



25  
Years of  
Growing  
Good &  
Growing  
Beyond



**CATTARAUGUS REGION  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

**25 YEARS GROWINGGOOD. 1994-2019**





# 25 Years of Growing Good and Growing Beyond

As we pen this letter, we are in the midst of our 25th anniversary year. This year gives us the opportunity to truly reflect on 25 years of Growing Good – and how the good has grown.

Our Foundation began with one fund and a dream of building the Allegheny River Valley Trail, a 5.6-mile trail along the Allegheny River from Olean to Allegany. Inch of asphalt by inch of asphalt, that dream came to fruition.

What an incredible accomplishment it was for a young Community Foundation to support such an ambitious project. But thanks to the forward thinking of the early board members like Joseph Higgins, who with his wife, Cecily, were honored as the 2018 Friends of the Foundation for their work on the Allegheny River Valley Trail fund and the scholarship fund bearing their name, dollar by dollar the Foundation has continued to grow into something the early board members could hardly imagine.

In 2018, the Foundation responded to community needs by awarding grants totaling \$1,119,108, the highest total ever by more than \$100,000. 2018 also marked our highest number of donors and gifts ever. Over 1,500 donors trusted the Foundation to faithfully steward their gifts in 2018.

Over our 25-year history, our board and the donors we steward have strived to respond to the changing needs of the community. As we look back on the grants of past, we are very proud of the community support the Foundation has made possible. Many CRCF grant-supported projects permanently improved and changed the face of our community in a very visible way - like the river valley trail, Olean Food Pantry building expansion, the Oak Hill Park historic steps renovation and the Mildred Milliman Outpatient Surgery Center, just to name a few. Other grants are visible through the faces of those who have been helped – whether it be the almost 90 high school and college students receiving scholarships, childhood and breast cancer patients receiving financial support or the needy being able to attend a special meal at the holidays.

But our dynamic board is not a group to rest on its past accomplishments; its goals are aimed at continuing forward-thinking and responsive philanthropy that keeps changing our community for the better.

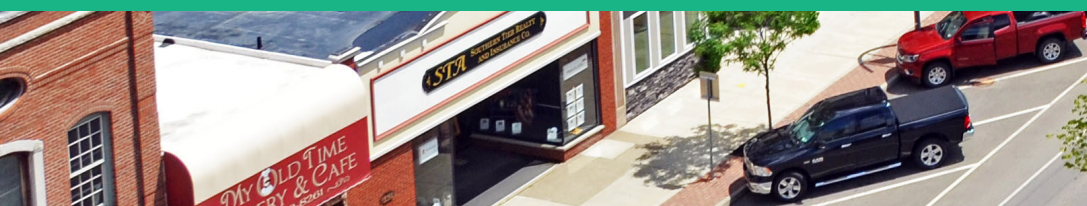
One of the things that has made these 25 years so special is the incredible people that we get to work with. We are blessed to have so many generous donors, so many committed board and committee members and grantees that are so grateful for the support they receive. These 25 years and the incredible growth that has happened throughout them would not be possible without these people.

We hope that you will consider being a part of the next 25 years of Growing Good and Growing Forward with us. If you want to learn more about how to establish a fund of your own to help make a difference, please contact us, and we will work with you to set up a fund of your own to meet whatever needs in the community you see.

On behalf of CRCF staff, board members and all of those who benefit from this Foundation's work, thank you for being a part of 25 years of Growing Good, and we look forward to growing forward beyond with that.

*Wendy M. Brand*  
Board President

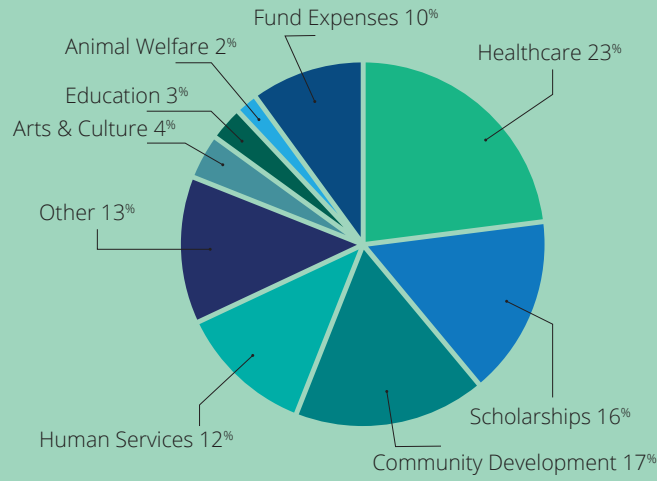
*Karen Fleming Buckheit*  
Executive Director







### Grants by Program Area



The Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation has been the region's

**Supportive  
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Community Foundation for 25 years, and we plan to be the same for 25 more and beyond!

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# Healthcare

Dr. Yogini and Dr. Ashok Kothari both led successful careers in the health care field and remain dedicated to health care in the community in a number of ways. Dr. Yogi Kothari practiced orthodontics and Dr. Ashok was a cardiologist in Olean.

In 2007 the Kotharis established the Kothari Family Endowment Fund at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation to make possible an annual grant to the Olean General Hospital Foundation and also a scholarship to help aspiring health care professionals pursue a post-secondary education.

Dr. Yogi Kothari had started serving as a CRCF board member at the time, and just a short time after serving she saw the value of what the forward-thinking of an endowment fund could do to support her family's philanthropy.

After meeting with the Foundation's executive director at the time, Bob Busan, Yogi said she decided that an endowment fund was perfect to best support the causes near and dear to her and her husband's hearts.

"Even long after we are gone these funds will be active," she said. "This way it is in good hands, number one. And second, even if any situation changed at the hospital, for whatever reason, this fund could support a similar cause with the help of the Foundation, even if we are not around."

"A Foundation fund is a lifelong commitment to a cause. Situations and circumstances can change down the road," Ashok said. "This way we can be sure that this cause will be funded for a long time." For the Kotharis, the reason for their lifelong dedication to supporting health care is a simple one.

"I would say that when you say 'my self' the first thing that comes to mind is your body – your greatest possession in life – and how important it is," said Yogi. "We want to take care of it, and this hospital is where that happens."

"The way we look at it is that everyone should have a right and access to good health care," echoed Ashok. "That's just

primary. We could not think of promoting any causes as important as promoting health care and the health care system for the community."

As health care professionals, they both also recognize the importance of supporting those pursuing an education in the field through scholarships as well. Yogi also serves on the OGH Foundation board.

Both Yogi and Ashok had lost their fathers early in their college years and recognize the importance of financial support in education.

"I was actually born in Africa in Kenya," Ashok said. "I was on a Kenyan government scholarship for medical studies because in those days Kenya did not have a university and had a great need for health care professionals. So this is my way of trying to give back in honor of the privileges I had."

Yogi has also been a dedicated member of the CRCF scholarship committee for a number of years.

"The benefits it gives to the students are immense. For many of the applications I have reviewed over the years, the applicant's family has not attended college, and they will be the first to do so," she said. "If you know, in this area there are many that are unemployed or on public assistance, and if their children are able to go on and earn a degree then I think this Foundation has done its job."

All of their generosity and dedication to the community is their way of giving back to a community that welcomed them 35 years ago.

"In a lot of ways, this is our way of saying thank you to the community that has been so nice to us," said Ashok.

"This community is practically our home. We have lived here the longest of any place during our lifetime. I was only 22 when I came to this country. This community – the amount of love and respect they have given us – I wonder if I deserve it, so it's beyond my imagination," said Yogi affectionately. "If I had to do it all over again I would start right back here."













# Community Development/ Arts and Culture

Before the City of Olean was decorated with ornate, hand painted squirrel statues chronicling the city and its business' history and heritage, Bob and Amy Sherburne were traveling around the country to cities proudly displaying public art.

The Outer Banks in North Carolina proudly boast winged horses. Mermaids decorate the city of Norfolk, Virginia. Rochester, New York has their painted horse statues.

Those statues left a mark on the Sherburnes, and soon they had the idea to lead efforts in installing squirrel statues around the city to promote public art and to raise funds for their ultimate dream: a children's museum right here in Olean.

While the work towards that mission remains, the squirrels have no doubt left a mark on the City of Olean.

"To be honest – I always believed it (the squirrel project) would be something people would identify with and embrace," said Amy Sherburne. "We have so many beautiful tree-lined streets and parks in Olean and along with those trees are the squirrels that most of us encounter on a daily basis. The artists transformed them into lovable creatures that have become part of our identity."

Ms. Sherburne thinks that part of the lasting impression the squirrels leave is the welcoming nature of public art.

"Public art is vital for a community. It was and still is very important to me that Olean is a welcoming city even when a traveler is just passing through," she said. "It may be the reason visitors will stop, or at

the very least leave a lasting memory of 'Oh, yeah, that city has the painted four-foot squirrels!'"

The squirrel statues have become so integral to the city's identity in the years since that there is a detailed map marking the location of each squirrel. The squirrel has also become the city's unofficial mascot.

The Sherburne's original goal was to build and complete 14 squirrel statues. There are now more than double that all across the city.

"CRCF was crucial in the beginning of this project. Without the board accepting my proposal, this labor of love my husband and I envisioned for Olean would not have been possible," she said graciously. "CRCF continues to be the financial support that ensures the squirrels are maintained with touch-ups and any other needs."

Success for Sherburne though, means more than number of squirrels and dollars raised.

"Success is when I see families and children smile with joy when they are walking up to a squirrel," she said. "Seeing them pose with them and patting their head or tail and just experiencing the feeling of standing next to an artistically transformed giant four-foot squirrel with astonishment is the biggest and most gratifying success of the project."

