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Chautauqua Region
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
2019 Fall Newsletter
The Community Foundation’s scholarship program supports hundreds of students throughout Chautauqua County who are furthering their education in a variety of subjects and vocations. During the 2018-2019 academic year, $1,189,750 was awarded from nearly 350 scholarship funds.

The **Jamestown High School Class of 1969 Scholarship** was presented to JHS graduating senior, Matthew Roehmholdt. This fall, Matthew is attending Keuka College to study psychology.

Chautauqua Lake Central School graduating senior, Kyler Majka, received the **Owen J. Miller Memorial Scholarship**. Kyler is attending Onondaga Community College to study physical education.

Eston Shedd received the **W. Peter Peterson Scholarship** during Southwestern Central School’s Senior Awards Night. Eston is attending Purdue University to study aviation management this fall.

**First Time Scholarship Awards**

In June, the Foundation attended seven high school graduations and senior awards ceremonies to present more than $250,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors. The Foundation looks forward to meeting its donors and fund founders to present these scholarships and is proud to announce several that presented awards for the first time!

For the 2019-2020 academic year, applications from graduating high school seniors and college students to the Foundation’s scholarship program reached an all-time high at 769!
So far in 2019, CRCF has granted $939,104 to 106 local organizations to support the community.

Grants are awarded to organizations for projects focused on health and wellness, youth programming, environmental needs, economic development and, most often, education.

In March, the Foundation’s Fund for the Region supported Dream It Do It of Western New York’s annual STEM Wars competition at Jamestown Community College. During the event, more than 950 students from 26 local elementary, middle and high schools spent the day showcasing their science, technology, engineering and math skills and competing against one another in a variety of creative and innovative challenges, such as a robotics competitions, 3-D printed car races, and bridge building competitions.

Throughout the school year, nearly 300 students between the ages of 10-18 received personal safety and emergency response lessons at the Chautauqua Children’s Safety Education Village. Certified instructors prepared youth for how to get out of unsafe situations, the dangers of sexting and internet relationships, first aid techniques and hands only CPR.

Field trips are also an integral part of the learning process and Discovery Walks at the Audubon Community Nature Center expose thousands of students, of all ages, to the natural world around them. In addition to funding trips, the Foundation’s Fund for the Region also supports in-class visits with staff and volunteers from the Audubon.

Recently, summer programming has become a popular way to reduce summer learning loss as students spend the warm, summer months away from a traditional classroom setting. The Foundation is proud to provide funding for the Jamestown Public School’s Summer LEAP Program, 7 local libraries’ summer reading programs, various vacation bible schools, and camperships to Camp Merz, YMCA’s Camp Onyahsa, and YWCA Jamestown’s Camp Lakeside.

With these grants, the Foundation remains committed to enriching the quality of life in the Chautauqua region, for residents of all ages!
Gifts were made in honor of the following individuals between January 1 and June 30, 2019

