



CATTARAUGUS REGION  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
2014 annual report

the **ripple** effect  
of growing **good**

“Life is a like  
a river; and you take  
things out of that river that  
other people before you  
have put in and then you  
try to put something back  
in the river – that’s your  
contribution.”

Steve Jobs

## ripples of giving...ripples of good

While attending the Council on Foundation’s annual conference this past year, CRCF Executive Director Karen Niemic Buchheit was privileged to hear Walter Isaacson, president and CEO of the Aspen Institute and Steve Jobs’ biographer, speak about time he spent with Jobs toward the end of his life.

When he asked Jobs to look back on his life and his accomplishments, he said Jobs replied with this reflection: Life is like a river. We get to take things out that others put in before us. But what gave Jobs the most pleasure was not how much he took out, but what he put back.

We see the same satisfaction among donors at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation. When we talk to people about setting up a fund at the Community Foundation, we often refer to examples of other similar funds – whether it be a scholarship, a donor-designated fund or some other type of fund. We also point out pictures of both the donors and the grant recipients. There is a common factor in those photos – everyone is smiling! “Growing Good” in this case means growing the seeds of happiness – from a delighted giver to an appreciative recipient – where everyone feels good.

What that generous donor might not realize is that he or she is also getting back some pretty terrific intangibles (yes, there is a tax deduction – but read on for better news!).

Numerous studies now validate Jobs’ sentiment that “giving back” makes us feel happy. Giving activates the region of the brain associated with pleasure and also increases good health. Scientists believe altruistic behavior releases endorphins in the brain, producing the positive feeling known as “helper’s high.” Studies show that giving can lower your stress level, strengthen your immune system and extend your life.

Giving also evokes gratitude, and research has found that gratitude is integral to happiness, health and a more optimistic outlook on life.

One gift can also have a ripple effect beyond the initial impact. When we give, we not only help the immediate recipient of our gift, but also create a ripple effect of generosity through our community. One donor’s example can encourage others to follow suit – even more so when you add social media to the mix today.

We at the Community Foundation are glad to be part of the “river” of giving, helping our donors and grant recipients. Through the pages of this year’s annual report we hope you will see that happiness and become a part of it to experience your own positive benefits.