Work towards the dream of the children's museum remains, but with support from the Foundation, the community and local businesses, the Sherburnes have already left a lasting legacy in Olean.

This one just happens to have a bushy tail.











# Human Services

When Betty Pappas talks about her sister Rose, she does so like it was just yesterday that her sister was by her side.

"In my book Rose was perfect," Pappas remembered. "She had a very contagious laugh. People would say that they knew when Rosie was in the building because they could hear her laughing already. That's the way she was."

All their lives the sisters were inseparable. Together they cared for their sickly parents, including their father who suffered Parkinson's disease for 15 years, and after, their mother who was bedridden.

Tom Donahue, Rosie's coworker at the Olean Times Herald even dubbed them "The bookends," because there was so rarely one Pappas sister without the other.

Of all the things Betty most remembered about her sister, she lovingly remembers her magnetism and her giving, caring spirit.

"She always said that she was going to win the lottery – not if she won it, but when she won it – and when she won it, she wanted to establish a place in Olean where people could go and be in the heart of Olean for people that didn't have money or were handicapped in some way."

And so, when Rosie passed away, Pappas decided to bring at least part of her sister's dream to fruition by establishing the Rose Pappas Foundation Fund to support those in need, especially seniors, handicapped individuals and people who had fallen on hard times.

Establishing the fund, though, took a little faith on Pappas' part.

"I had called Carol Stitt (CRCF's executive director at the time) a few times to talk about my goals at the time," Pappas said. "And then I'd call her again because I didn't have \$5,000 to start a fund just then.

"Then Russell Hurlburt (a friend and past student) said to me, 'Just go ahead and start it,'" she recalled. "He didn't say he would contribute (but he did – many times), he just said 'Go ahead and start it. I know you can do it.'"

That faithful forward-thinking has made all the difference.

Fast forward 17 years, and the fund has made possible more than \$85,000 in grants, mostly of relatively small amount (what Betty calls little acts of kindness), supporting the causes that Rosie dreamed of supporting.

The first grant from the fund provided a wheelchair to a man in need. That first grant still stands out to Pappas who has kept in touch with the man in the years since.

The fund also supports dinners provided by area organizations and churches that provide meals and fellowship to those who otherwise may not have it at the holidays.

For all of these "little acts of kindness," Betty and the man who encouraged her to take the leap of faith and establish the fund were honored with the first ever Friends of the Foundation award.

But, Betty said, the honor was all about the one person who she had done all of this for, her sister Rose.

"I think that she deserves to be honored. It's not that she ever looked for it. She just liked to help people," said Pappas. "And what's more, she always took the time to smell the roses.

"Rose always said, 'If you have a chance to have some fun in life you have to take it.'"

Thanks to the Rose Pappas Foundation Fund, Betty Pappas has a constant reminder of her sister whom she loved so dearly, and is always able to see and smell the roses.





# Funds



## Agency Funds

*Allegany Area Historical Association Fund*  
*Carroll & Dolores Anstaett Olean Community Theatre Endowment Fund*  
*Challenger Learning Center Fund*  
*Council on Addiction Recovery Services, Inc. Fund*  
*Genesis House of Olean Fund*  
*Leadership Cattaraugus Scholarship Fund*  
*Olean Business Development Corporation Fund*  
*Olean Food Pantry Fund*  
*Olean Meditation Center Fund*  
*Otto-Eldred Education Foundation Fund*  
*Kay Pfeiffer Gerkin Endowment Fund*  
*- Carroll & Dolores Anstaett Pfeiffer Nature Center Fund*  
*Pleasant Valley Cemetery Fund*  
*Portville Free Library Endowed Fund*  
*SPCA in Cattaraugus County Fund*  
*Tri-County Arts Council Agency Endowment Fund*  
*United Way of Cattaraugus County Inc. Fund*  
*YMCA of the Twin Tiers Fund*

## Donor Advised Funds

*Laine Family Fund*  
*Mahar Family Foundation Fund*  
*Rose Pappas Foundation Fund*  
*Stitt Family Fund*

## Donor Designated Funds

*Allegany Public Library Memorial Association Fund*  
*Carroll and Dolores Anstaett Gift Tree Fund*  
*Carroll Anstaett Olean Little League Fund*  
*Gary D. Clements Fund*  
*Samuel Costa Endowment Fund*  
*Maureen Curry Olean Food Pantry Community Garden Fund*  
*William D. and Catherine Griffin Fraser Fund*  
*The Rev. Leo J. Gallina Endowment Fund for St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church*  
*Golf "Fore" Heroes Fund*  
*Paul and Betty Hanson Fund*  
*Paul and Mary Janowicz Memorial Fund*  
*Kothari Family Endowment Fund*  
*Mildred Milliman Fund*  
*Roger S. Niemic Memorial Fund*  
*Jim & Gail Olson Mercy Flight Fund*  
*Luella Potter Endowment Fund*  
*Redding Endowment Fund*

*Barby Ried Social Fund*  
*Doris Reisner Endowment Fund*  
*Lewis & Doris Reisner Endowment Fund*  
*Walt and Ruth Reisner Endowment Fund*  
*St. John's Church Endowment Fund*  
*St. Mary of the Angels Future Fund*  
*Vergil Sutter Memorial Fund*  
*Kay & Oliver Williams/Rushford Endowment Fund*  
*Paul and Mary Lou Wood Foundation Fund*  
*Paul and Mary Lou Wood Foundation Fund for the Franciscan Center for Social Concern*  
*Yehl Family Endowment*

## Field of Interest Funds

*Allegany-Cattaraugus-Chautauqua Fund for Women*  
*Allegany-Limestone Schools Foundation Fund*  
*Allegany Nordic Fund*  
*Allegheny River Valley Trail Fund*  
*Beautification Fund for Olean Community*  
*Beth Todd Memorial Fund*  
*Caneadea Dam at Rushford Lake Fund*  
*Cattaraugus County Law Enforcement Fund*  
*- CCSO K9 Fund*  
*- Project Lifesaver Fund*  
*- Santa Sheriff Fund*  
*- Special Response Team Fund*  
*Cattaraugus County Suicide Prevention Coalition Fund*  
*Christmas in Allegany Fund*  
*Citizens Advocating Memorial Preservation (CAMP) Fund*  
*Continental 1 Corridor Fund*  
*Cuba Lake Area Young Sailors' Fund*  
*Ellicottville Great Valley Recreational Trail Fund*  
*Ellicottville Skate Park Fund*  
*Gator Fund*  
*Higgins Memorial Golf Tournament Fund*  
*Horse Resource Fund*  
*Kallie's Crusade Fund*  
*F. Donald Kenney Fund*  
*Kids and Cancer Endowment Fund*  
*Kids and Cancer Fund*  
*Daniel "Tiger" Krick Junior Golf Program Fund*  
*Meals on Wheels/Friends of Aging Fund of Cattaraugus County*  
*Mental Wellness in Cattaraugus County Fund*  
*Mountain Sports Fund*  
*Olean 1854 FC Fund*  
*Olean City School District Foundation Fund*



Olean Parks Beautification Fund  
 Olean Professional Firefighters Fireworks Fund  
 Olean Rotary Club Community Improvement Fund  
 Ross A. Peters Memorial Fund  
 The Pink Pumpkin Project Fund  
 Pink Pumpkin Project Endowed Fund  
 Revitalizing Olean Fund  
 Santa Claus Lane Fund  
 Southern Tier Military Support Group Fund  
 STAB It Foundation Fund  
 Veggie Wheels Fund  
 Visual Arts Alliance Endowment Fund  
 Kaleigh Wilday Endowment Fund  
 Wing Ski Club Endowment Fund  
 Woodland in the City Fund

### Scholarship Funds

Nancy Allen Scholarship  
 Laurie Anzvine Memorial Scholarship  
 Elodine Swarts Baxter and Lena Conrad Swarts Memorial Scholarship  
 Albert A. Bennett Jr. Family Scholarship  
 Tyler Bihler Memorial Scholarship  
 Burt Scholarship  
 May C. Carroll Scholarship  
 Chautauqua Cattaraugus Board of Realtors Scholarship  
 Thomas W. Conklin Sr. Scholarship  
 Maureen Curry Inspiration Scholarship  
 Jen DeLong Memorial Scholarship  
 Louis W. Ensworth Charitable Foundation Trust Scholarship  
 - for Allegany-Limestone Central School  
 - for Olean High School  
 Ernst Family Scholarship  
 John Forrest Memorial Scholarship  
 Fred G. Grace Memorial Scholarship  
 Hamburg Track Scholarship  
 Paul and Betty Hanson Career/Technical Scholarship  
 Alyn J. Heim Music Scholarship  
 Patricia "Ann" Heister English/Journalism Memorial Scholarship  
 Joseph and Cecily Higgins Scholarship  
 Drs. Ahmad and Naheed Hilal Family Scholarship  
 - Mohammad and Sakeena Iqbal Health Care/Education Award  
 Hinsdale Alumni Association Memorial Scholarship  
 Kristen Hintz Memorial Scholarship Award  
 Anthony and Gayle Iacovino Legacy Scholarship  
 JF20 Scholarship  
 Signe H. Johnson Scholarship  
 Signe, Svenborg, Agnes & Selma Johnson Scholarship