All the strong women who have helped me learn and grow
Deborah Benson Andersen
Erik Anderson
Joyce Anderson
Iva Ayers
Janet Baker
Patricia Baker
Sharon Bane
Helen Barone
Horace Battaglia
Joseph G. Bellian
Edward Bello
Angeline Bellomo
Emma Frances Berg
Joan Bernett
Anthony Bielat
Sally Black
Tim Black
Betty Blair
C. Jeffrey Bloomquist
Clara Boland
Lyla Bowen
Joan Briggs
Marilee Brooks
June Brown
Joseph Brunacini
Lucille Burdick
Irving Burgeson
Doris Burkland
Marva Burt
Shirley Bush
Jeanette Calabrese
Viola Carlson
Providence Caronia
Ruth Carris
Grace Cash
Anne Chambers
Carmella Cirincione
Mary Ann Clements
Ann Cohen
Dora Colton
Dominic Colucci
Paulette Conti
Rebecca Corll
Sue Ann Crytzer
Kathleen Cunningham
Gay Davidson
Maria DeJoy
Roberto Denoya
Sarah Deyell
June C. Diethrick
Elizabeth Domino
Paul Duvall
Linda Earle
Patricia Ebert
Cloe Eddy
Alice Edwards
Robert Eggleston
Edna Ellington
Cornelis Feenstra
Carrie, Pat and Matt Finnerty
Janette Foti
Betty Jean Franks
Shirley Frankson
Robert Frontuto
Jayne Furman
Richard Geiger
Margaret Gennuso
Marian Genovese
Charles Gilmore
Maria Goble
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy J. Goffar
Ople Gollnitz
Edith Goon
Mary Grassi
Loretta Griehm
Dan Gullotti
Nancy Guzy
Dr. and Mrs. J. Bruce Hagadorn
Eleanor Hagelin
Ruth Hammond
Mary (Liz) E. Harte's Birthday
Jean Hartweg
Jeanne Hauser
Karie Hayes
Cyril Hays
Margaret Hilliker
Margaret Hilliker
Marlene Hornstrom
Doris House
Ethel Hulings
Maria Immordino
Janice Indelicato
Barbara J. (Bebie) Johnston
Nancy Johnston
Joseph Juliano
Clinton Kamery
Mr. and Mrs. A. David Kerr
Violet Kianos
Arthur Kibbe
Jeanette King
Helen Kjornsberg
David Knepshield
Patricia Kowalczyk
Patricia Kozlowski
Joann Kraemer
Sharon Kuhl
Jean Kulpa
John M. LaMancuso, MD
Rose LaPorte
Carol Larson
Late Model Drivers at Stateline Speedway
Mr. and Mrs. James J. Lawton
Joan Lemay
Mary Lensey
H Marlene Lezark
Edna Liden
Richard Lind
George Lindsey
Raymond Linza
Thomas Lombardo
Genevieve Ludemann
Yole Lund
Esther Lunetta
Jeanette Mansfield
Caroline Mara
Connie Martin
Gloria Martin
Barbara Maxson
Thomas McCrady
John McNally
Marie Mekus
Daniel Millet
Nancy Milspaw
Cynthia Morrison
Ellen Morrison
Motherhood
Sam Muscarella
Lorna Myers
Maddie Myers
June Newell
Isabel Nichols
Sven Norberg
Steven Nuse
Mary Ann Green Olson
Paula Olson
Mildred Owczarzak
Stanley Owczarzak
Evelyn Owen
George Panebianco
Virginia Patchen
Margaret Patterson
Raymond Pauszek
Augustine Pellerino
Sarah Pellerino
Pam Lucas Receives Unsung Hero Award

"She is the queen of random acts of kindness."

That is how Debbie Basile, Retired Senior Volunteer Program at Lutheran, director, described Pam Lucas.

On June 8, Pam was publicly recognized for her service to the community and received the Foundation’s Axel W. Carlson “Unsung Hero” Award during an event at the Falcons Nest.

For decades, Pam has unselfishly given her time to countless community organizations, starting as a leader in her children’s scouting programs.

As her children grew out of scouting, Pam did not grow out of serving others. In addition to being a member of RSVP for more than 15 years, she has dedicated her time to sewing clothing items for patients at UPMC Chautauqua, altering clothing and giving haircuts to the guests at the UCAN City Mission, as well as, preparing meals at St. Susan Center.

Pam also sews items and assembles “foster children suitcases” for Court Appointed Special Advocates of Chautauqua County to be given to children in its program.

During the event, the Foundation presented Pam with a plaque commemorating her achievements, $1,000 for herself and $500 to be awarded to a charity of her choice. She selected the UCAN City Mission.

“I truly love helping others and giving of my service those in need,” Pam said. “There have been many people on my life’s journey that have taught me important skills that I hope to pass on to others.”

For 34 years, the Unsung Hero Award has been presented annually to residents of the Southern Chautauqua region who have made significant contributions to their community through their efforts while neither receiving, nor expecting, reward or recognition.
Gifts were made in memory of the following individuals
between January 1 and June 30, 2019

H. James Abdella
Helen Alden
Harold R. Andersen

Jean T. Anderson
Roger E. Anderson
Susan Pfeeger Andre
Willis N. Archer
David B. Bailey
Mable L. Bailey
Mary Bellandi Bandish

