

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR SOUTH CENTRAL NEW YORK



Homegrown Giving

2009 Annual Report





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Mission Statement

The Community Foundation offers caring individuals an effective way to endow their community in a manner that is responsible, responsive and lasting.

Responsible

- provides leadership and resources to address problems of our regional community
- encourages individuals and organizations to participate in organized philanthropy
- preserves and enhances assets entrusted to our stewardship

Responsive

- identifies and evaluates the ever-changing needs of the region
- makes grants consistent with needs
- offers flexible options of charitable giving for individuals of varying means

Lasting

- builds capacity for community problem solving
- builds endowment in order to enrich quality of life and improve the human condition for generations to come

The Community Foundation serves Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Otsego and Tioga counties.



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"Connecting donors who care with causes that matter."

Homegrown Giving



John W. Foley,
Chairman



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Executive Director

Homegrown. It's an expression that means so much more than just the combination of two simple words.

In our largely rural part of the world, when something is homegrown you know it's been planted with care, intention and more than a little hope. Its very existence is the result of hands-on

nurturing because "this is for us"—this will sustain our family, our friends, our neighbors... our community.

The Community Foundation is very much a homegrown organization. Its founders, all local residents, wanted to make life better in the region now and in the future by providing a central access point for community philanthropy, for "homegrown giving." Area individuals, families and businesses plant the "seeds" through their donations and the charitable funds they establish here. Board members, volunteers and staff work to nurture and grow the Foundation. And who benefits from the harvest? We all do, through the many grants the Foundation gives to nonprofits working for our communities' welfare.

Last year, 2009, epitomized the concept. Despite the recession the desire of area residents to give back to our communities, rural and urban, did not abate. Four new charitable funds were established or fully funded at the Foundation,

Highlights for 2009:

- Twenty-seven grants totaling nearly \$200,000 were awarded through the Foundation's competitive and volunteer-run CommuniFund™ process to nonprofits in the six counties served by the Foundation.
- Donor advised and other "special" funds (i.e., donor-established funds) awarded more than \$439,000 in grants.
- After the tragic shootings at the American Civic Association in Binghamton, the Community Foundation offered its assistance, facilitating a meeting of area foundations and awarding ACA a \$20,000 grant toward renovations of its building that would allow it to continue its important mission of helping immigrants from abroad.
- The Foundation presented two grantwriting workshops in Tioga and Cortland counties and sponsored (in partnership with other area foundations and organizations) three other workshops and a mini-grant program to help build organizational capacity at area nonprofits.
- Two programs, the Youth Philanthropy Council at Norwich High School and the Binghamton University Philanthropy Incubator, were supported by the Foundation to educate students about "giving back" through philanthropy.
- The Women's Fund, a donor-driven fund, awarded \$7,000 in grants to address serious issues affecting the region's women and girls, held an annual breakfast in June that broke all records for attendance and reached out in a fall event to women in Otsego County.

bringing the total to forty-nine. These included the Stephen J. and Betty E. Purtell Fund, as well as the Black Knight Funds for the Windsor Central School District (see stories, inside). Other residents gave to existing funds, such as the CommuniFund™ and The Women's Fund. And the end-of-year direct mail appeal exceeded previous years by bringing in \$66,123, thanks to current and former area residents.

From these funds came a harvest of grants—more than ninety valued at approximately \$642,000 in 2009—that went back out into our towns, cities and rural areas to help local residents, educate our youth, renovate community

buildings and facilities, support the arts and humanities, provide technical assistance to nonprofits and more.

Local solutions to local problems—all thanks to the generosity of those who give to the Community Foundation. With your help, the Foundation reached a major milestone this past year: **more than \$5 million in grants awarded since the Foundation began in 1997.**

Homegrown giving. Clearly, there are a lot of talented gardeners out there. *Thank you.*



Homegrown Giving: Choosing the Giving Path That's Right for You

For those who contribute to the Community Foundation, “homegrown giving” means having the freedom to choose from an array of charitable gift options all housed in one local nonprofit organization—options that help the donor make a significant, lasting and often focused impact on the causes and issues that concern him or her most right here at home.

As a central access point for both philanthropic giving and for grantmaking to nonprofits throughout our region, the Community Foundation works with people at all income and asset levels to become not just givers, but philanthropists and grantmakers. Why? Because we believe that you should be able to see the impact of your gifts and be able to take a more active role, if you choose, than just giving money.

Who Gives?

Individuals, families, businesses, organizations, other foundations—anyone who cares about our region and its people, who believes in our future and is willing to invest in it. If that sounds like you, then know that when you give to the Community Foundation you can be assured that:

- *Your gift will be well-managed.* The Board of Directors oversees all investment activities at the Foundation and works with a highly qualified team of investment professionals to manage the Foundation's endowment.

- *Giving is easy and convenient.* Staff handles all administrative paperwork related to funds established at the Foundation.
- *You have access to local, personalized service* from philanthropic professionals.
- *Your gift is tax-advantaged* to the extent permitted by law.

Charitable Gift Options

As a donor, you can target your gift to one or more of five different types of funds at the Community Foundation. You have the further option of either establishing a fund of your own* within four of these categories or contributing to an existing fund.

The **CommuniFund™** is the Foundation's unrestricted general fund. It accepts gifts of any size and supports the Foundation's twice-yearly competitive grants program to address community needs. Submitted proposals undergo a three-step review involving community members and Board, and only the strongest rise to the top for funding.

Donor Advised funds are established by individuals, families or others who have larger amounts to contribute and want to have a hand in deciding which organizations receive grants from their particular fund. They're convenient; donors can recommend grants to their favorite charities several times a year, but only have to deal with one organization for their tax letters: the Community Foundation.

