charitable Fund  
Cross Hahn Family Fund  
Dan and Mary Mullan Fund  
Dana and Ira Effron Fund  
DaPuzzo Kilpert Charitable Fund  
David and Randi Petrovits Fund  
Dutchess County Bar Association Fund  
Elisabeth G. Ellis Fund  
Elizabeth C. Davis Memorial Fund  
Fanny V.W. Boos Trust Fund  
Fischer Belville Fund  
Floyd Lattin and Ward Mintz Family Fund  
Foundation for Community Health Fund  
Frehling Family Donor Advised Fund  
Gellert Family Donor Advised Fund  
Hauser Family Fund  
Helen Mary Alice Watkins Donor Advised Fund  
Howard K. Spieler Memorial Fund  
Hyde Park Rotary Clifford - Ulrich Fund  
Irving and Gloria Schlossberg Family Fund  
Jacob and Mollie Fishman Fund  
James and Elizabeth Manion Charitable Fund  
Jerome and Stella Rossi Family Donor Advised Fund  
John and Gloria Golden Fund for Hyde Park  
John and Nancy O'Shea Charitable Fund  
Jonah Sherman Family Fund  
Judith and Paul Stoddard Family Fund  
Katie Filiberti Memorial Fund  
Khurana Family Fund  
Kirchhoff Family Fund  
Marzollo Family Fund  
McCabe & Mack Donor Advised Fund  
Melissa D. Bisaccia Memorial Donor Advised Fund  
Mitchell Family Fund  
NoVo Fund  
Peter and Ermina Van Kleck Family Fund  
Prenting Family Fund for Poughkeepsie  
Quilty Family Fund  
Rainy Day Fund  
Ritter Family Fund  
Robert Ryan Jr. Family Fund  
Ronald J. and Mellina Miller Weiss Fund  
Ross Williams Family Fund  
Scanlan Family Fund  
Senator Stephen M. Saland Legacy Fund  
Stanley and Bette Greenwald Fund  
Stevens Family Fund  
Stinchcomb Family Fund  
T. J. Cunningham Family Fund  
The Noel and Armanda Fund  
Thomas Family Fund  
Through Dylan's Eyes, the Dylan Feller Memorial Fund  
Valri C. Simmons Donor Advised Fund  
Virginia L. Starke Donor Advised Fund  
Whitefield / Baer Fund  
Williams Family Donor Advised Fund

## You Asked Staff

# How can Community Foundations help my family give back?



**Sally Cross,**  
Vice President of Philanthropy,  
answered:

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.

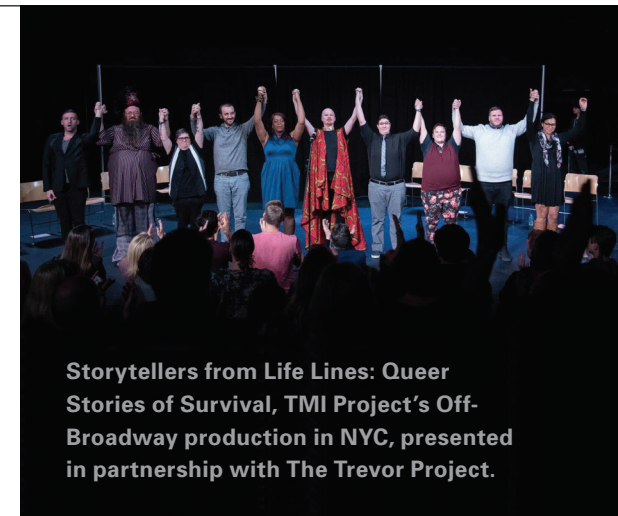
To assist adult children with aging parents, we offer oversight on grant-making. We recently worked with a family to establish a fund to manage their elderly mother's generosity. While they cared for her through memory loss and declining health, they felt overwhelmed by the number of charitable requests she 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



**Storytellers from Life Lines: Queer Stories of Survival, TMI Project's Off-Broadway production in NYC, presented in partnership with The Trevor Project.**

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 50,000 people in schools, colleges, prisons, mental health clinics, theaters, community centers, and the United Nations.

Learn more at [tmiproject.org](http://tmiproject.org)



**Forge Media, the professional production house of the Art Effect, filming a segment for CFHV's 50th anniversary video at Locust Grove.**





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## Save the Date

We look forward to connecting with you in 2020! Here are a few key dates for CFHV events in the new year:

### **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](http://CommunityFoundationsHV.org)