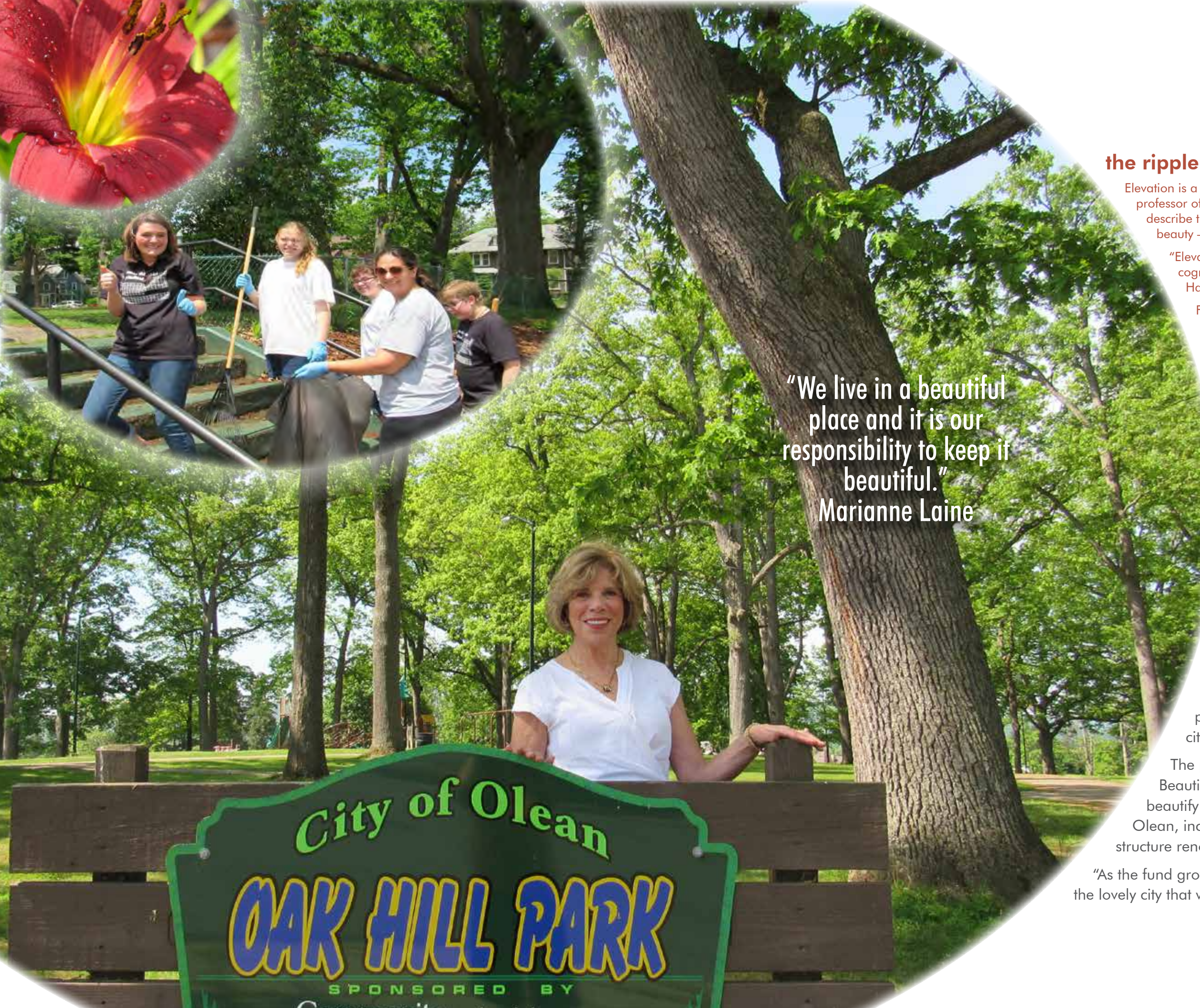


Karen Niemic Buchheit  
Executive Director



Carol Stitt  
Board President





## the ripple effect of "elevation"

Elevation is a term coined by Dr. Jonathan Haidt, associate professor of psychology at the University of Virginia, to describe the emotion we feel upon encountering moral beauty – courage, compassion or generosity.

"Elevation seems to have a ripple effect, triggering cognitive, emotional and behavioral changes," Haidt says.

Feeling elevation increases the likelihood we will do good deeds of our own.

Source: "Kindness: The Ripple Effect." O, The Oprah Magazine, Dec. 2002.

"We live in a beautiful place and it is our responsibility to keep it beautiful."  
Marianne Laine

## inspiring others to do good

Thanks to grants from the Olean Parks Beautification Fund, established by Marianne Laine of Olean, the Oak Hill Park entrance on Fourth Street has received a number of landscaping improvements.

In May of 2015 an event to celebrate the improvements brought together volunteers to clean the park, plant perennials and enjoy one of the city's landmarks.

The purpose of the Olean Parks Beautification Fund is to fund projects that beautify and enhance parks in the City of Olean, including landscaping projects and structure renovations.

"As the fund grows it can be used to make Olean the lovely city that we all love," Mrs. Laine said.



## nature's ripple effect

The effects of nature on health and well-being, from lowering stress to increasing happiness, have been well documented, but a 2009 study at the University of Rochester found that people who interact with nature also tend to be more community-minded as well as more charitable.

Source: "Nature Makes Us More Caring, Study Says." University of Rochester, 30 Sept. 2009.

## protecting nature for future generations

Pfeiffer Nature Center, with its two properties in Portville totaling more than 600 acres of forests, meadows and trails, provides its nature-loving patrons with a wellspring of healthy opportunities and in return has benefited from their generosity.

Recognizing the value of endowment funds and encouraging growth, its board of directors has established several funds at the Foundation, including the Kay Pfeiffer Gerkin Endowment Fund, the Carroll and Dolores Anstaett Pfeiffer Nature Center Fund and the Pfeiffer Nature Center Cabin Preservation Fund.

## creating a revenue stream for your organization

Creating an agency fund at the Community Foundation can provide your organization a new revenue stream, generating investment income as well as providing an avenue for donors to make gifts and plan bequests. Like a ripple effect, establishing an agency fund also demonstrates to your organization's donors your commitment to long-range financial planning, thereby encouraging more gifts.

For more information on establishing an agency fund, contact the Foundation staff at [foundation@cattfoundation.org](mailto:foundation@cattfoundation.org)

The Foundation also offers to nonprofit organizations' staff and volunteers training, skills development and networking through its annual Nonprofit Networking Day. See photos from the day and learn more at [cattfoundation.org/nonprofitnetworkingday](http://cattfoundation.org/nonprofitnetworkingday).



## the ripple effect of kindness

"There are ample studies showing that when people receive generosity and compassion, there is a positive effect on their health and well-being," Stephen G. Post, PhD, a professor of bioethics at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine says. For example, "When a compassionate physician creates a safe haven for the ill patient, the patient experiences relief from stress," he explains.

"Humans have evolved to be caring and helpful to those around us, largely to ensure our survival," says Post. "In Darwin's Descent of Man, he mentions survival of the fittest only twice. He mentions benevolence 99 times."

## a community of caring

Several funds at the Foundation seek to bring comfort and aid to those battling cancer and other debilitating diseases, including Kallie's Crusade Fund, Kids and Cancer Benefit Fund, The Pink Pumpkin Project Fund and the Beth Todd Memorial Fund. These funds help numerous people in the area with both financial and moral support.



photo: Joselle Wolfers/Olean Times Herald

## the ripple effect of a legacy

Olean's Mr. Baseball, Carroll Anstaett, and his wife, Dolores, have spent years creating legacies of "good" by supporting a number of local causes, including the Olean Little League, which Mr. Anstaett helped establish in 1952. The couple has established several funds at the Foundation, including the Carroll Anstaett Olean Little League Fund, the Carroll and Dolores Anstaett Gift Tree Fund and the Carroll and Dolores Anstaett Pfeiffer Nature Center Fund, thus strengthening these nonprofits through reliable, annual endowment grants.