Field of Interest funds are established by donors to make grants to area nonprofits working in a field that the donor is passionate about. The Women's Fund at the Foundation is an example of such a fund.

Designated funds are set up to benefit a specific program, locality, agency or group of agencies. And **Scholarship Funds** support the education of local students.

To read the list of funds currently housed at the Community Foundation, see page 13.

Does a gift always have to be money?

No. Although cash, checks and credit card gifts (MC or VISA) are always welcome, the Foundation can accept various kinds of gifts. Many contributors have given stock or mutual funds, putting excess shares to good use and avoiding capital gains. Planned gifts (wills, Charitable Remainder/Lead Trusts, beneficiary designations, life insurance policies, etc.) are also a possibility. And on a case-by-case basis, the Foundation will consider gifts of real estate or personal property.

More questions? We'll gladly help. Visit our web site at www.cfscny.org for more details or call us at (607) 772-6773.

There are minimums to establish **new funds, although gifts of any size may be added to an existing fund. For contributions to funds other than the CommuniFund™ or The Women's Fund, donors are advised to contact Foundation staff before initiating the gift.*

Donor Profile: Giving Back, Close to Home



Stephen and Betty Purtell both grew up in families of modest means, but they did well in life. In 1959 Steve started building his business, a Manpower employment agency in Binghamton. Betty joined the firm in the 1970s.

Hard work earned the Purtells a more than comfortable living. In 1996 they sold their business and got ready to move full time to Florida.

Just because the Purtells planned to head south, however, didn't mean they planned to leave their home town behind.

"We were able to make some money, and we made it in this community," Betty explains. "So we felt that we needed to give back at least some portion of that to help the community."

Steve contacted the Community Foundation and arranged a bequest to establish the Stephen J. and Betty E. Purtell Fund. He felt it was important to take that step before the couple left Binghamton, Betty says. "When you move away from a community, it gets easy to forget that that's where you made your money and that's where you spent most of your life." The Purtells had no intention of forgetting their home town.

They chose to work with the Community Foundation because they trusted the organization. "We didn't have any doubt that the money would be used appropriately," says Betty.

The Purtells created their fund to help young people through high school age. "We've always been interested in the education of youth," Betty notes.

They have more than once backed up that interest with generous action. After Steve's mother passed away, he established a scholarship at Penn State University, his alma mater, in her memory. And rather than sell their home before moving to Florida, the Purtells donated the property to the Children's Home in Binghamton. Creating a Field of Interest fund with the Community Foundation would allow them to further pursue their philanthropic interests.

Steve died in February 2009, and the fund that he and Betty created was fully funded in October of that year. In fall 2010 the Community Foundation will start making grants from the Stephen J. and Betty E. Purtell Fund. Through Steve's bequest, he and Betty will remain a generous force for good in their home community for many years to come.

Community Support Seals the Deal for Rural Head Start Center

The hamlet of Schenevus sits in one of the most rural regions of Otsego County. Twelve percent of residents in this area live in poverty. So the Head Start Center in the Schenevus Valley Grange Hall offers an especially important resource for local families who want to give their preschoolers a great start in life.

Opportunities for Otsego (OFO) began renting the old Grange building for its Head Start program in the 1990s. The program serves about forty children in two classrooms.

When the building's owners put the Grange Hall up for sale in 2009, officials at OFO started raising the \$65,000 they needed to buy it. Purchasing the building was the only feasible way to keep Head Start operating in the area.

"There were no other existing structures in the community that would have met state day care regulations," says Daniel Maskin, OFO's chief executive officer. And the agency certainly couldn't afford to construct a new building. "We would have been in a real jam, and potentially we would have had to close the Center," he says.

Luckily, the federal Office of Head Start came through with nearly \$55,000 towards the purchase price. A local couple contributed another \$5,000. Then the Community Foundation granted \$5,000 from the CommuniFund™, closing the gap so that OFO could close the deal.

As owner, OFO will find it easier to maintain the building and adapt it to future needs. "If there were any kind of structural changes we wanted to make—additions or things like that—this clears the way for us to go ahead," Maskin says. And with neither rent nor a mortgage to pay, OFO now has a little extra to spend on upkeep and improvements, he says.

The building purchase helps to ensure that OFO will continue to offer early childhood education in the center of the community, where families can access it easily. "Everybody knows about the Grange," Maskin says. "Everybody knows where it is."

And now, everybody has a hand in keeping Head Start strong in southeastern Otsego County. "We're very happy that we did this with a combination of federal funds and local community support," Maskin says. "That can demonstrate in a lot of ways that we're engaged in the community, and the community sees this as an important investment."



Windsor Community Builds for the Future

From hands-on projects that make kids eager to learn, to scholarships that help send high school seniors to college, school programs that go beyond the basics can often depend on contributions from a generous community.

School districts, though, aren't well equipped to take donations. For one thing, according to law, a district that receives a direct donation must spend that money within one or two budget years. "Then it's gone," says Stephen Feehan, a member of the Windsor Central School District's Board of Education. A school district can't accept monetary gifts that go on giving.

From now on, though, gifts to the Windsor school community can make a lasting impact, thanks to two special funds created within the Community Foundation. The Black Knight Fund (named for Windsor's mascot) will support short-term initiatives such as mini-grants and special capital projects. The Black Knight Legacy Fund, an endowed fund, will support scholarships and other long-term needs.

Since members of the Windsor community don't have the expertise required to manage a foundation on their own,

working with the Community Foundation is a perfect solution, says Jason Andrews, superintendent of the Windsor Central School District. "You can rest easy knowing that funds are being handled appropriately, professionally and legally."