Deputy Wayne Krieger & Carol Krieger Scholarship Fund  
 Louis A. "Louie" Magnano Scholarship  
 Frank A. Martin III Memorial Scholarship  
 Maryetta's Mission Scholarship  
 Daniel McCarthy Scholarship  
 Patricia McCarthy Memorial Scholarship  
 Bob and Barbara McCord Scholarship  
 Pat McGee Nursing Scholarship  
 Arnold McHone Sr. Manufacturing Scholarship  
 John J. Murphy Family Scholarship  
 Olean City School District Scholarship Fund  
 - Jack and Muriel Fogarty Memorial Scholarship  
 - Russell F. Greenawalt & Elizabeth Page Greenawalt Scholarship  
 - Mary Elizabeth Smith Scholarship  
 - Thomas & Robert Smythe Scholarship  
 Olean High School Alumni Association Scholarship  
 OHS Class of 1961 Scholarship  
 OHS Class of 1995 Scholarship  
 Otto-Eldred Alumni Scholarship  
 Michele Krahe Peace O.H.S. Scholarship  
 Nicolas G. Pendl Memorial Scholarship  
 Eric Peters Memorial Scholarship  
 Portville College Scholarships  
 Mark J. Prockton Memorial Scholarship  
 Ratana Ratanawongsa Scholarship  
 Ben & Rose Schwabenbauer Educational Scholarship  
 Patrick Shinnors Memorial Scholarship  
 Southern Tier Military Support Group Scholarship  
 Gregory D. Spring Perseverance Scholarship and Awards Fund  
 Bernadette E. "Bernie" Taylor Memorial Scholarship  
 Ten Broeck Academy/Franklinville Central School District Scholarship Fund  
 - Walter F. and Julia A. Dziekonski Scholarship  
 - Josephine S. Pepper Memorial Ag. Scholarship  
 - William H. Schwier Memorial Scholarship

Jonathan Teuscher Scholarship  
 Eva M. Taggerty Memorial Scholarship  
 Two Joes Scholarship  
 JoAnn Wehmeyer English Scholarship  
 Paul and Mary Lou Wood Swim Scholarship  
 Dr. Donald A. Wormer Family Scholarship

### Unrestricted Funds

Anonymous II Fund  
 Community Fund





# Grants



## Cattaraugus Gives 2018

### Working for a stronger community

For the second year, the Cattaraugus County community came together in support of its nonprofits during Cattaraugus Gives, Cattaraugus County's Day of Giving, raising some \$32,000 for community nonprofits in just 24 hours. 47 nonprofits throughout the county participated this year and together encouraged online and offline donations from 640 donors. CRCF sponsored an additional \$5,000 in prizes to participating nonprofits, bringing the 24-hour impact of Cattaraugus Gives to \$37,000 and an invaluable level of exposure and awareness.

Participating Cattaraugus County nonprofits also made a splash in the state-wide fundraising program, NYGivesDay, with five organizations ranking among the 25 of all organizations in New York State in most money raised and four ranking in the top 25 in highest number of donors. The Olean City School District Foundation also won the top prize for most donors in the state.



<b>Allegany-Cattaraugus-Chautauqua Fund for Women</b> <i>Support for women in the tri-county region in professional pursuits</i>	\$400.00
<b>Allegheny River Valley Trail Fund</b> <i>Crandall's Memorials for trail markers</i>	\$110.00
<b>Carroll &amp; Dolores Anstaett Gift Tree Fund</b> <i>Gift certificates for Gift Tree families</i>	\$1,380.00
<i>Interfaith Caregivers Inc. for administration of Gift Tree program</i>	\$316.00
<b>Carroll &amp; Dolores Anstaett Olean Community Theatre Endowment Fund</b> <i>Olean Community Theatre</i>	\$998.00
<b>Carroll Anstaett Olean Little League Fund</b> <i>Olean Little League</i>	\$5,963.00
<b>Carroll &amp; Dolores Anstaett Pfeiffer Nature Center Fund</b> <i>Pfeiffer Nature Center</i>	\$968.00
<b>Cattaraugus County Suicide Prevention Coalition Fund</b> <i>Training for coalition members</i>	\$300.00
<b>Christmas in Allegany</b> <i>Character costumes for holiday visits</i>	\$499.48
<i>Christmas in Allegany decorations</i>	\$158.26
<b>Community Fund</b> <i>Support for Penn York College Night</i>	\$300.00
<i>Pizza for student volunteers at Oak Hill Park clean-up</i>	\$185.00
<i>Veggie Wheels</i>	\$1,500.00
<i>Dresser-Rand Challenger Learning Center - center renovations</i>	\$1,000.00
<i>FeedMore WNY - refrigerated delivery truck</i>	\$1,000.00
<i>Franklinville Central School - student CPR training</i>	\$1,560.00
<i>Olean Food Pantry - Operation Super Harvest</i>	\$312.00
<i>NY Funders Alliance - Liftoff program</i>	\$500.00
<i>Seniors With Skills</i>	\$1,012.00
<i>CAMP - strategic planning</i>	\$1,000.00
<i>The Rural Outreach Center</i>	\$2,000.00
<b>Continental 1 Corridor Fund</b> <i>Continental 1</i>	\$45,000.00
<b>Citizens Advocating Memorial Preservation (CAMP) Fund</b> <i>Citizens Advocating Memorial Preservation (CAMP)</i>	\$3,000.00
<b>Samuel Costa Endowment Fund</b> <i>Hamlin Memorial Library</i>	\$892.75
<i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church</i>	\$1,785.50
<i>St. Raphael's Roman Catholic Church</i>	\$892.75
<b>Paula Flint Fund for the Performing Arts</b> <i>Olean Theatre Workshop for theatre arts video program</i>	\$700.00
<b>The Rev. Leo J. Gallina Endowment Fund for St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church</b> <i>St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church</i>	\$820.00
<b>Golf "Fore" Heroes Fund</b> <i>Wounded Warrior Project</i>	\$9,100.00
<b>Paul &amp; Betty Hanson Fund</b> <i>Mercy Flight Inc.</i>	\$196.25
<i>Olean General Hospital Foundation</i>	\$196.25
<i>Olean Public Library</i>	\$196.25
<i>Town of Olean Fire Department</i>	\$196.25



### Higgins Memorial Golf Tournament Fund

<i>Arnold McHone Sr. Scholarship Fund</i>	\$1,000.00
<i>Dr. Lyle F. Renodin Foundation</i>	\$200.00
<i>Empire Animal Rescue Society</i>	\$3,500.00
<i>HomeCare &amp; Hospice</i>	\$250.00
<i>JCC Foundation</i>	\$150.00
<i>Olean City School District Foundation Fund</i>	\$100.00
<i>Olean High School Sports Boosters to support OHS golf team</i>	\$500.00
<i>Rivers Edge United Methodist Church for the Jonah's Attic Program</i>	\$500.00
<i>St. Bonaventure University Athletics Dept.</i>	\$150.00
<i>Terry Reiley Memorial Golf Tournament</i>	\$100.00
<i>The ReHAbilitation Foundation</i>	\$250.00

### Paul and Mary Janowicz Memorial Fund

<i>Great Valley Volunteer Fire Department</i>	\$200.00
<i>Olean General Hospital Foundation</i>	\$200.00
<i>Olean Public Library</i>	\$200.00

### Kallie's Crusade Fund

<i>Assistance to children undergoing medical treatment</i>	\$7,200.00
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### F. Donald Kenney Fund

<i>Tri-County Arts Council for Southern Tier Biennial</i>	\$22,207.00
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### Kids & Cancer Fund

<i>American Foundation for Suicide Prevention</i>	\$300.00
<i>Assistance to children &amp; cancer patients undergoing medical treatment</i>	\$14,967.58
<i>Big Brothers Big Sisters of JEM</i>	\$250.00
<i>Bradford Hospital Foundation</i>	\$5,000.00
<i>Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC Foundation</i>	\$2,000.00
<i>CURE Childhood Cancer Association</i>	\$500.00
<i>Exchange Club of Bradford for child abuse prevention fundraiser</i>	\$125.00
<i>Give Kids the World Village</i>	\$500.00
<i>Roswell Park Alliance Foundation</i>	\$2,000.00
<i>Shriners Hospital for Children</i>	\$2,000.00
<i>St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church to assist with children's needs</i>	\$500.00
<i>St. Jude Children's Research Hospital</i>	\$2,000.00
<i>The Children's Hospital of Buffalo Foundation</i>	\$2,000.00
<i>THON</i>	\$1,000.00

### Kothari Family Endowment Fund

<i>Olean Food Pantry</i>	\$250.00
<i>Olean General Hospital Foundation</i>	\$1,000.00

### Daniel "Tiger" Krick Junior Golf Program Fund

<i>Bartlett Country Club membership for OHS golf team member Ryan Boysha</i>	\$442.80
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### Laine Family Fund

<i>Keowee Chamber Music DBA Pan Harmonia</i>	\$1,000.00
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### Mahar Family Foundation Fund

<i>Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels</i>	\$100.00
<i>Dr. Lyle F. Renodin Foundation</i>	\$200.00
<i>Interfaith Caregivers Inc.</i>	\$100.00
<i>Loaves &amp; Fishes</i>	\$100.00
<i>Mercy Flight Inc.</i>	\$350.00
<i>Portville Food Pantry</i>	\$100.00
<i>SPCA in Cattaraugus County</i>	\$200.00
<i>St. John's Roman Catholic Church St. Vincent de Paul Society</i>	\$200.00
<i>Wings Flights of Hope, Inc.</i>	\$300.00

### Meals on Wheels/Friends of Aging Fund of Cattaraugus County

<i>Alzheimer's Association, Western New York Chapter to support Walk to end Alzheimer's event</i>	\$150.00
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### Mental Wellness in Cattaraugus County Fund