## acts of kindness lengthen life

While science has shown that stress can shorten your life span, it's also found that performing acts of kindness reduce stress. "Ultimately, the process of cultivating a positive emotional state through pro-social behaviors – being generous – may lengthen your life," writes Dr. Post.

Source: "The Science of Good Deeds." WebMD, 2005.



# Community Foundation Funds

## AGENCY FUNDS

Allegany Area Historical Association Fund

Cattaraugus County Arts Council Endowment Fund

Challenger Learning Center Fund

Council on Addiction Recovery Services Inc. Fund

Genesis House of Olean Fund

Mental Health Association in Cattaraugus County Fund

Olean Business Development Corporation Fund

Olean Meditation Center Fund

Kay Pfeiffer Gerkin Endowment Fund: Carroll and Dolores Anstaett Pfeiffer Nature Center Fund Pfeiffer Nature Center Cabin Preservation Fund

United Way of Cattaraugus County Inc. Fund

Wider Opportunities for Greater Olean, Inc. Fund

## DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Mahar Family Foundation Fund

Manual Trust Fund

Olean City School District Foundation Fund

Rose Pappas Foundation Fund

Stitt Family Fund

T-A-D-J-M Foundation Fund

## DONOR DESIGNATED FUNDS

Allegany-Limestone Schools Foundation Fund

Allegany Public Library Memorial Association Fund

Carroll and Dolores Anstaett Gift Tree Fund

Carroll Anstaett Olean Little League Fund

Samuel Costa Endowment Fund

The Rev. Leo J. Gallina Endowment Fund for St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church

Gator Fund

Paul and Mary Janowicz Memorial

Fund

Kothari Family Endowment Fund

Mildred Milliman Fund

Olean Food Pantry Fund

Jim and Gail Olson Mercy Flight Fund

Luella Potter Endowment Fund

Doris Reisner Endowment Fund

Lewis & Doris Reisner Endowment Fund

St. John Church Endowment Fund

St. Mary of the Angels Future Fund

Salamanca Area Senior Center Fund

Vergil Sutter Memorial Fund

Kay & Oliver Williams/Rushford Endowment Fund

Paul and Mary Lou Wood Foundation Fund

## FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Allegany Community Beautification Fund

Allegany Nordic Fund

Allegheny River Valley Trail Fund

Audible Signals for Olean Fund

Beautification Fund for Olean Community

Caneadea Dam at Rushford Lake Fund

Cattaraugus County Law Enforcement Fund: Santa Sheriff Fund Special Response Team Fund

Christmas in Allegany Fund

Citizens Advocating Memorial Preservation (CAMP) Fund

Continental 1 Corridor Fund

Cuba Lake Area Young Sailors' Fund

Dictionary Fund

Ellicottville Great Valley Trail Fund

Paula Flint Fund for the Performing Arts

Higgins Memorial Golf Tournament

Fund

Horse Resource Fund

Jamie's Fund

Kallie's Crusade Fund

F. Donald Kenney Fund

Kids and Cancer Benefit Fund

Daniel "Tiger" Krick Junior Golf Program Fund

Meals on Wheels of Cattaraugus County/Friends of Aging Fund

Mountain Sports Fund

John Muir Book Fund

Olean Parks Beautification Fund

Olean Professional Firefighters Fireworks Fund

Otto-Eldred Education Foundation Fund

The Pink Pumpkin Project Fund

Ross A. Peters Memorial Fund

Santa Claus Lane Fund

Southern Tier Military Support Group Fund

STAB It Foundation Fund

Suicide Prevention Coalition Fund

Beth Todd Memorial Fund

Visual Arts Alliance Endowment Fund

Wing Ski Club Endowment Fund

Woodland in the City Endowment Fund

Louis Zamperini Tribute Fund

Kaleigh Wilday Endowment Fund

## UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Anonymous II Fund

Community Fund

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Tyler Bihler Memorial Scholarship

Burt Scholarship

May C. Carroll Scholarship

Thomas W. Conklin Sr. Scholarship

Fred G. Grace Memorial

Scholarship

Alyn J. Heim Music Scholarship Fund

Joseph and Cecily Higgins Scholarship Fund

Hinsdale Alumni Association Memorial Scholarship

Anthony Iacovino American History Scholarship Fund

Mohammad & Sakeena Iqbal Health Care Award

Paul and Mary Janowicz Memorial Scholarship

Signe, Svenborg, Agnes and Selma Johnson Scholarship

Signe H. Johnson Scholarship

Wayne Krieger Memorial Scholarship

Kothari Family Fund Health Care Scholarship

Louis "Louie" Magnano Scholarship

Maryetta's Mission Scholarship Fund

Daniel McCarthy Scholarship

Pat McGee Nursing Scholarship

John J. Murphy Family Scholarship

Olean City School District Scholarship Fund: Jack & Muriel Fogarty Memorial Scholarship

Russell F. Greenawalt & Elizabeth Page Greenawalt Scholarship

Mary-Elizabeth Smith Scholarship

Thomas & Robert Smythe Scholarship

Otto/Otto-Eldred Alumni Scholarship

Nicolas G. Pendl Memorial Scholarship

Eric Peters Memorial Scholarship Fund

Mark J. Prockton Memorial Scholarship

Ratana Ratanawongsa Scholarship

Norman J. "Pete" Schussele Scholarship

Ben & Rose Schwabenbauer Educational Scholarship

Southern Tier Military Support Group Scholarship

Jonathan Teuscher Scholarship

JoAnn Wehmeyer English Scholarship



Camp New Horizons, a day camp designed to meet the needs of children who have emotional and/or behavioral problems, received \$2,000 from the Community Fund to help support the summer camp.