The Community Foundation made it extremely simple to establish the funds, says Barb Mirch, a member of the School Board and chair of the Black Knight Fund Advisory Committee. "They prepared all the forms. We just had to sign some papers and then start sending them the checks."

The Windsor community launched the Black Knight Legacy Fund with an initial \$25,000 from local contributors. The Advisory Committee will raise further dollars for both funds, welcoming donations large and small from anyone who feels a tie to the district. "We're looking at trying to tap alumni who are interested in giving back to the school, perhaps former employees, and vendors and corporate partners that work with the school," Andrews says.

With the Community Foundation to administer the funds, the Advisory Committee can focus on connecting with potential donors, says Feehan, who serves on the Committee. And donors can rest assured that their gifts will be managed wisely. "The Community Foundation provides that," he says.

The funds will create important opportunities for Windsor's students, says Mirch. For some kids, programs that spark excitement about school might even make the crucial difference between failure and success, she says. "This is a great way to give them an awesome start."

The Black Knight Funds will provide mini-grants to teachers, as well as support scholarships, special capital projects and longer-term needs, such as keeping up with new educational technology. Teacher Kori Flynn and student Sydney Webb are seen here standing before an interactive Whiteboard, a computer and Internet-based teaching tool currently in use throughout the district.



Windsor CSD student Rachael LaMantia helps out in the Blue Stone Café, located in the High School's library. An example of the type of educational project the Black Knight Funds could help support, the Café serves to attract kids to the library, provides hands-on experience for business students and offers a space to display student art.

Village Thrift Shop Finds a Place of its Own

You can't get much more homegrown than the Common Cents Thrift Shop. Since 1983 members of Church Women United of Oxford have been selling gently-used clothing, housewares and other items to benefit their neighbors. Revenues go to the food pantries of Oxford and McDonough, and the shop donates items free of charge to families that suffer emergencies or other great need.

Through the years, the shop has moved all over Oxford, finding temporary homes in all four churches and the village library. In 2006 the shop set up in the basement of the United Methodist Church. Although that space worked well in many ways, a basement shared with church members wasn't the best possible place to run a shop.

Before the shop opened for the day, volunteers first had to unload merchandise from boxes, drag clothing racks from closets

and set up their displays. At closing time, they put everything back in storage. And, of course, sometimes church members had other plans for the space during business hours. "When they needed the room, we had to be closed," says

Linda Hofmann, a volunteer with the Common Cents Thrift Shop.

In 2009 a local benefactor offered to pay part of the rent on a new location, a storefront in the center of Oxford. The thrift shop opened for business at 4 Lafayette Park in October 2009.

A \$1,300 grant from the Community Foundation, made to the Chenango Foundation on behalf of the Common Cents Thrift Shop, helped the organization purchase tables, new clothing racks, size markers and other equipment to furnish the shop.

Finding a permanent, full-time home has made a big difference. "We're now open four and a half days a week, whereas previously we were only open two and a half days," Hofmann says. Merchandise can stay on display overnight, so there's no more packing and unpacking. With little setup to do, volunteers can open the shop an hour earlier than before.

Longer business hours mean more opportunities for people to shop. The new, highly-visible location also encourages more traffic. "We've been quite busy," Hofmann says. So there's more money flowing in to support the food pantries.

Those improvements couldn't have come at a better time, given the state of the economy.



The ribbon-cutting in October 2009 for the new location of the Common Cents Thrift Shop in Oxford meant no more daily setting-up and taking-down of donated merchandise. The shop now has its own designated space at 4 Lafayette Park in the village.

"More than ever, people are in need of food and support," Hofmann says. Standing right in the middle of a tight-knit community, the Common Cents Thrift Shop is better positioned than ever to help.



Betty Benedict is one of several Oxford area residents who serve as volunteers at the Common Cents Thrift Shop.

Helping Neighbors Get Out Into the World

If you can't leave your house on your own, then you can't go to work, pick up groceries or escape if the smoke alarm rings. That's the challenge people face when they rely on wheelchairs but don't have ramps on their homes.

Working in the community, members of Binghamton's First Ward Action Council (FWAC) and the Broome County Council of

Churches (BC3) both have discovered a tremendous need for wheelchair ramps. "We've run into situations where people are more or less stuck in their homes, not able to get out unless somebody carries them down the stairs," says Jerry Willard, FWAC's executive director.

In 2009 the two organizations joined forces to address that problem. BC3 used its ties to local organizations and congregations to recruit youth and adult volunteers to build ramps on thirteen homes. FWAC contributed funds, including a \$9,000 grant it received for the project from the Community Foundation.

FWAC also lent BC3 some of its considerable expertise in home repair and modification. "We talked to them in the beginning about problems they might run across, hoping we could help them to avoid some of the problems we've had to work through in the past," Willard says.

Staff from Home Depot trained one adult mentor for each team, sharing advice on how to work safely and build the ramps correctly. In all, 111 youths and 77 adults took part.