Clifford T. Bauer
Clifford T. Bauer's Birthday
Douglas E. Benson
Robert H. Benson
Alan M. Bentley
Maureen Berner
David Biddle
Rosemary (Rosie) Billquist
Gordon W. Black
Rachel Boerst
Ron Brake
Joan L. Brigiotta
Denise Elaine Tryon Brown
Donald Bube
June T. Burgett
Roxanne Cady
Dale Carlson
Herbert I.F. and Bonnelyn "Anne" Carlson
Lu Ann Carlson
Robert V. Carlson

Meagan Lee Danielson
Jack Dayvaul
J. Kenneth Deault
George G. Deering Jr.
Ruth S. Dodds
Elizabeth Dunker
Merle Elkin
Regina Ellis
Harold Erickson
William G. (Gus) Erickson
Richard A. Errico
Lois E. Estabrook
Rollin A. and Annie Fancher
Arthur Fellows
Robert Frankson
JoAnn Babcock Fuscus
Marjorie Muir Gliozzo
US Senator Charles Goodell

Timothy J. Grace

John Michael Grilla
Mary Ann Johnson Gruel
Josephine and Samuel Gullotti
Daniel L. Gustafson Sr.
Charles Hagadorn
Sheridan and Dorothy Hardenburg
Alan L. Harding
Samuel G. Hawfield III
Wilma Hayes
Edwin J. and Katherine M. Hegstedt
Faith Andres Henry
John Holt
Mark A. Howard
Mary B. Hunt
Lois and Oke Isaacson
Angeline Papa Conti Jackson
JHS Class of 1950 Deceased Members
Cynthia A. Johnson
Kenneth P. Johnson
Lindsay M. Johnson
Steve Johnson
Edith R. Jones
Terry N. Jonethis
Barbara Josephson

Jeffery D. Kearney

Kenneth M. Kilburn
Judy Kirk
David L. Klawon MD
David Kneplshield
Verna M. Krudys

Michael LaMancuso
Michael LaMancuso's Birthday
Sharon Lang
Linda Langworthy
Donald E. Larkin's 70th Birthday
Slim Leone
Bertha Lindquist

Sandy Lindquist
Charles J. Lindros
Valerie B. Lynde

James W. Lyons
Betty Lou Schnell Markiel
S. Ralph and Frances Marra
Louella McIntyre
Military Service Veterans from JHS
Owen J. Miller
Owen J. Miller's Birthday
Joseph Minarovich
Eleanor Mae Withrow Mira
Dolores A. Mitcham
Raymond Monahan
Lisa Monahan
Joshua Morrill
Jessie L. Myers
Alison Ney

June Nordstrand
Over the last six months, the Foundation has received several gifts made in memory of families’ beloved four legged members.

These gifts have been specifically designated to benefit The Little Lenny Cat Care Fund, which was established to provide spay/neuter procedures, necessary vaccinations and medical treatment for cats.

Funds are equally distributed annually to the Chautauqua County Humane Society, Lakeshore Humane Society, Westfield Stray Cat Rescue and Ten Lives Club.

To learn more about the number of animal welfare organizations supported by funds at the Community Foundation, or to establish a fund to honor an animal close to your heart, contact our office at (716) 661-3390.
On September 19, Joel Gaden will be presented the Foundation’s John D. Hamilton Community Service Award for his dedication, leadership and support in furthering community spirit in the Chautauqua Region.

An ROTC graduate of Lehigh University, Joel served seven years in the U.S. Army Reserves. Following his honorable discharge from the Army with the rank of Captain, he began a successful career in banking and finance in New York City.

In the late 1960s, Joel, his wife Nancy and their three children moved to Jamestown, where he spent the next 20 years serving as president of the former Bank of Jamestown and First National Bank.

Since moving to the area, Joel immersed himself in community service, volunteering as president of the United Way of Southern Chautauqua County, advisory board chair at the Jamestown YMCA, and volunteer at the Salvation Army.

Although retired, Joel continues his volunteer efforts by donating his time as a tax preparer for the United Way’s VITA program, member of the audit committee at WCA Foundation, president of the advisory board at RSVP and Foster Grandparents at Lutheran, chair of the Lutheran Foundation and an Elder on the Session at First Presbyterian Church.

Reservations for the dinner presentation, to be held at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel, can be made by contacting the Foundation at (716) 661-3390 by September 12.