<i>YMCA of the Twin Tiers for Swizzy's Cause Valentine's Day event</i>	\$1,500.00
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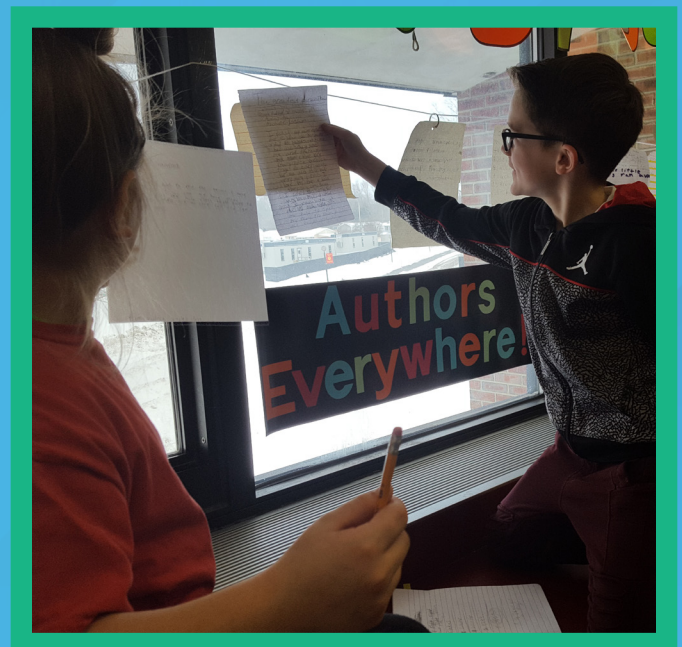


## Golf Fore Heroes

### Growing support "Fore" Wounded Warriors

One summer day each year American Flags line the driveway and decorate the carts at Pine Acres Country Club in Bradford, PA, and golfers take to the course, many dressed in patriotic, red, white and blue. The day is about more than golf. Since 2016, the Golf "Fore" Heroes charity golf tournament has raised nearly \$30,000 to support the Wounded Warrior Project. The cause is personal for many who have served, including tournament organizer Robert Mitchell. Mitchell was injured in the line of duty while serving in Iraq in 2008. The Wounded Warrior Project helped him through the difficult recovery process then, and again in 2010 when he was again injured.

Mitchell and CJ Mackey, a member of the Pine Acres board of directors, began organizing the tournament in 2016 and haven't looked back since. In fact, the two have continued to look forward to ensure the tournament and its annual support of Wounded Warrior and established the Golf "Fore" Heroes Fund at CRCF. The endowment fund will generate additional funding to support the tournament and its charitable status allows companies and individuals to provide tax-deductible contributions and sponsorships. The tournament granted over \$9,000 to the Wounded Warrior Project and contributed an additional \$1,500 to grow the endowment at CRCF.







## Looking back to grow forward – Oak Hill Park restoration

Marianne Laine remembered the beauty of the Fourth Street entrance to Oak Hill Park. In 2018 that entrance looks much like the beauty she and her husband, Erick, remembered after their gift to the City of Olean, through their own Olean Parks Beautification Fund at CRCF, made possible a \$160,000+ project to restore the entrance to its past glory.

The Laines established the fund to support landscaping projects and other improvements to city parks throughout Olean, with first preference for Oak Hill Park. The fund has made possible extensive landscaping at the park to improve its appearance, but in 2017 Marianne Laine came to the Foundation with a postcard of the park entrance circa 1912, recommending a project to restore the entrance that stunning look. Marianne and Foundation officials then worked with the city of Olean to bring the project to fruition. On Saturday, June 16, the city unveiled the beautiful granite steps marking the entrance to the historic park and dedicated them to Erick and Marianne Laine.

### Mildred Milliman Fund

Alzheimer's Association, Western New York Chapter	\$854.00
American Cancer Society	\$923.00
American Foundation for the Blind	\$854.00
American Heart Association	\$923.00
American Kidney Fund	\$923.00
American Lung Association in New York	\$923.00
American Red Cross	\$923.00
American SPCA	\$1,385.00
Beautification Fund for Olean Community	\$3,508.00
Best Friends Animal Society	\$1,385.00
Blinded Veterans Association	\$1,085.00
Camp Good Days & Special Times	\$2,170.00
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	\$854.00
Easter Seals	\$854.00

Epilepsy Foundation	\$854.00
Guiding Eyes for the Blind	\$1,085.00
Humane Society of U.S.	\$1,385.00
International Fund for Animal Welfare	\$1,385.00
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	\$854.00
March of Dimes, WNY Division	\$923.00
Muscular Dystrophy Association, Western New York	\$923.00
National Anti-Vivisection Society	\$1,385.00
National MS Society, Upstate NY Chapter	\$923.00
National Wildlife Federation	\$1,385.00
Olean General Hospital Foundation	\$186,255.00
Paralyzed Veterans of America	\$923.00
Roswell Park Alliance Foundation	\$2,170.00
Salvation Army	\$923.00
SPCA in Cattaraugus County	\$5,240.00
SPCA serving Allegany County	\$1,543.00
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital	\$2,170.00
Town of Olean Fire Department	\$762.00
United Spinal Association	\$762.00
World Wildlife Fund	\$1,385.00

### Mountain Sports Fund

Financial support for Megan McJames, Olympic ski qualifier	\$500.00
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### Roger S. Niemic Memorial Fund

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Western PA Chapter	\$150.00
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### Olean 1854 FC Fund

Support for Olean 1854 FC soccer team	\$3,271.40
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### Olean Business Development Corporation Fund

Olean Business Development Corporation	\$6,000.00
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### Olean City School District Foundation Fund

Dominican Republic field trip scholarship	\$3,491.00
Eastview Elementary Yoga	\$800.00
Equipment purchase for OHS Film Literacy class	\$1,408.99
OHS 8th Grade English Class movie field trip	\$1,561.07
OHS Marathon to the Sky	\$114.47
Olean High School Sports Boosters	\$100.00
Olean Music Boosters	\$250.00
Purchase of ukuleles & sheet music for ukulele music therapy program	\$800.00
Support for Penn York College Night	\$100.00

### Olean Meditation Center Fund

Olean Meditation Center	\$27,000.00
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### Olean Parks Beautification Fund

Oak Hill Park landscaping	\$238.26
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### Olean Parks Beautification Fund

Oak Hill Park steps renovation project	\$50,126.76
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### Olean Professional Firefighters Fireworks Fund

Community fireworks display	\$14,041.95
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### Olean Rotary Club Community Improvement Fund

Support for Olean Food Pantry	\$2,867.92
The Dictionary Project	\$840.00
City of Olean to sponsor skate with Santa	\$175.00
Olean Theatre Workshop	\$100.00

### Otto-Eldred Education Foundation Fund

Otto-Eldred Education Foundation	\$1,700.00
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### Jim & Gail Olson Mercy Flight Fund

Mercy Flight Inc.	\$894.00
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**Rose Pappas Foundation Fund**

<i>Assistance for individuals during time of medical hardship</i>	\$300.00
<i>Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels for community Christmas dinner</i>	\$200.00
<i>Comfort House of Allegany County</i>	\$200.00
<i>Hinsdale Food Pantry</i>	\$200.00
<i>Hinsdale United Methodist Church for Thanksgiving meals for homebound</i>	\$220.00
<i>Hinsdale United Methodist Church for Easter meals for shut-ins</i>	\$222.00
<i>HomeCare &amp; Hospice</i>	\$200.00
<i>Interfaith Caregivers Inc.</i>	\$300.00
<i>Loaves &amp; Fishes</i>	\$200.00
<i>Olean First Baptist Church for community Easter dinner</i>	\$200.00
<i>Olean Food Pantry</i>	\$200.00
<i>Olean General Hospital Foundation</i>	\$150.00
<i>Olean General Hospital Foundation for Compassionate Companion Program</i>	\$200.00
<i>Olean Senior Center</i>	\$200.00
<i>Portville Food Pantry</i>	\$200.00
<i>Rebuilding Together Olean Area Inc.</i>	\$200.00
<i>St. Michael's Home</i>	\$200.00
<i>St. Stephen's Episcopal Church for community Thanksgiving dinner</i>	\$200.00
<i>The ReHAbilitation Foundation</i>	\$100.00

**Kay Pfeiffer Gerkin Endowment Fund**

<i>Pfeiffer Nature Center</i>	\$2,612.00
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**The Pink Pumpkin Project Fund**

<i>Aid &amp; programming for breast cancer fighters &amp; survivors</i>	\$40,640.70
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**Luella Potter Endowment Fund**

<i>Southern Tier Catholic School System &amp; Archbishop Walsh Academy</i>	\$2,142.00
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**Doris Reisner Endowment Fund**

<i>American Cancer Society</i>	\$1,177.50
<i>American Diabetes Association</i>	\$392.50
<i>American Friends Service Committee</i>	\$392.50
<i>Empire State Association for the Deaf</i>	\$785.00
<i>Genesis House of Olean, Inc.</i>	\$785.00
<i>HomeCare &amp; Hospice</i>	\$785.00
<i>Interfaith Caregivers Inc.</i>	\$785.00
<i>SPCA in Cattaraugus County</i>	\$392.50
<i>St. Stephen's Episcopal Church</i>	\$1,177.50
<i>The ReHAbilitation Foundation</i>	\$1,177.50

**Lewis & Doris Reisner Endowment Fund**

<i>Olean General Hospital Foundation</i>	\$9,432.00
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**Barby Ried Social Fund**

<i>Support for special activities for SubCon employees</i>	\$3,798.12
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**Santa Claus Lane Fund**

<i>Decorations for Santa Claus Lane</i>	\$24,729.20
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**Southern Tier Military Support Group Fund**

<i>Assistance to veteran during time of financial hardship</i>	\$250.00
<i>Care packages for active military</i>	\$2,992.97

**Special Response Team Fund**

<i>Special Response Team equipment &amp; training</i>	\$16,107.84
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**STAB It Foundation Fund**

<i>Total Freedom</i>	\$1,000.00
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**Beth Todd Memorial Fund**

<i>The Pink Pumpkin Project Fund</i>	\$665.00
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**Tri-County Arts Council Agency Endowment Fund**

<i>Tri-County Arts Council</i>	\$430.00
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Third graders from Mrs. Lisa Morrow's and Mrs. Christine Gooding's Hinsdale Central School classrooms take a break from a lesson on Japanese culture to say thank you for support from the Redding Endowment Fund at CRCF. The fund will make possible annual grants to support third grade classrooms at Hinsdale central and Eastview Elementary schools as well as the Hinsdale Volunteer Fire Department.