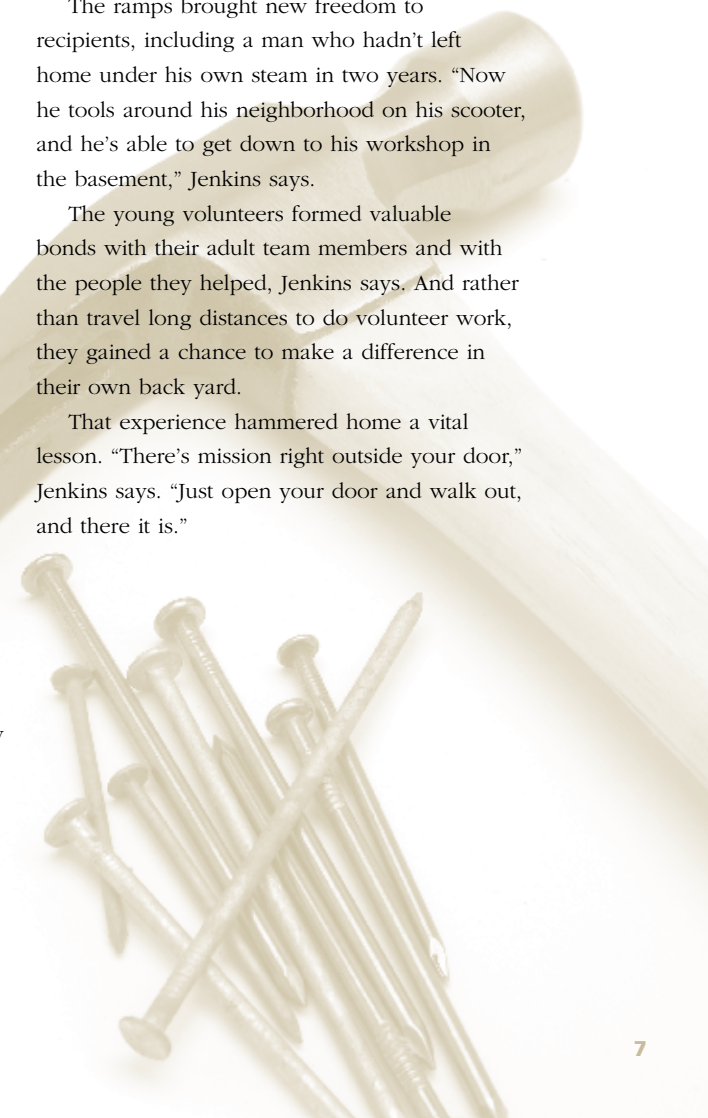
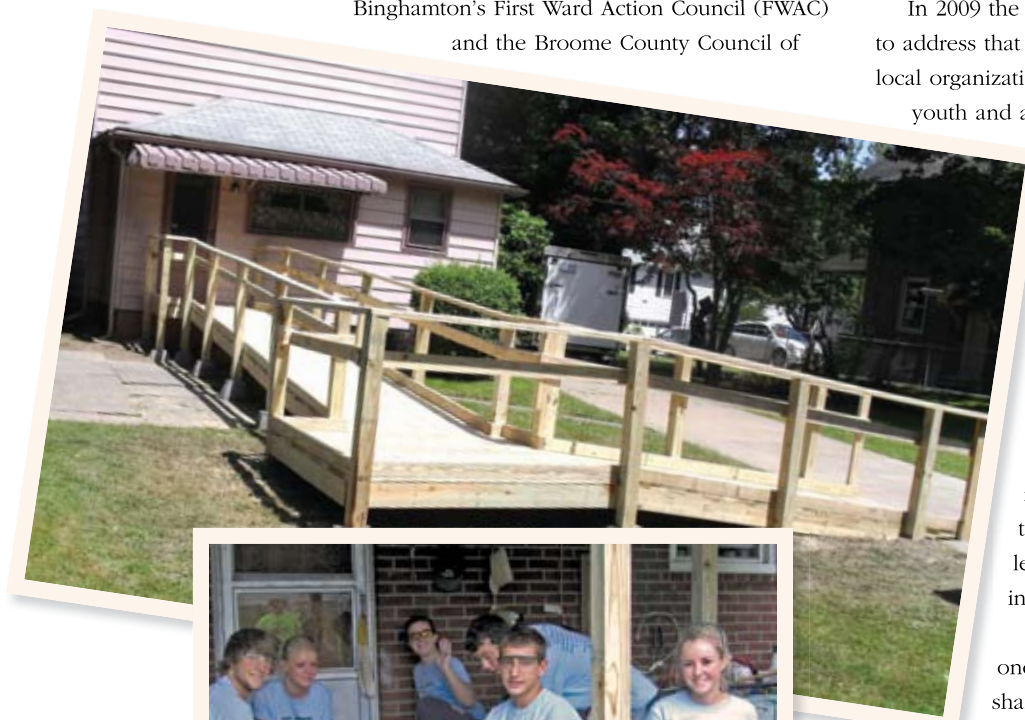
Some of those teams made a big impression. Take, for example, the group that helped a mother and son who both needed a ramp. After they'd finished construction, the volunteers

came back to help clean the house and cook dinner. Their spirit of giving was infectious, says Greg Jenkins, a program director with BC3. "The mother now volunteers with the Council of Churches' Faith in Action program."

The ramps brought new freedom to recipients, including a man who hadn't left home under his own steam in two years. "Now he tools around his neighborhood on his scooter, and he's able to get down to his workshop in the basement," Jenkins says.

The young volunteers formed valuable bonds with their adult team members and with the people they helped, Jenkins says. And rather than travel long distances to do volunteer work, they gained a chance to make a difference in their own back yard.

That experience hammered home a vital lesson. "There's mission right outside your door," Jenkins says. "Just open your door and walk out, and there it is."



The Women's Fund: Working Together to Empower Local Women



This group of budding young entrepreneurs (shown with program leaders Autumn Lavine and Janet LaRue) is benefiting from a Women's Fund grant to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tioga County for its "Youth as Entrepreneurs" program, being held at The Phoenix Café, a youth center in Waverly.