## 2014 GRANTS

### Allegany Community Beautification Fund

Christmas in Allegany supplies \$2,693.13

Allegany-Limestone Central School elementary maintenance building mural \$350.00

### Allegheny River Valley Trail Fund

Allegheny River Valley Trail repair \$7,214.95

### Carroll and Dolores Anstaett Gift Tree Fund

GOACC gift certificates for Gift Tree families \$1,170.00  
Interfaith Caregivers Inc. \$300.00

### Carroll Anstaett Olean Little League Fund

Olean Little League \$6,019.00

### Tyler Bihler Memorial Scholarship

30 Teddy Bears for cancer patients through Tyler's Teddy Bears Program \$300.00

### Community Fund

Olean Meditation Center Windfall Gardens land purchase \$5,000.00

Allegheny Highlands Council Boy Scouts of America summer camp camperships \$2,000.00

Mental Health Association Camp New Horizons funding for campers \$2,000.00

Cattaraugus County Arts Council art kits for Southern Tier Child Advocacy Center children \$1,700.00

King Memorial Library gazebo/walkway improvements \$1,000.00

Rebuilding Together Olean Area Inc. materials for two ramps \$1,000.00

Kathryn Higgins, AmeriCorps Member; Wendy Brand, Vice President; Karen Hill, Child Advocacy Center director; Dr. Anthony Evans, Board Member; and Karen Niemic Buchheit, Executive Director, with art kits to be provided to child victims at the Southern Tier Child Advocacy Center through a \$1,700 grant from the Community Fund.

Olean Public Library Foundation Directory Online subscription \$750.00  
Olean Senior Center partial funding for TV/DVD \$500.00  
Refreshments for Healthy Livable Communities Consortium \$150.00

### Continental 1 Corridor Fund

Continental 1 awareness & advocacy initiatives for US Route 219 for completion of 4 lanes infrastructure \$120,000.00

### Samuel Costa Endowment

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church \$1,525.00  
Hamlin Memorial Library \$762.50  
St. Raphael's Roman Catholic Church \$762.50

### Council on Addiction and Recovery Services (CAReS) Fund

Council on Addiction Recovery Services, Inc. satellite office in Gowanda \$10,000.00

### Cuba Lake Area Young Sailors' Fund

Shoreline Sailboats for youth sailing instruction \$23,637.00

### Dictionary Fund

The Dictionary Project dictionaries for area 3rd graders \$864.00

## encouraging the ripple effect of giving

As studies have shown, knowing others have given creates a ripple effect, encouraging others to give as well. Use the QR code to the right to visit our online list of donors, tributes and memorials, or navigate to the About - Annual Reports page at [catffoundation.org](http://catffoundation.org).





Ardyth VanScoy, Cattaraugus County Arts Council AmeriCorps outreach coordinator, Tina Hastings, CCAC executive director, peruse submissions to the Southern Tier Biennial Contemporary Art Exhibition, funded by a \$19,300 grant from the F. Donald Kenney Fund.

Higgins Memorial Fund donor Frank Higgins and Karen Niemic Buchheit get help from Frank's dog, Brady, in presenting Courtney Valent, president of Empire Animal Rescue Society, with a grant from the Higgins Memorial fund.

A grant from the Visual Arts Alliance Fund helped 29 Allegany-Limestone Central School art students participate in The Memory Project, an international art project connecting students to orphans overseas.

At right, Christine Walden, Pfeiffer Nature Center executive director, presents seven autographed John Muir books to Charles Bretzin, Portville Free Library director, with, back row from left, Karen Niemic Buchheit, and John Muir Book Committee members Ronda Pollock, co-chair, and Barbara Fairbanks.

Town of Olean Volunteer Fire Department benefits annually from grants from the Mildred Milliman Fund. The 2014 grant of \$655 was used towards the purchase of a new pumper tanker fire truck.