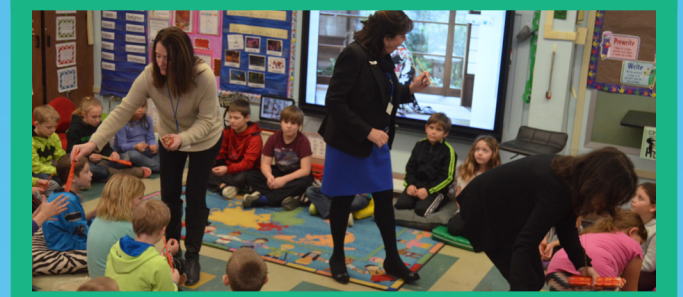
**Redding Endowment Fund**

Growing forward for future generations

Members of the Redding family of Hinsdale have been involved with elementary education at both Hinsdale Central and Eastview Elementary schools for years, tutoring in third grade classrooms at both schools. Family members have also been involved with the Hinsdale Volunteer Fire Department for some 45 years.

The family established the Redding Endowment Fund in 2018 to ensure that the family's dedication to those causes lasts in perpetuity. Grants made to Hinsdale and Eastview can be used at the discretion of a third grade teacher at each respective school, in order to provide special educational opportunities like special projects outside of the scope of a normal classroom budget.

Word of the family's forward-thinking fund spread as far as California, and soon after being established received a thoughtful gift from a retired Hinsdale third grade teacher who saw the importance of the fund's vision.







## Stop the Bleed grant

Stop the Bleed prepares ahead for trauma care

Very few people expect to have to provide life-saving trauma care, but the forward-thinking Stop the Bleed program offered by the Southern Tier Health Care System and Mercy Flight of WNY ensures that more individuals are prepared and trained should the need arise. The program offered training and equipped trained organizations with kits to ensure that there are more throughout the community prepared to provide the appropriate care in case of an emergency. In just a few months program trained 332 individuals locally. A grant from CRCF's Community Fund helped purchase kits that provide essential emergency supplies to those that underwent the training.

According to a 2015 pilot study by Academic Emergency Medicine, only one in five people with no medical training were able to correctly apply a commercially available tourniquet to a mannequin's leg in less than 60 seconds. This figure is particularly important considering that most who arrive at a hospital emergency department for a life-threatening bleeding event don't arrive under the care of trained professionals, said Donna Kahm, Southern Tier Health Care System president and CEO. This forward-thinking project, with support from the Community Fund ensures that more friends and family or passersby are prepared to give potentially life-saving treatment should the need arise.

### United Way of Cattaraugus County Inc. Fund

*United Way of Cattaraugus County*

\$1,239.00

### Vergil Sutter Memorial Fund

*St. Bonaventure University - Athletics*

\$1,679.00

*St. Jude Children's Research Hospital*

\$1,679.00

### Visual Arts Alliance Endowment Fund

*Allegheny-Limestone Central School for Healing Gardens sculpture*

\$1,500.00

*Metal art prints for OBD building gallery project*

\$450.50

*Olean Theatre Workshop for theatre arts video program*

\$850.00

### Kaleigh Wilday Endowment Fund

*Cuba Rushford Central field trip fund*

\$1,000.00

*Cuba Circulating Library*

\$1,000.00

*Cuba Rushford PTA*

\$1,000.00

*Dresser-Rand Challenger Learning Center*

\$1,000.00

*YMCA of the Twin Tiers Kaleigh Wilday Every Kid Deserves a Y Fund*

\$1,000.00

### Kay & Oliver Williams/Rushford Endowment Fund

*Cuba Rushford Central School Alaska Trip Fund*

\$745.40

*Cuba Scout Pack 708 (with former Rushford Pack 744)*

\$745.40

*First Baptist Church*

\$1,102.00

*Podonque Cemetery*

\$745.40

*Rushford Cemetery Association*

\$745.40

*Rushford Concert Band*

\$745.40

*Rushford Free Library*

\$1,102.00

*Rushford United Methodist Church*

\$1,102.00

### Paul & Mary Lou Wood Foundation Fund

*Franciscan Center for Social Concern, St. Bonaventure University*

\$500.00

### Woodland in the City Fund

*Squirrel statue repairs & creation of new squirrel statue*

\$1,705.00

### Yehl Family Endowment

*Samaritan's Purse*

\$1,907.50

*World Vision Inc.*

\$1,907.50

### YMCA of the Twin Tiers Fund

*YMCA of the Twin Tiers*

\$110,600.00



## WNY Foodbank Grant

Growing forward in the fight against hunger

A Community Fund grant to the Food Bank of WNY (now FeedMore WNY) supported the purchase of a new refrigerated food truck capable of directly delivering food to 34 foodbanks and member agencies across Cattaraugus County. The member agencies together assist 9,241 individuals a year across the county. Prior to the purchase, three food pantries served as distribution centers, receiving shipments from the food bank and distributing them on to the rest of the agencies in the county. This process placed stress on the distribution centers like the Olean Food Pantry, an all-volunteer organization. The new truck lessens the burden on the agencies and their volunteers, allowing the food banks to focus on their mission of serving a region where one in eight people is at risk of hunger and one in five children are food insecure.



# Scholarships



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## Darienne Slocum

Darienne Slocum, a 2016 Portville Central School graduate and recipient of the John J. Murphy Family Scholarship and Dr. Donald A. Wormer Family Scholarship, has been hard at work managing her marketing and double biology and psychology minors. But in her three years at St. John Fisher College, she has also been busy growing some good of her own. As part of the college's First Generation Scholars program, Slocum has been actively involved in volunteer service in the Rochester area. She has volunteered to help pilot programs to mentor inner-city school children, mentored in a high school leadership program, assisted in pre-school classrooms, and even took on the role of choir director for children in 5th through 8th grade at Nativity Preparatory Academy. Slocum has also served as a resident assistant for the past two years at St. John Fisher. In addition, one of Slocum's proudest college moments came when she was able to spend a semester abroad in London, England where she studied at Richmond University. While there she also conducted an internship with the prestigious PR company Jori White PR.

<b>Laurie Anzvine Memorial Scholarship</b> <i>Korah Witherell</i>	\$250
<b>Albert A. Bennett Jr. Family Scholarship</b> <i>Alyssa Shelander</i>	\$500
<b>Tyler Bihler Memorial Scholarship</b> <i>Zachary Parr</i> <i>Julia Rakus</i>	\$1,000 \$1,000
<b>Elodine Swarts Baxter &amp; Lena Conrad Swarts Memorial Scholarship</b> <i>Courtney Veno</i>	\$1,000
<b>Burt Scholarship</b> <i>Caleb Austin</i> <i>Kristin Chapman</i> <i>Stone Lisek</i> <i>Michelle Wohlers</i>	\$1,100 \$1,100 \$1,100 \$1,100
<b>May C. Carroll Scholarship</b> <i>Abby Gostomski</i> <i>Bailey Gostomski</i>	\$1,450 \$1,450
<b>Chautauqua Cattaraugus Board of Realtors Scholarship</b> <i>Mikayla Brock</i> <i>Brandon Morrow</i> <i>Kiana Vullo</i> <i>Andelain Wilson</i>	\$500 \$500 \$500 \$500
<b>Thomas W. Conklin Sr. Scholarship Fund</b> <i>Ashleigh Burroughs</i>	\$500
<b>Walter F. and Julia A. Dziekonski Scholarship</b> <i>Samuel Erickson</i> <i>Sabrina Skinner</i>	\$2,500 \$2,500
<b>Jack and Muriel Fogarty Memorial Scholarship</b> <i>Victoria Certo</i> <i>Lucas Chapman</i> <i>Monica Moses</i> <i>Miranda Sakala</i>	\$500 \$500 \$500 \$500
<b>Fred G. Grace Memorial Scholarship</b> <i>Grant Davis</i>	\$1,000
<b>Russell F. Greenawalt &amp; Elizabeth Page Greenawalt Scholarship</b> <i>August Brainard-Brunelle</i>	\$11,141
<b>Paul &amp; Betty Hanson Career/Technical Scholarship</b> <i>Brittany Willmart</i>	\$1,000
<b>Alyn J. Heim Music Scholarship Fund</b> <i>Maddy Crowley</i>	\$1,000
<b>Patricia "Ann" Heister English/Journalism Memorial Scholarship</b> <i>Shannon Brown</i>	\$1,000
<b>Joseph &amp; Cecily Higgins Scholarship</b> <i>Sean Conroy</i> <i>Allison Forness</i> <i>Timothy McMullen</i> <i>Michelle Wohlers</i>	\$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500





## Geoffrey Broadbent

Geoffrey Broadbent, a 2015 John J. Murphy Family Scholarship recipient, recently walked across the commencement stage at St. Bonaventure University to receive a number of awards and honors, including one of the university's most prestigious for a graduating student. The Olean High School graduate was named the 2019 Ideal Bonaventure Man. The award is given to the male student who best exemplifies the spirit of St. Bonaventure and the ideals of St. Francis through community service and academic excellence. After a look at Broadbent's impressive resume, it's easy to see why. He was the executive board president of the Student Government Association, an orientation leader, a resident assistant, a lead student ambassador, secretary-general of Model United Nations, a volunteer EMT with the Medical Emergency Response Team, and the senior adviser for Phi Eta Sigma.