The concept is simple. Extend a hand of support, of empowerment, of education to women and girls, and not only will they grow and thrive, but all society benefits. The UN backs this assertion. "As we know from long and indisputable experience, investing in women and girls has a multiplier effect on productivity and sustained economic growth," says Secretary General Ban Ki-moon. "No measure is more important in advancing education and health..."

Now pair that concept with the idea of local women coming together to give back to the community that has nurtured them, to pool their money and talents and use them as a philanthropic force to help the women and girls of our region.

That's The Women's Fund.

Established in 2002, The Women's Fund gives donors the opportunity to make an immediate impact on the issues facing many women and girls in our area, while also building an endowment for the future. And if they choose, donors can be more directly involved through committee work, providing leadership, evaluating grant proposals or helping to build the fund.

The Women's Fund

In 2009 The Women's Fund awarded \$7,000 in grants through a competitive process, ultimately selecting three proposals for funding.

Recipients included **Cornell Cooperative Extension, Tioga County**, which received a \$2,500 grant for its "Youth as Entrepreneurs" program in Waverly. The program is focused on girls aged 9–18 who attend the Phoenix Kids Café, an after-school program with a high proportion of at-risk and low income children. As a group the girls decide upon a "business" to create and operate, and along the way they learn what it takes to be a successful entrepreneur: enthusiasm, good social skills, the ability to work hard and persevere. They also learn more concrete concepts such as money management, marketing and organizational skills.

"The curriculum is based on an experiential learning model," says Autumn Lavine, the 4-H Youth Development Resource Educator and program leader. "You don't teach at the kids, you work with them—they have the hands-on experience and then they learn from that experience." The program's ultimate goal? "Show them the possibilities, show them the benefits of education, show them a reason to finish school, so that they know they have a future, they know there's something they can do."



Rozann Greco, NOEP Coordinator at Family Enrichment Network, is coordinating a support group for formerly incarcerated mothers in Broome and Tioga counties to help them reunite with their children and improve their parenting skills. The program received a 2009 grant from The Women's Fund.

Family Enrichment Network (FEN) in Johnson City received a grant of \$2,250 for its "Looking Back and Moving Forward" program, a support group for formerly incarcerated mothers in Broome and Tioga counties. Studies show that 70% of imprisoned women in the U.S. are mothers. When arrested, many were living in low-income areas and were not employed full-time; less than half have a high school diploma. Some also have a history of drug or alcohol abuse, mental illness, or have suffered sexual or physical abuse.

When released, these women can have a difficult time reuniting with their children and dealing with legal, practical and emotional challenges. FEN's program provides a support group focusing primarily on parenting skills, especially techniques for reconnecting with their children. It also provides referrals for a variety of services, including obtaining identification, GED classes, vocational training, counseling and assistance with basic needs.

Making the transition from incarceration back to living in the community can be very hard, says Rozann Greco, Nutrition Outreach and Education Program Coordinator for FEN. "It's just such a degrading experience that you have to go through. If they can reach one goal, get a GED or get a job, or make some connections with their children, or mend some relationships with a caregiver...if they could reach one of those goals, I would be very excited."

Mothers & Babies Perinatal Network of South Central New York (M&BPN) received a \$2,250 grant to conduct four workshops for health professionals in Broome, Chenango, Cortland and Otsego counties on "Perinatal Mood Disorders, Assessment and Treatment."

"We've known for a while that we've had a need for perinatal mood disorder training," says Christie Finch, Professional Education Coordinator at M&BPN. It's estimated that more than 10% of new mothers and a rising percentage of pregnant women experience mild to severe depression that can lead to pre-term labor, low birth-weight newborns, even suicide. In addition, their children sometimes don't develop as quickly or may have behavior disorders. With the help of the WF grant, "we're hoping that more women get screened and more women get help early on."

The Women's Fund is currently working to raise an additional \$500,000 by the end of 2012 for its endowment so that more money is available annually for grantmaking. If you'd like to support the work of The Women's Fund, please call the Foundation offices at 772-6773.



Mothers & Babies PERINATAL NETWORK

A Solid Base for Fun and Fitness

Since 1945 the Tioga County Boys and Girls Club has been offering all sorts of ways to get fit, get educated and have a great time. Members range from six-year-olds to senior citizens. They come to the club in Owego to stay busy after school, get help with homework, take music lessons, work out and compete in all manner of sports—to name just a few of the available activities.

Many of the club's young members come from struggling households. "We often are surrogate parents for the youngsters," says Lew Sauerbrey, interim executive director. Scholarships from local donors help to ensure that the club never turns a child away for lack of funds.

Thousands of feet have left their mark in the club's big gym since that space was built in 1973. Members and community groups use the gym for everything from basketball and indoor soccer to fitness programs, dances, movie nights, sleepovers and birthday parties. Over the decades, of course, active feet create a lot of wear and tear.

The club had the original surface in the gym stripped and refinished several times, but the floor wasn't built to last forever. It took a particular beating in September 2007, when vandals broke into the building. Workmen repaired the floor as best they could, but under the surface, the structure was deteriorating.

"The contractors looked at us and said, 'You don't have enough wood any more,'" Sauerbrey recalls. "Then when winter came, the thing started coming apart."

Since the floor was no longer safe, that left the Boys and Girls Club with only its older, much smaller gym to accommodate some nine hundred members, plus the groups that rent the club's facilities. Many activities simply had to stop.

In 2009 the Community Foundation granted \$10,000 to the Tioga County Boys and Girls Club toward the cost of a new floor for the gym. Workers completed installation in the fall. With the big gym back in business, the club could resume its old activities. It also launched some new ones, including pre-season training for baseball and softball, dance classes and low-impact aerobics.