### Ellicottville-Great Valley Trail Fund



Rick Manning Landscape Architect, ALSA, trail planning \$7,630.00  
Trail promotion \$4,020.20

### Higgins Memorial Golf Tournament Fund

Empire Animal Rescue Society \$2,500.00  
The ReHabilitation Foundation \$1,500.00  
St. Bonaventure University Golf Team \$1,500.00  
HomeCare & Hospice \$375.00

### F. Donald Kenney Fund

Cattaraugus County Arts Council Southern Tier Biennial Art Exhibition \$19,300.00

### Kids and Cancer Fund



Assistance to patients and families with children in need of care \$11,813.86  
Bradford Hospital Foundation, two infusion pumps for oncology patients \$6,000.00  
American Cancer Society Relay for Life \$2,000.00  
Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC Foundation Pennies from Heaven Fund \$2,000.00  
The Pittsburgh Foundation Evans-Krivak Gynecological Cancer Research and Education Fund \$2,000.00  
Roswell Park Alliance Foundation \$2,000.00  
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital \$2,000.00  
Shriners Hospital for Children \$2,000.00  
Women's & Children's Hospital of Buffalo Foundation \$2,000.00  
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Inc. \$2,000.00  
McKean County Back to School program \$1,000.00

Bradford Hospital Foundation TV for the Oncology Isolation Room \$500.00  
American Cancer Society 36th Annual Tony Dolan Ski Event \$250.00  
CARE for Children \$100.00

### Kothari Family Endowment Fund

Olean General Hospital Foundation \$1,000.00  
Genesis House of Olean, Inc. \$250.00  
Jamestown Community College for cultural events \$250.00  
Olean Food Pantry \$250.00

### Daniel Tiger Krick Junior Golf Program Fund

Bartlett Country Club summer golf scholarship for Noah Patrick \$367.20

### Mahar Family Foundation Fund

Salvation Army \$200.00  
Interfaith Caregivers \$150.00  
Portville Food Pantry \$150.00  
St. Mary of the Angels Church funding for Community Christmas Dinner \$150.00  
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church funding for Community Thanksgiving Dinner \$150.00  
Mercy Flight of Western New York Inc. \$100.00  
SPCA in Cattaraugus County \$100.00  
Meals on Wheels of Cattaraugus County \$100.00  
Friends of Aging Fund \$100.00  
Support for annual Senior Forum \$100.00

### Mildred Milliman Fund

Olean General Hospital Foundation \$159,666.00  
SPCA in Cattaraugus County \$3,838.00  
Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation Beautification Fund \$3,007.00

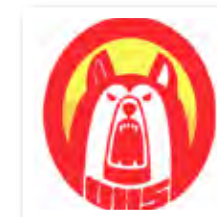


### Mildred Milliman Fund continued

Camp Good Days & Special Times \$1,860.00  
Roswell Park Cancer Institute \$1,860.00  
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital \$1,860.00  
SPCA serving Allegany County \$1,326.00  
American SPCA \$1,187.00  
Best Friends Animal Society \$1,187.00  
Humane Society of U.S. \$1,187.00  
International Fund for Animal Welfare \$1,187.00  
National Anti-Vivisection Society \$1,187.00  
National Wildlife Federation \$1,187.00  
World Wildlife Fund \$1,187.00  
Blinded Veterans Association \$930.00  
Guiding Eyes for the Blind \$930.00  
American Cancer Society \$791.00  
American Heart Association \$791.00  
American Kidney Fund \$791.00  
American Lung Association in New York \$791.00  
American Red Cross of Southwestern New York \$791.00  
March of Dimes, WNY Division \$791.00  
Muscular Dystrophy Association, Western New York \$791.00  
National MS Society \$791.00  
Paralyzed Veterans of America \$791.00  
Salvation Army \$791.00  
Alzheimers Association, Development Office \$732.00  
American Foundation for the Blind \$732.00  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation \$732.00  
Easter Seals \$732.00  
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society \$732.00  
National Epilepsy Foundation \$732.00  
Town of Olean Fire Department \$655.00  
HOPE Foundation \$654.00  
United Spinal Association \$654.00

### Mountain Sports Fund

U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association member dues scholarship for Megan McJames \$285.00



### Olean City School District Foundation Fund

2014 Gus Macker basketball tournament \$31,039.04  
OCSD 2014 Summer Star Program \$3,896.20  
OCSD Marathon to the Sky Project \$2,614.54  
OCSD History of Our Halls project \$2,500.00  
Olean High School Alumni Association \$1,191.83  
OCSD Jimmy Hughey Memorial Light Pole \$1,154.00  
OCSD Academic Wall of Fame \$790.29  
OCSD InJest anti-bullying program \$300.00  
Olean High School Sports Boosters \$100.00



### Olean Business Development Corporation Fund (formerly Family Partners Group)

OBDC operations \$3,500.00

### Olean Food Pantry Fund

Walk-in cooler/freezer project \$3,000.00

### Olean Meditation Center Fund

Olean Meditation Center \$15,000.00  
Windfall Gardens walking trails \$15,000.00  
Olean Meditation Center maintenance and supplies \$8,298.00

### Olean Parks Beautification Fund

Renovation of 4th Street entrance hillside and flower beds \$7,627.64

### Olean Professional Firefighters Fireworks Fund



The Louis Zamperini Tribute Fund helped make possible the granite monument in memory of Olean native, Olympian and World War II hero Louis Zamperini. Many community members supported the project through monetary donations and in-kind gifts.