He also was selected as an undergraduate panelist at the New York State Political Science Association conference where he presented research on social determinants of health and how they relate to the efficiency of the United States healthcare system and represented St. Bonaventure at Student Aid Advocacy day lobbying in Albany on behalf of opportunity programs. He also studied abroad in Italy for two weeks, focusing on international medical ethics and for six weeks in Spain through an immersion program. After an undergraduate career of successes, Broadbent is looking forward to beginning medical school at George Washington University.

### Hinsdale Alumni Association Memorial Scholarship

<i>Jacob Carey</i>	\$1,000
<i>Michael Chapman</i>	\$1,000
<i>Lillian Easterly</i>	\$1,000
<i>Alecsy Howell</i>	\$1,000

### Kristen Hintz Memorial Scholarship Award

<i>Lisa Krotz</i>	\$1,000
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### Anthony & Gayle Iacovino Legacy Scholarship

<i>Zoya Rafi</i>	\$1,000
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### Mohammad & Sakeena Iqbal Health Care/Education Award

<i>Caelinn Drake</i>	\$500
<i>Shealynn Maley</i>	\$500

### Paul & Mary Janowicz Memorial Scholarship

<i>Kirkkind Kaleta</i>	\$500
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### Signe H. Johnson Scholarship

<i>Piper Slocum</i>	\$1,100
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### Signe, Svenborg, Agnes & Selma Johnson Scholarship

<i>Meagan Bruso</i>	\$500
<i>Tori Johnston</i>	\$500
<i>George Kivari</i>	\$500
<i>Alyssa Ramarge</i>	\$500

### Kothari Family Fund Healthcare Scholarship

<i>Sachita Barua</i>	\$650
<i>Brianna Kellner</i>	\$650

### Deputy Wayne Krieger Scholarship & Carol Krieger Memorial Scholarship

<i>Hailey Dunmire</i>	\$1,000
<i>Ronald T. Smith for Sheriff's Academy</i>	\$1,200

### Frank A. Martin III Memorial Scholarship Fund

<i>Morgan Davis</i>	\$500
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### Maryetta's Mission Scholarship

<i>Collin Poorman</i>	\$250
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### Daniel McCarthy Scholarship

<i>Blake Aderman</i>	\$500
<i>Logan Caruso</i>	\$500
<i>Joseph Copella</i>	\$1,000
<i>Joshua Miles</i>	\$600
<i>Alison Stadtler</i>	\$500
<i>Andelain Wilson</i>	\$500

### Patricia McCarthy Memorial Scholarship

<i>Natalie Sova</i>	\$500
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### Bob & Barbara McCord Scholarship

<i>Ethan Flexman</i>	\$2,000
<i>Alyssa Shelander</i>	\$2,000
<i>Marhea Unverdorben</i>	\$2,000

### Pat McGee Nursing Scholarship

<i>Katelyn Powless</i>	\$200
<i>Mckenzie Rider</i>	\$500
<i>Megan Rose</i>	\$500
<i>Megan Shumway</i>	\$200





## Give a gift that grows

### The power of establishing an endowment fund

No matter your charitable desires, if you want to support a brighter future for the community for the years to come and beyond, we can help you design a fund to achieve those goals.

Just think about the causes and organizations you would like to support, and we will take care of the paperwork and administration to make sure your philanthropy lasts and grows over time.

All contributions to a community foundation fund are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. The Foundation provides gift receipts and all other necessary tax documentation.

The Foundation hands all administrative duties including annual audits and 990 tax returns to ensure compliance with IRS requirements. Administrative costs are shared among all funds to minimize the cost to each. Every fund reaps the benefits of the Foundation's diverse and investment portfolio and comprehensive management program.

Contact us at 716-301-CRCF (2723) or email us at [foundation@cattfoundation.org](mailto:foundation@cattfoundation.org). CRCF accepts gifts by cash, check and credit card, as well as gifts of stock, IRA rollovers, bequests and planned gifts.

#### John J. Murphy Family Scholarship

<i>Geoffrey Broadbent</i>	\$2,500
<i>Rebecca Fox</i>	\$2,500
<i>Brooke Gronemeier</i>	\$2,500
<i>Christopher Lashway</i>	\$2,500
<i>Tyler Lashway</i>	\$2,500
<i>Jordan McLaughlin</i>	\$2,500
<i>Timothy McMullen</i>	\$2,500
<i>Luciano Rogers</i>	\$2,500
<i>Emily Rohrs</i>	\$2,500
<i>Haley Rufner</i>	\$2,500
<i>Anna Seamon</i>	\$2,500
<i>Megan Shumway</i>	\$2,500
<i>Darienne Slocum</i>	\$2,500
<i>Natalie Sova</i>	\$2,500
<i>Rajiv Thandla</i>	\$2,500

#### OHS Class of 1961 Scholarship Fund

<i>Alexander Jodush</i>	\$1,500
<i>Jordyn Washington</i>	\$1,500

#### Otto-Eldred Alumni Scholarship

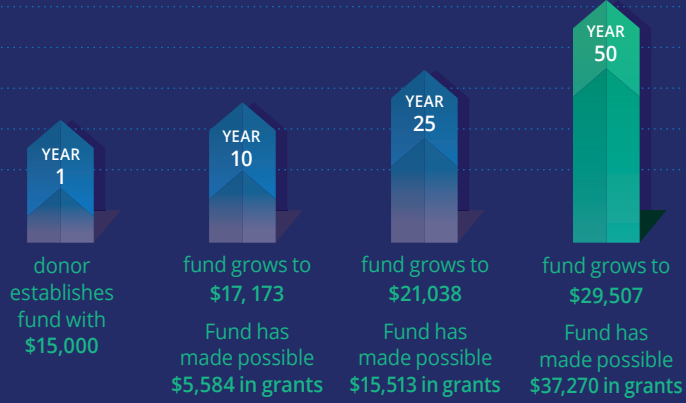
<i>Ethan Flexman</i>	\$500
<i>Alyssa Shelander</i>	\$1,000
<i>Marhea Unverdorben</i>	\$500

#### Michele Krahe Peace O.H.S. Scholarship

<i>Matthew Sorokes</i>	\$500
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#### Nicolas G. Pendl Memorial Scholarship

<i>Jacob Giardini</i>	\$500
<i>Anna Seamon</i>	



*This assumes a one-time gift; The fund will grow even faster with additional contributions! These figures assume a 6.5% ROI, 1.5% administrative fee and 3.5% grant payout each year. Donor designated funds and Agency funds over \$1 million do not adhere to this spending policy.*



### Legacy Society planned giving

The Foundation's Legacy Society recognizes donors who have made or plan to make a gift through an estate plan or another planned giving strategy like a life income gift, life insurance policy or retirement plan. Donors and attorneys are encouraged to contact the Foundation to discuss planned giving options.







Schlosser front right

## Ryan Schlosser

Ryan Schlosser, a 2017 Burt Scholarship recipient and Allegany-Limestone Central School graduate, spent his Fall semester at Saint Lawrence University learning how to live simply and care for the environment in a “study abroad” program that took him to an entirely different world, despite being just an hour away from his campus. For a full semester, Schlosser found himself in a yurt village called Arcadia with no running water and limited electricity in the Adirondack Mountains. In addition to hiking, camping, canoeing and a number of other activities, Schlosser and others involved in the program had one three-hour class per day and were encouraged to journal about their experiences each day. Through the program, Schlosser discovered his true love for the outdoors and for creative writing. Prior to his time at Aracadia, he said he had little to no interest in writing. Now, Schlosser said he is considering pursuing a career in outdoor recreation while also working on environmental-based creative writing.



<b>Josephine S. Pepper Memorial Ag. Scholarship</b>	
<i>Emilia Brotka</i>	\$1,000
<b>Eric Peters Memorial Scholarship</b>	
<i>Kaylee Giambrone</i>	\$1,000
<b>Portville College Scholarships Fund</b>	
<i>Jaycie Childs</i>	\$300
<i>Kara Howard</i>	\$150
<i>Brandon Morrow</i>	\$250
<i>Aloysius Nothem</i>	\$100
<i>Piper Slocum</i>	\$100
<i>Haley Unverdorben</i>	\$100
<i>Korah Witherell</i>	\$600
<b>Mark J. Prockton Memorial Scholarship Fund</b>	
<i>Megan Kane</i>	\$500
<b>Ratana Ratanawongsa Scholarship</b>	
<i>Emmy LI</i>	\$225
<i>Sullivan O'Dell</i>	\$500
<b>OHS Walter L. Reisner Unsung Lineman Award</b>	
<i>Zachary Parr</i>	\$500
<b>Ben &amp; Rose Schwabenbauer Educational Scholarship</b>	
<i>Aloysius Nothem</i>	\$1,000
<i>Mia Rogers</i>	\$1,000
<i>Haley Unverdorben</i>	\$1,000
<b>William H. Schwier Memorial Scholarship</b>	
<i>Kathryn Willey</i>	\$500
<b>Mary Elizabeth Smith Scholarship</b>	
<i>Grant Fox</i>	\$500
<i>Madison Jaspersen</i>	\$600
<i>Grace Sherburne</i>	\$500
<b>Thomas &amp; Robert Smythe Scholarship</b>	
<i>Mariah Moses</i>	\$2,500
<b>Gregory D. Spring Perseverance Scholarship and Awards Fund</b>	
<i>Jesse Both</i>	\$500
<i>Morgan Davis</i>	\$500
<i>Hallie Domes</i>	\$500
<i>Alecsy Howell</i>	\$750
<i>Stone Lisek</i>	\$500
<i>Nick Mascioni</i>	\$500
<i>Anthony Rivera</i>	\$500
<i>Korah Witherell</i>	\$500
<b>Stitt Family Fund</b>	\$10,000 total
<i>Alexander Kruse (SBU)</i>	
<i>Brady Zambanini (SBU)</i>	
<b>Jonathan Teuscher Scholarship</b>	
<i>Kylea Andreano</i>	\$625
<i>Andrea Certo</i>	\$625
<i>Mac Gleason</i>	\$625
<i>Ethan Kelley</i>	\$625
<i>Katelyn Main</i>	\$625
<i>Nick Mascioni</i>	\$625
<i>Hali Peer</i>	\$625
<i>Kiya Porter</i>	\$625
<i>Enhui Przybyla</i>	\$625
<i>Kylie Schuman</i>	\$625
<i>Jade Swick</i>	\$625
<i>Gillian Williams</i>	\$625