"We've got a new, solid surface that's going to last us for a lot of years," Sauerbrey said. "That will continue our ability to provide healthy recreation for the young and old of our community."



Donors Multiply Foundation’s Impact through Grants from Special Funds

T rue or false: The majority of grants awarded by the Community Foundation each year are issued from the CommuniFund™.

False. Surprised?


Without question, the CommuniFund™ grants—awarded in a highly competitive process from the Foundation’s general fund—play an important role in addressing community needs in the six-county region.

But equally important, and certainly more numerous, are the grants awarded each year from the Foundation’s “Special Funds.” These are the named funds that have been established by donors to the foundation—individuals,

families, companies, other foundations—to achieve specific charitable purposes (see the list of funds on page 13). These funds generally fall into four categories: Field-of-Interest funds (supporting specific interests or causes), Designated funds (supporting

particular organizations, regions, etc.), Scholarship funds (grants to educational institutions for students), and Donor Advised funds (donors recommend grants to charities of their choice).

In 2009, more than sixty grants totaling \$446,000 were awarded from the Foundation’s Special Funds, covering a broad spectrum of needs. Here are some highlights.

 Youth development, human services, capital and operating needs—all these areas and more were addressed through the seventeen grants awarded from the Harriet Ford Dickenson Fund of the Community Foundation in 2009.

Among them was a \$20,000 grant to the American Civic Association in Binghamton in the wake of the shootings at its building in April, 2009. The Community Foundation took a prominent role in bringing together local foundations to learn about the organization’s needs after the tragedy. The grant is being used to help renovate ACA’s facility and rebuild its programs.

The Dickenson Fund also played a part in 2009 in providing transportation to rural Deposit area residents who would otherwise be unable to get to appointments or stores in Greater Binghamton due to a lack of personal transportation options. A \$2,500 grant to The Deposit Foundation and Rural Housing Services, Inc. helped pay for a new agency van, which provides at least eight round-trips per week and serves more than 100 unduplicated clients per year. “These people wouldn’t get to their medical appointments to stay healthy or remain independent without this transportation source,”



A \$20,000 grant from Special Funds at the Foundation to the American Civic Association in Binghamton has helped the organization renovate its building.

Volunteer Mary Lou Faigle enjoys driving the new van of the Deposit Foundation and Rural Housing Services, Inc., purchased in part with a grant from the Dickenson Fund of the Community Foundation. The van is used to provide essential transportation services to Deposit area residents in need.

says Lynn Hartz, executive director of the Deposit Foundation.

☞ Training the next generation of philanthropists received a boost from Special Funds in 2009 as grants were awarded in support of the Philanthropy Incubator Project for masters level students at Binghamton



The members of the Norwich Youth Philanthropy Council, with advisor and teacher Susan Fertig, took time to pose for a group photo at the ceremony in May, 2009 where they awarded the grants they made to area nonprofits.

University (Dickenson Fund) and to the Youth Philanthropy Council project at Norwich High School. Support for the YPC came from the Dick and Marion Meltzer Fund of the Community Foundation.

In BU's program, students studying philanthropy set up a foundation structure, created and executed a fundraising plan, established grant criteria and issued a Request for Proposals (RFP), awarding grants to several nonprofits in the region.

The Youth Philanthropy Council at Norwich High School completed its first year of activity in June '09 and began its second year in September. Students in the YPC learned about the nonprofit sector, studied grantmaking and issued an RFP that culminated in their awarding several grants to Chenango County nonprofits.

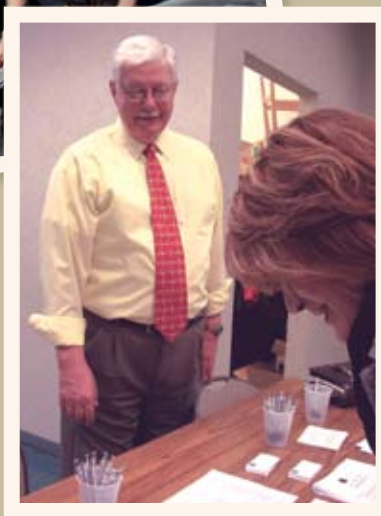
One young student says, "I learned so much about the world of nonprofits and foundations that I never knew before." Another writes, "My eyes have been opened to the fact that

there are always people in need, and always assistance that can be given."

☞ A \$10,000 grant from the Ralph J. Warner Fund supported a *Geriatric Mental Health Teaching Day*, presented in Johnson City on June 3rd. Designed to address the growing need for continuing education for area health care workers in the field of geriatrics, the Teaching Day examined topics such as alcohol and prescription drug use in older adults and treating geriatric depression and dementia. Fifty-three participants, including doctors, nurses and social workers, took part, with one hundred percent rating the Day "good-excellent."

☞ Grants from Special Funds also allowed the Foundation to sponsor several workshops during the year to help nonprofits improve their capacity to deliver their services. Spring sessions were presented by the New York Council on Nonprofits on "Strategic Management in Tough Times" and "Succession Planning" (in tandem with a mini-grant program to fund projects using lessons learned). And in August the Foundation partnered with WSKG Public Broadcasting and The Palmer Westport Group to provide a fundraising workshop, "Building a Better Ask."

Homegrown giving. Could there be any better description not only of the grants from these funds, but of the heartfelt and generous spirit that set them in motion? Our profound thanks to all those whose gifts to the Foundation have made them possible.



The Community Foundation presented or sponsored several workshops to help build organizational capacity at area nonprofits in 2009, with the help of grants from Special Funds. Program Officer Robert Jensen is shown here signing in registrants at one such workshop.