The CRCS Outdoors program, an extension of the Cuba-Rushford Central School Fisheries and Wildlife Technology classes, each year receives a grant from the Kaleigh Wilday Endowment to support student trips to explore wildlife in the United States and abroad. In 2014 students from the program, including Derrick Robinson, traveled to New Zealand.

City of Olean July 4 fireworks \$15,000.00



**Jim & Gail Olson Mercy Flight Fund**  
 Mercy Flight of Western New York Inc. \$637.00



**Rose Pappas Foundation Fund**  
 Olean General Hospital Foundation \$400.00  
 Hinsdale Food Pantry \$300.00  
 Olean Food Pantry \$300.00  
 Olean Senior Center \$300.00  
 Hinsdale United Methodist Church Thanksgiving

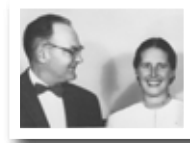
meals for homebound individuals \$251.30  
 St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Thanksgiving Dinner \$250.00  
 HomeCare & Hospice \$200.00  
 Interfaith Caregivers Inc. \$200.00  
 Mental Health Association Operation Reindeer \$200.00  
 Portville Food Pantry \$200.00  
 Rebuilding Together Olean Area Inc. \$200.00  
 The ReHAbilitation Foundation \$200.00

St. Mary of the Angels Church Community Christmas Dinner \$200.00  
 Hinsdale United Methodist Church Easter meals for homebound individuals \$161.55  
 American Red Cross of Southwestern New York blood drive \$150.00  
 Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry \$100.00  
 Olean First Baptist Church Easter Dinner \$100.00  
 St. Michael's Home \$100.00

**Ross Peters Memorial Golf Tournament Fund**  
 Make-A-Wish Foundation/Western New York \$1,500.00

**Luella Potter Endowment**  
 Southern Tier Catholic School System and Archbishop Walsh Academy \$1,782.00

**Doris Reisner Endowment**  
 American Cancer Society \$974.40  
 The ReHAbilitation Foundation \$974.40  
 St. Stephen's Episcopal Church \$974.40  
 Empire State Association for the Deaf \$649.60  
 Genesis House of Olean, Inc. \$649.60  
 HomeCare & Hospice \$649.60  
 Interfaith Caregivers Inc. \$649.60  
 American Diabetes Association \$324.80  
 American Friends Service Committee \$324.80  
 SPCA in Cattaraugus County \$324.80



**Reisner Endowment**  
 Olean General Hospital Foundation \$7,834.00

**Salamanca Area Senior Center Fund**

Kitchen equipment \$12,248.00  
 Washer and dryer for Senior Center \$759.98

**Santa Sheriff Fund**  
 GOACC gift certificates and holiday food for the benefit of Santa Sheriff program recipients \$7,841.47

**Southern Tier Military Support Group Fund**  
 Care packages for overseas troops \$7,079.34  
 Jamestown Community College/Scholarship \$675.00  
 Wounded Warriors hunting event \$253.00  
 Louis Zamperini Tribute Fund \$250.00  
 SSG Shawn Clemens Memorial Benefit \$250.00  
 WNY Heroes, Inc. in memory of Reed N. Mohilewsky \$250.00

**Special Response Team Fund**  
 Special Response Team equipment and training \$13,390.94

**STAB It Foundation Fund**  
 United Pentecostal Church of Olean books and materials for addiction prevention class \$400.00

**Beth Todd Memorial Fund**  
 Cancer Services Program of Allegany & Cattaraugus counties \$117.00



**Kaleigh Wilday Endowment Fund**  
 Cuba Circulating Library \$1,000.00  
 Cuba-Rushford Central School Field Trip Fund \$1,000.00  
 Cuba Rushford PTA \$1,000.00  
 Dresser-Rand Challenger Learning Center \$1,000.00

Jamestown Community College Foundation scholarship program \$1,000.00  
 YMCA of the Twin Tiers \$1,000.00  
 Pfeiffer Nature Center \$500.00

**Kay & Oliver Williams Endowment**  
 First Baptist Church \$954.00  
 Rushford Free Library \$954.00  
 Rushford United Methodist Church \$954.00  
 DEC Conservation Camp \$645.00  
 Podonque Cemetery \$645.00  
 Rushford Boy Scouts Pack 744 \$645.00  
 Rushford Cemetery Association \$645.00  
 Rushford Concert Band \$645.00



**Wing Ski Club Fund**  
 Support for youth skiers to cover training, entry fees for races and dues \$3,873.00

**Louis Zamperini Tribute Fund**  
 Crandall's Memorials for design, carving, delivery and setting of granite monument and bench \$22,773.00  
 Zamperini Tribute dedication ceremony \$2,798.97

## the ripple effect of giving

Altruistic behavior releases endorphins and boosts happiness – studies have shown that giving money away tends to make people happier than spending it on themselves.

## get happy, feel connected, live longer

and other reasons to establish a fund:

**Ease** – There is no need for incorporation, applying for 501(c)(3) status, etc. You can set up a fund with two standard forms.

**Immediate tax advantage** – Each donation to a Community Foundation fund is tax-deductible to the maximum allowed by law for the donor.