### JoAnn Wehmeyer English Scholarship

Zackary Linderman

\$1,250

### Kaleigh Wilday Endowment Fund

Kelsey Pierce (scholar-athlete)

\$1,000

Brooklyn Auman (JCC)

\$1,000

### Paul & Mary Lou Wood Swim Scholarship

John Pietrucha

\$9,975

### Dr. Donald A. Wormer Family Scholarship

Jaycie Childs

\$2,500



Pictured center

## Natalie Sova

Natalie Sova, a recipient of the 2018 Patricia McCarthy Memorial Scholarship and John J. Murphy Family Scholarship, has continued her active involvement outside of the classroom since graduating from Olean High School. Sova, a health service administration and business analytics major at Ohio University's Honors Tutorial College, is a member of the school's Schey Sales Centre, Enactus and Aisec and also works as a tour guide. Sova serves as director of alumni relations for the sales centre, which helps connect students with internships and professional development opportunities, and helped organize the centre's twentieth anniversary gala event this year.

As a member of Enactus, Sova helped consult for local human societies, even encouraging a local humane society to purchase a physical location to further the society's services. Sova and her team then had the opportunity to present their project at the Enactus National Exposition. As a member of AIESEC, Sova had the opportunity to participate in a cultural exchange program in Costa Rica, where she helped teach life skills workshops to young adults with intellectual disabilities. Through the school's recreational classes she also had the opportunity to participate in caving and white water kayaking trips in Virginia and West Virginia.



Pictured front right



Pictured runner 183 and 184

## Abigail and Bailey Gostomski

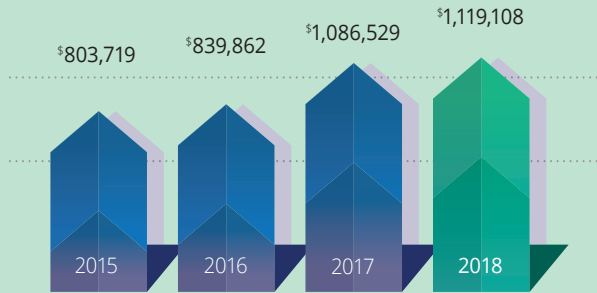
Abigail and Bailey Gostomski graduated as valedictorian and salutatorian respectively from Cattaraugus-Little Valley High School. The identical twins no doubt were used to sharing things, in this case including top honors at their school. They also both received the May C. Carroll Scholarship in 2018. Not only did Abigail and Bailey excel in the classroom, but they shared athletic prowess that earned them academic and athletic scholarships to Roberts Wesleyan College. In their first year, both continued their excellence in the classroom and in athletics. Both entered Roberts Wesleyan with undecided science majors, but Bailey found a love for computer science and declared that her major. Together the twins competed in nationals for Division II NCAA cross country. Abigail was also named Roberts Wesleyan freshman runner of the year.



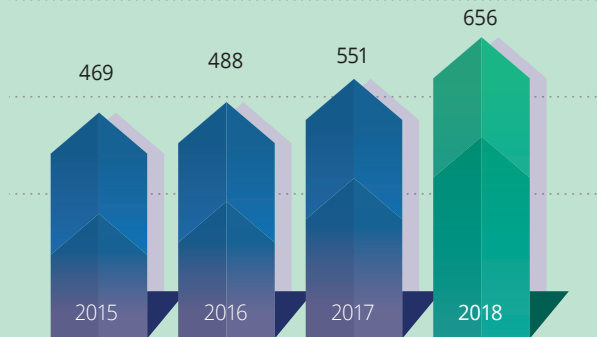


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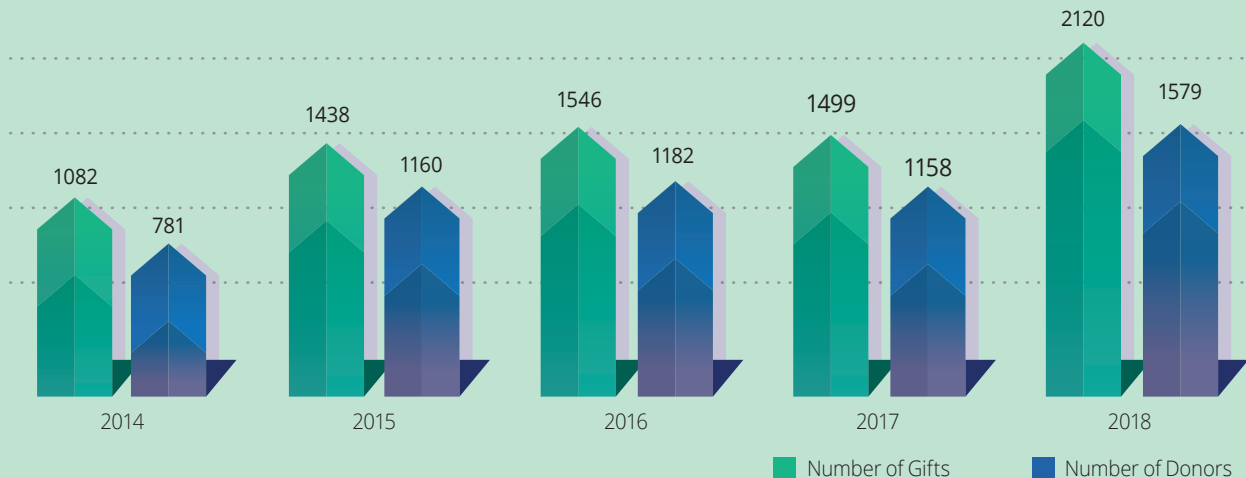
## Growth in Grants



## Number of Grants



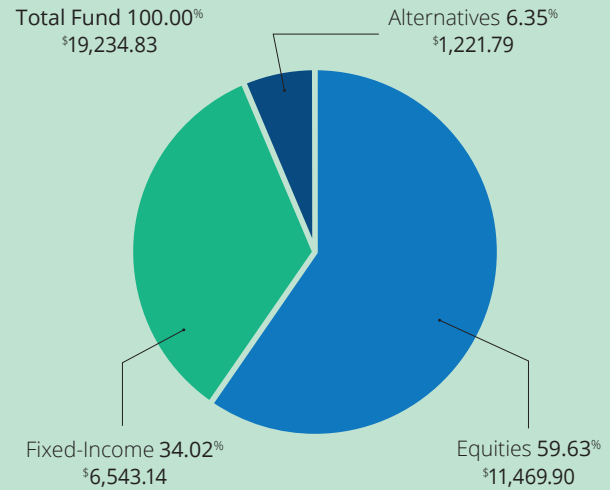
## Number of Gifts/Donors



## Scholarship Growth

	2017	2018
Students	74	81
Awards	93	99
\$ Awarded	\$155,503	\$179,900
Schools Represented	17	17

## Asset Allocation



## Donors, Memorials and Tributes

For an online list of 2018 donors, memorials, tributes and Legacy Society members, visit: <https://www.cattfoundation.org/about/financials/> and click on "2018 donors"



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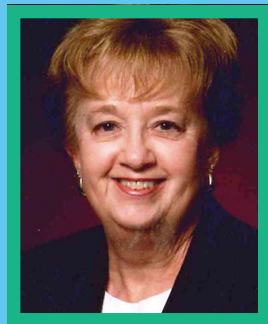
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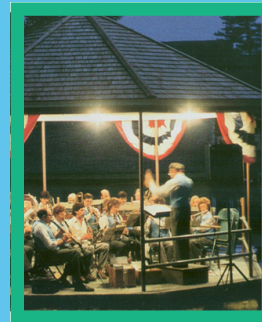
# 25 Years of Growing Good

**September 20, 1995**  
Receives 501 (c) (3) status.

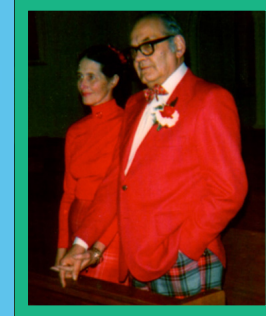


**1996**  
Carol Stitt is named the first Executive Director (initially an unpaid position) and begins formalizing foundation operations.

**1996**  
First major project fund, Allegheny River Valley Trail, is begun under the leadership of Joseph Higgins.



**1998**  
Kay and Oliver Williams/Rushford Fund – the foundation's first six-figure endowment is established.



**July 2000**  
Two new six-figure endowments are established – the donor-designated Doris Reisner Endowment benefiting 10 charities and Lewis & Doris Reisner Endowment Fund benefitting the Olean General Hospital.