2009 Special Fund Grantees

Special Funds awarded a total of \$426,778 to charities within the Foundation's geographic area and an additional \$3,250 to out-of-area charities. Also, \$9,000 in scholarships was awarded from the Couper Family Scholarship Fund, the Edwin A. and Marion Clayton Link Scholarship Fund, the Art Sharpsteen Scholarship Fund and the Paul G. White Scholarship Fund.

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CommuniFund™:

Competitive grants are awarded two times each year from the CommuniFund™ (the Foundation's unrestricted general fund). The Community Foundation seeks to invest in programs, innovation, and the organic growth of agencies and the services that they provide, and will consider requests from any 501(c)(3) where the benefit of a Community Foundation grant will accrue significantly (but not necessarily exclusively) to residents of the Foundation's service area: Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Otsego and/or Tioga counties. The Foundation may also consider requests from certain local government agencies, municipalities and public school systems within the Foundation's service area, provided that the proposed project fits the Foundation's criteria for consideration. The determination as to whether a proposed project, or agency, fits the Foundation's criteria for consideration is made by the Community Foundation.

Details regarding current grant criteria, application procedures, funding policies, restrictions and deadlines may be found on the Community Foundation's web site at www.cfcny.org.

All applicants to the competitive grant program of the CommuniFund™ must call the Foundation office at (607) 772-6773 prior to preparing a proposal to confirm that the project/purpose falls within the program's funding criteria and that required application format is followed.

The Women's Fund:

Criteria, guidelines and deadlines for grants awarded from The Women's Fund are subject to annual revision and are posted on the Community Foundation's web site in mid-summer. Agencies interested in applying for funding from The Women's Fund should call foundation offices at (607) 772-6773 to confirm that the applicant agency qualifies for consideration, that the project/purpose falls within stated grant criteria and that the required application format is followed.

For information regarding grants from other component funds within the Community Foundation, please contact the Foundation office at (607) 772-6773.

2009 Competitive Grants from the CommuniFund™

ACHIEVE	\$5,195	Chenango County Historical Society	\$4,010
For construction of a greenhouse to be used for educational and therapeutic purposes by persons with developmental disabilities in the organization's Day Habilitation program		Toward repair and restoration of an historic one-room schoolhouse on the organization's grounds, including interpretive signage	
Bard Institute for Writing & Thinking	\$6,400	Chenango Foundation, for the Common Cents Thrift Shop/Pantry	\$1,300
To expand the Institute's "Reading, Writing, and Teaching Poetry Project" to students and teachers, grades 1-8, in public schools in Chenango and Otsego Counties		For tables, clothing racks and other supplies for the Common Cents Thrift Shop/Pantry in Oxford	
Berkshire Community Association	\$10,000	Deposit Community Center, dba Wilson Children's Center	\$6,288
Toward an addition to the restored Community Hall in the town of Berkshire		For playground, classroom and storage equipment for the Wilson Children's Center in Deposit	
Boys & Girls Club of Binghamton	\$4,500	First Ward Action Council	\$9,000
As a challenge grant toward member tracking software to improve data management relating to client usage		For materials for the construction of wheelchair ramps for disabled residents, as well as for training for area youths who will build them under the supervision of FWAC	
Catholic Charities of Delaware and Otsego County	\$10,000	Friends of the Apalachin Library	\$4,400
Toward costs of a consultant to help the organization achieve national accreditation that will allow it to continue providing Child Care Resource and Referral Services to area residents and reinforce the organization's sustainability		For renovations to the Library building	
Center for the Arts of Homer	\$10,000		
Toward electrical work to improve lighting of performances at the organization's facility			

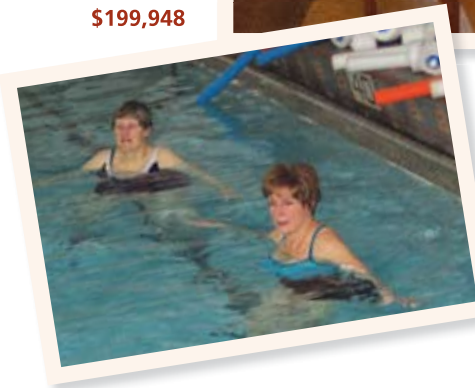
The Boys and Girls Club of Binghamton received a \$4,500 challenge grant from the CommuniFund™ toward the purchase of software that would improve data management relating to the children it serves.



Community Foundation board member Elysia Gudas (R) presents a grant award letter to Andrea Melione, board president of the Apalachin Library, during a site visit in Spring 2009. The Library received a \$4,400 CommuniFund™ grant for renovations to its building.