**Lower administrative costs** – The Foundation handles annual audit and 990 tax return for all funds; overall costs are shared among all funds as part of CRCF operations.

**Investment management** – All funds benefit from efficiencies of scale from the CRCF portfolio; no additional time and expenses are required to establish an investment account and policies.

**Gift receipts** – The Foundation acknowledges all gifts in writing and provides necessary receipts for tax deductions.

After you have considered the many possibilities available to you, the Foundation staff will do the rest.

Please contact us by telephone at 716-372-4433 or email at [foundation@cattfoundation.org](mailto:foundation@cattfoundation.org). We will go over all of the details with you and help design an agreement that will govern the administration of your fund.

The Foundation accepts gifts by cash, check and credit card, and gifts of stock and planned gifts, as well as online at [cattfoundation.org/give](http://cattfoundation.org/give)



## Legacy Society

The Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation established the Legacy Society to recognize donors who have made gift or plan to make a gift through an estate plan or through some other planned gift instrument such as a life income gift, life insurance policy or retirement plan.

### Members

Anonymous Anonymous\*  
 Anonymous Catherine M. Cridler\*  
 Doris Reisner\*  
 Estate of Dr. Rudy Burt\*  
 Estate of F. Donald Kenney\*

\*Deceased





In 2014 the Foundation awarded \$99,140 for scholarships from 30 different scholarship funds to help at least 40 local students pay for college. For scholarship fund descriptions and more information about applying for scholarships, use this QR code or visit [cattfoundation.org/scholarships](http://cattfoundation.org/scholarships)



## 2014 SCHOLARSHIPS



**Tyler Bihler Memorial Scholarship**  
Alexa Minard \$1,000.00  
Jonah Rosel \$1,000.00

**Burt Scholarship**  
Mackenzie Both \$1,000.00  
Jocelyn Kellner \$1,000.00  
Christa Mascho \$1,000.00  
Katelyn Topolski \$1,000.00

**May C. Carroll Scholarship**  
Evan Stern \$2,000.00

**Jack & Muriel Fogarty Memorial Scholarship**  
2014 recipient:  
Alexa Minard \$1,000.00  
Continuing students:  
Kaitlyn Cooney \$1,000.00  
Rebecca Lasky \$1,000.00



**Hinsdale Alumni Association Memorial Scholarship**  
Courtney Lentz \$1,000.00



**Mohammad & Sakeena Iqbal Health Care Award**  
Courtne Vaughn \$500.00



**Signe, Svenborg, Agnes and Selma Johnson Scholarship**  
Chance Anzvine \$1,000.00

**Signe H. Johnson Scholarship**  
Lindsay Bushnell \$1,000.00

**Kothari Family Health Care Award**  
Abbey Jones \$500.00



**Michele Krahe Peace OHS Scholarship**  
Mackenzie Yanetsko \$500.00

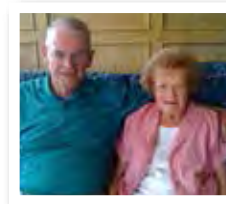


**Wayne Krieger Memorial Scholarship**  
Kyle Legere \$750.00  
Cassandra Lesinski \$750.00  
Tyler Wlasniewski \$750.00

**Daniel McCarthy Scholarship**  
Kelsey Herniman \$1,890.00  
Brock Blovsky \$1,000.00  
Christian Daugherty \$1,000.00  
Burlan Sizemore IV \$1,000.00



**Pat McGee Nursing Scholarship**  
Serene Pierce \$1,000.00  
Brandi Sprout \$1,000.00



**John J. Murphy Family Scholarship**  
2014 recipients:  
Corie Both \$2,500.00  
Mikeena Downen \$2,500.00  
Joshua Foster \$2,500.00  
Lindsay Rinfrette \$2,500.00  
David Sklener \$2,500.00  
Katelyn Woods \$2,500.00

Continuing students:  
Francesca Bartimole \$2,500.00  
Kyle Brown \$2,500.00  
Shawn Campbell \$2,500.00  
Piper Chester \$2,500.00  
Alexa Donner \$2,500.00  
Lindsay Forness \$2,500.00  
Allex Granger \$2,500.00  
Jacquelyn Halladay \$2,500.00  
Chad Monkhouse \$2,500.00  
Curt Monkhouse \$2,500.00  
Jade Nolan \$2,500.00  
Amy Ruth \$2,500.00  
James A. "Andrew" Scanlan \$2,500.00  
Kimberly Sklener \$2,500.00  
Kyle Stover \$2,500.00  
Kyle Trietley \$2,500.00  
Alexander Wright \$2,500.00



**Otto/Otto-Eldred Alumni Scholarship**  
Andrew Shick \$1,000.00

**Mark J. Prockton Memorial Scholarship**  
Jacob Wojnicki \$500.00

**Norman J. "Pete" Schussele Scholarship**  
Colin Young \$500.00



**Ben & Rose Schwabenbauer Educational Scholarship**  
Kera Bradt \$500.00

## the ripple effect of giving back

At the seventh annual Friends of the Foundation Luncheon celebrating donors and scholarship awardees the Foundation honored the family of Tyler Bihler, including his mother Kim Bihler, grandmother Marlene Anastasia, brothers Shawn and Josh Bihler, grandfather Ron Anastasia, and aunt Lori Lewicki, for their dedication to the scholarship they created in his memory.