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**September 20, 1994**  
Founded as a nonprofit and first named the Greater Olean Community Foundation with the purpose of enriching the life in the Olean area by providing a vehicle and service for donors to pursue varied philanthropic interest and to serve as a resource for charitable activities.

The first board included Walter Nye, president; Carol O'Connell, vice president; and John Stevens, secretary-treasurer. Staff support is provided by Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce.

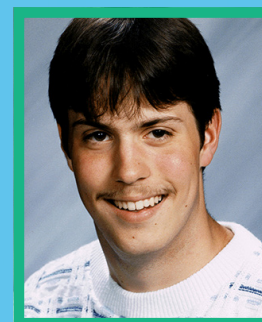
**December 1996**  
The young foundation concludes the year with \$43,835 in assets.

**1997**  
The board president is Edward Selee; Nancy Walsh, vice president, Joseph Higgins, treasurer; and Grey Fitzpatrick. Also includes other longtime board members who are continue to serve on current board: Michael Kasperski and Ward "Skip" Wilday, Douglas Price.

**1998**  
The Hinsdale Alumni Association Memorial Scholarship Fund is established.



**1999**  
The first memorial scholarship is created at CRCF - in memory of Jonathan Teuscher by his parents and family.



**2000**  
The unrestricted Community Fund is established by the board of directors with a mission to support changing needs in the area.

**October 2000**  
The foundation's name is changed officially via DBA to the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation (CRCF) to reflect its broader geographic range of services.

**December 2000**  
CRCF has assets of \$765,000.



2001

**January 2001**

The Burt Scholarship is established – providing four scholarships each year to a student in financial need – thanks to the Burt Committee of the First Presbyterian Church in Olean and established through a bequest from Dr. Rudolph Burt.



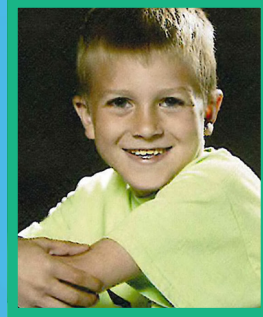
**2002**

Two popular funds are established – the Rose Pappas Foundation Fund and the Olean City School District Foundation Fund.



**2004**

Officers of the board of directors this year are Edward Selee, president; Nancy Walsh, vice president; Joseph Higgins, treasurer; and Douglas Price, secretary.



**2005**

The Tyler Bihler Memorial Scholarship is established in memory of 9-year-old Tyler Bihler. The first award is to be made in 2014 – the year he would have graduated from Olean High School.



**2006**

Bob Busan is hired as the Foundation's 2nd part-time Executive Director.

**2006**

Bob Busan, right, is pictured with Sandi Brundage of the Salamanca Youth Bureau.

2002

2003

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2006

**July 2001**

The Foundation's largest fund ever – the Mildred Milliman Fund is established – initially as an anonymous donor-designated fund with a gift of \$6 million from Mildred Milliman.



**2002**

The Kaleigh Wilday Endowment Fund is established in memory of 8-year-old Kaleigh, daughter of Skip and Greta Wilday. The fund supports numerous nonprofits and scholarship programs. The fund has since made possible nearly \$100,000 in grants to support local youth enrichment programs, providing countless special programs and opportunities for area youth.



**2003**

F. Donald Kenney Fund to support the Southern Tier Biennial art exhibit under the leadership of the Cattaraugus County Arts Council (now Tri-County Arts Council) and Olean Public Library is established.



**2004**

By its 10-year anniversary CRCF had assets of more than \$7 million and more than 30 funds. Grant awards topped \$350,000 while scholarship awards totaled more than \$7,000.

**May 2006**

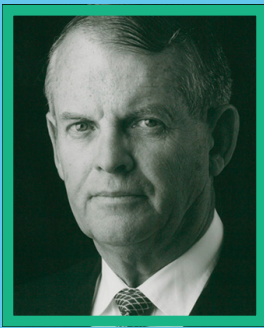
The Woodland in the City Fund is established and eventually makes possible an array of 4-foot-high fiberglass squirrels throughout Olean.



**2006**

Carol Stitt retires as executive director after nine years of service and becomes president of the board of directors. Under Mrs. Stitt's leadership the Foundation grew from \$75,000 in assets to more than \$9.6 million.





**2008**  
The John J. Murphy Family Scholarship is established – it provides a \$10,000 4-year scholarship to 4 new students each year initially.

**2007**  
The Foundation provides 166 grants totaling \$499,000 and \$19,825 in scholarship awards for the year.

**2009**  
At the 15-year anniversary mark the Foundation has more than 50 funds and \$8.9 million in assets, as its investments recover from the 2008 market decline. This year the foundation awarded about \$450,000 in grants, supporting numerous causes in the Cattaraugus region including healthcare, nutrition programs, school programs and scholarships.



**2010**  
Karen Niemic Buchheit is hired as the first full-time executive director after Bob Busan steps down.



**2013**  
Several agencies now have endowment funds within CRCF including the Council on Addiction Recovery Services (CAREs), Challenger Learning Center, Family Partners Group (now known as Olean Business Development), and the Mental Health Association in Cattaraugus County.

**2014**  
Board officers for the foundation's 20th anniversary year are Carol Stitt, president; Wendy Brand, vice president; Mike Kasperski, treasurer; and Doug Price, secretary.

**2014**  
Foundation assets reach \$13.6 million among more than 80 funds, including more than 20 scholarship funds. Going in to its 20th year the Foundation has awarded more than \$4 million in grants and scholarships since inception.

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**2008**  
CRCF implements foundation management software, bringing operations to a new level of service and sophistication and to better serve donors and fund advisors.

**2009**  
Board officers at the helm during the 15th anniversary year are Carol Stitt, president; Larry Sorokes, vice president; Mike Kasperski, treasurer; and Douglas Price, secretary.

**2010**  
The Carroll Anstaett Little League Fund is created – by Carroll Anstaett – known as Mr. Baseball in Olean – and his wife, Dolores, to provide a perpetual funding source to support up-and-coming sluggers.



**2011**  
CRCF hosts its first annual Nonprofit Networking Day to help local nonprofit organization with ideas to build capacity and learn from one another.



**2013**  
In 2013 the foundation awarded more than 280 grants totaling over \$684,900 to projects ranging from health care building construction and art exhibits to scholarships and youth development programs.

**2012**  
Foundation assets reach \$11.5 million among more than 60 funds. New funds this year include the Ellicottville Great Valley Trail Fund to support a new recreational multi-purpose pathway.





**2014**  
The Louis Zamperini Tribute Fund supports efforts to create a granite monument in honor of Louis Zamperini, an Olean native, Olympic athlete, World War II hero and subject of the book and film "Unbroken."

**2016**  
Wendy Brand is elected CRCF board president after Carol Stitt, the prior president, steps off the board for a year after serving three consecutive three-year terms.



**2017**  
Barbara Chew, who served the CRCF board of Directors for 20 years, is named an honorary board member in recognition of her distinguished service.



**2018**  
Karen Fohl is named an honorary CRCF board member. Fohl served on the board of directors for a number of years and also helped facilitate the establishment of the Mildred Milliman Fund, the Foundation's largest fund

**2019**  
CRCF begins its 25th anniversary year with assets over \$20 million and some 175 funds.

**2018**  
CRCF grants over \$1.1 million total in 2018 and receives more than \$1.3 million in gifts throughout the year. Donors establish 19 new funds at the Foundation.

2014

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2016

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2018

**2015**  
23 new funds are established at the Foundation, including the Nicolas G. Pendl Memorial Scholarship, Thomas W. Conklin Scholarship and Dr. Donald A. Wormer Family Scholarship, just to name a few. CRCF ends the year with more than \$15 million in assets.

**2015**  
Ray Hunt, A long-time friend of the late John J. Murphy, donated \$100,000 in Murphy's memory to the John J. Murphy Family Scholarship Fund at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation. This gift helped allow the fund reach a level of sustainable funding for annual, renewable \$10,000 scholarships for deserving 4 area students.

**2016**  
CRCF adds a third full-time staff position, communications and fund development coordinator, with the hire of Kirk Windus, to help with marketing and to assist fund advisors with fundraising to build fund principal.

**2017**  
CRCF awards a total of \$1,086,529 in grants during 2017 and ends the year with total assets of \$20,765,529 – an increase of over \$4 million from 2016.

**2017**  
The YMCA of the Twin Tiers establishes the YMCA of the Twin Tiers master fund. The \$2 million agency fund includes a number of endowments that support the mission of the YMCA of the Twin Tiers.



**2017**  
The Foundation's board of directors approves its largest-ever unrestricted grant, \$10,000, to the Olean Food Pantry to support an important expansion project at the organization building. The expansion made possible significant growth for the pantry, allowing it to better serve as a distribution center for other food pantries in Cattaraugus County.

**2017**  
The Foundation holds the first-ever Day of Giving in Cattaraugus County, Cattaraugus Gives during the state-wide NYGIVESDAY program, which raised over \$28,000 for 40 participating nonprofits in Cattaraugus County. CRCF also sponsored \$5,000 in prizes for participating organizations, making for a total impact of over \$33,000 in Cattaraugus County.



**2018**  
The second Cattaraugus Gives program raises over \$32,000 for nonprofits in Cattaraugus County. CRCF again sponsors \$5,000 in prizes, meaning more than \$37,000 overall is raised for nonprofits in Cattaraugus County. A number of Cattaraugus Gives nonprofits rank among the top in the state in terms of dollars raised and number of donors. The Olean City School District Foundation ends with the highest number of donors in the entire state.





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