2009 Women's Fund Grants

Goodwill Theatre	\$6,000	Tioga County Boys and Girls Club	\$10,000	Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tioga County	\$2,500
Toward a new lighting system for the Schorr Family Theatre, to improve performance lighting and make the venue more attractive and versatile for other arts groups considering renting the space		For replacement of the gymnasium floor at the facility		Toward the "Youth as Entrepreneurs" 4H program for Waverly area teen girls	
Greater Binghamton Education Outreach Program (GBEOP)	\$9,300	Tioga County Habitat for Humanity	\$5,000	Family Enrichment Network	\$2,250
To extend the organization's Junior Achievement program to five additional schools		Toward construction of a pole-barn to serve as a centralized location for donated building materials		Toward the "Looking Back and Moving Forward" program for formerly incarcerated mothers, to help them reunite with their families, improve parenting skills and provide them with referrals for other support services	
Harris Memorial Library	\$5,000	Tri-Town Boys & Girls Club of Sidney	\$14,000	Mothers and Babies Perinatal Network of South Central New York:	\$2,250
To Harris Memorial Library in Otego for replacement of the facility's roof		Toward a new bathroom for use by children at the Club		For a Perinatal Mood Disorder training program for healthcare professionals working with new mothers and pregnant individuals	
Hospice & Palliative Care of Chenango County	\$5,000	Volunteers of America	\$9,000	Total, 2009 Women's Fund Grants:	\$7,000
Toward a renovation project at the organization's front entrance, adding a roof and repairing the stairway in order to improve safety for clients and the public during extreme weather		Toward costs of a camera-based surveillance system for VOA's Emergency Men's Shelter in Binghamton, to improve safety and security for both residents and staff			
Jewish Community Center of Binghamton	\$12,000	William B. Ogden Free Library	\$9,000		
Toward educational programs for young children provided at the agency's Early Childhood Center		To upgrade the facility's HVAC system, to better preserve the building and protect its collections			
Mothers & Babies Perinatal Network of SCNY	\$10,000	WSKG Public Broadcasting	\$2,055		
Toward a financial literacy program for low-income parents and families		Toward the purchase of tables, chairs and other supplies to increase the organization's capacity to offer on-site workshops to area nonprofits and others, as well as reduce its need to pay rental fees for these items			
Opportunities for Otsego	\$5,000	YWCA of Cortland	\$7,500		
Toward purchase of a currently-leased building in Schenectady that houses the agency's two unduplicated Head Start programs for low-income children, to ensure continuation of the programs and improve safety at the facility		Toward a renovation project to add a men's locker room to the YWCA's facility to accommodate the increasing numbers of men and boys using its warm water swimming pool for therapeutic reasons, as well as fathers and grandfathers bringing children for fitness, aquatics, and recreation lessons and activities			
Rural Health Network of SCNY	\$10,000	Total, 2009 CommuniFund™ Grants:	\$199,948		
Toward the Rural Health Service Corps program; grant provides required local matching dollars in support of a three-year federal grant providing AmeriCorps staff to sixteen local nonprofit organizations at greatly reduced cost to the nonprofits					
SOS Shelter	\$10,000				
Toward purchase of a van to transport victims of domestic violence, to reduce reliance on staff vehicles and/or police units					



The warm water swimming pool at the YWCA in Cortland – the only one of its kind in the county – is used not only by its female members, but also by men and boys for both therapeutic and recreational reasons. A \$7,500 grant from the Community Foundation will help the organization build a men's locker room to accommodate the additional usage.

A \$9,000 grant was awarded from the CommuniFund™ to the William B. Ogden Free Library in Walton to upgrade the facility's heating and air conditioning system. The upgrade will allow the Library to better preserve both its historic building and its collections.

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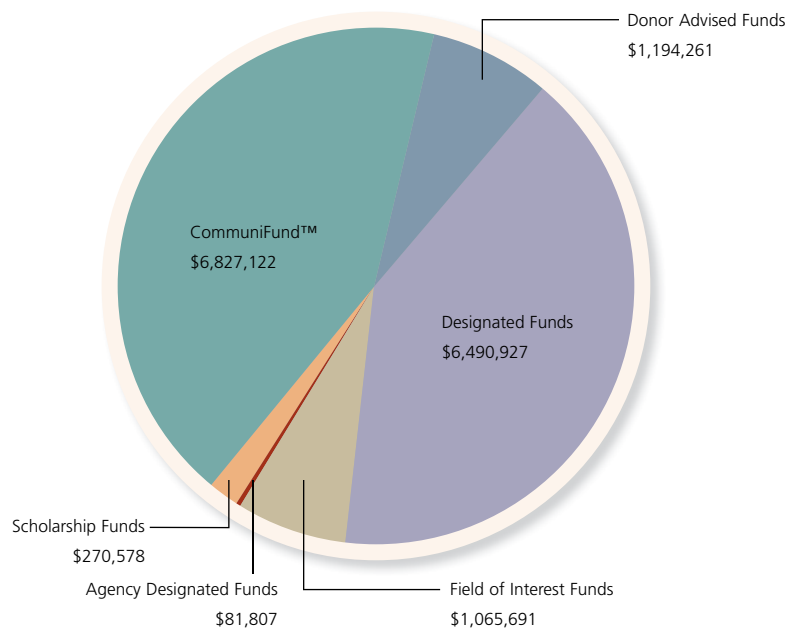
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Cash Basis as of December 31, 2009 (audited)**

ASSETS

CASH	261,547
INVESTMENTS, at fair value	15,667,339
OTHER ASSETS	
Property and equipment, net	0
Deposit	1,500
Total other assets	1,500
TOTAL ASSETS	15,930,386

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS, unrestricted	15,930,386
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	15,930,386



**Statements of Revenues, Expenses, Grants and Other Changes In Net Assets—
Cash Basis as of December 31, 2009 (audited)**

REVENUES AND SUPPORT

Interest	2,206
Dividends from investments	224,171
Dividends from mutual funds	112,168
Net realized loss on sale of marketable investments	(166,854)
Net unrealized gain on investments	2,982,395
Contributions	852,023
Other	8,867
TOTAL REVENUES AND SUPPORT	4,014,976

EXPENSES

PROGRAM SERVICES:	
Grantmaking	
Grants paid	575,275
Grant administrative expense	67,394
Total grantmaking	642,669
Community education and involvement	38,995
Total program services	681,664
SUPPORTING SERVICES:	
Management and general	295,316
Fundraising	114,216
Total supporting services	409,532
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,091,196

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS 2,923,780

NET ASSETS, beginning of year 13,006,606

NET ASSETS, end of year 15,930,386



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