"This scholarship has been a blessing because we've been able to talk about Tyler, and now these awards will make a difference for these students," Ms. Lewicki noted in accepting the award on behalf of the family.

**Mary-Elizabeth Smith Scholarship**  
Kyle Antonioli \$1,000.00

**Thomas & Robert Smythe Scholarship**  
Erin Zlockie \$2,500.00

**Southern Tier Military Support Group Scholarship**  
Jeffrey Herner \$500.00  
Laura Manning \$500.00



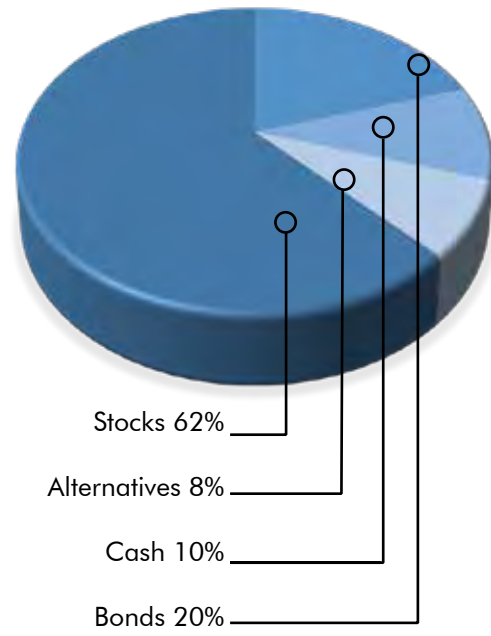
**Jonathan Teuscher Scholarship**  
2014 recipients:  
Kaleb Jozwiak \$625.00  
Haley Porterfield \$625.00  
Nicole Raymond \$625.00  
Brooke St. Clair \$625.00

Continuing students:  
Taylor Buffington \$625.00  
Katherine Fox \$625.00  
John Rhoades \$625.00  
Chelsea Kuhs \$625.00  
Martha Ruether \$625.00



**JoAnn Wehmeyer English Scholarship**  
Diana McElfresh \$1,000.00

## asset allocation



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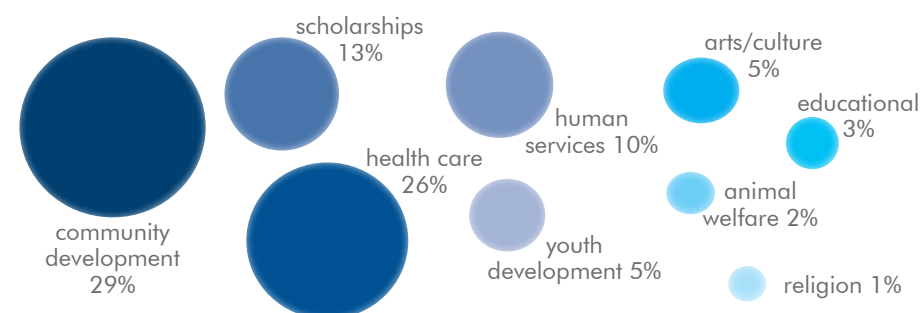
## statements of financial position

Years ended December 31,	2014	2013
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,745,360	\$ 1,144,883
Pledges receivable	7,500	50,500
Prepaid expense	13,038	8,355
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>1,765,898</b>	<b>1,203,738</b>
<b>Investments</b>	<b>13,386,411</b>	<b>11,460,477</b>
	<b>\$ 15,152,309</b>	<b>\$ 12,664,215</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 8,101	\$ 8,114
Grants payable	- - -	13,735
Funds held for Agencies	376,431	260,722
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>384,532</b>	<b>282,571</b>
<b>Unrestricted net assets</b>		
Endowment	12,132,706	11,201,235
Non-Endowed	1,665,428	775,561
Operations/administration	969,643	404,848
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>14,767,777</b>	<b>12,381,644</b>
	<b>\$ 15,152,309</b>	<b>\$ 12,664,215</b>

## statements of activities

<b>Support and Revenue</b>		
Gifts and donations	\$ 2,650,369	\$ 1,484,560
Unrealized gains (losses)	(302,856)	866,291
Gains (losses) on sale of securities	184,401	52,867
Administrative fees	3,030	935
Interest and dividends	814,005	482,708
<b>Total support and revenue</b>	<b>3,348,949</b>	<b>2,887,361</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program services	47,227	47,965
Management and general	163,368	148,556
Grants to others	752,221	667,996
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>962,816</b>	<b>864,517</b>
<b>Change in net assets</b>	<b>2,386,133</b>	<b>2,022,844</b>
<b>Net assets, at beginning of year</b>	<b>12,381,644</b>	<b>10,358,800</b>
<b>Net assets, at end of year</b>	<b>\$ 14,767,777</b>	<b>\$ 12,381,644</b>

## grants by program area



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