

# Community Connections

Summer 2018

## Annual Garden Party Celebrates **Good**



Floyd Lattin and Ward Mintz

The Community Foundations 24<sup>th</sup> annual Garden Party celebrates community and philanthropy on September 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.



Bontecou Farm

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.



Lou and Candace Lewis

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



Claudio and Jean Marzollo

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>

# Letter from The President and CEO



**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



Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival

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# Q&A Estate Planning Considerations

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**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



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**Thank You Volunteers!**

We want to express our appreciation for the hundreds of volunteers who read more than 1,000 scholarship applications this spring. Their generosity of time and wisdom awarded over \$300,000 to worthy students.

We are especially grateful to the following individuals who went above and beyond in their thoughtful review of this year's applicants:

Linda B. Clarke  
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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.



Murphy celebrating scholarship recipient Cloe Shan in 2017

