Over $190,000 in Scholarships Available!

In the 2013-2014 academic year, the Community Foundation awarded over $177,000 in scholarships throughout 25 school districts in Orange County, Sullivan County and beyond. These scholarships, awarded to more than 80 students, were made possible through the funds the Community Foundation administers on behalf of charitably-minded individuals and organizations. Since 2000, scholarship funds at the Community Foundation have collectively awarded over $1,241,175 to deserving students from throughout the region.

For the 2014-2015 academic year, over $190,000 in scholarships are available. Students should visit the guidance office in their respective schools to obtain information on criteria and process. Applications may also be accessed on the Community Foundation’s website at www.cfosny.org/our-funds/scholarships.

Giving From the Comfort of Your Home

You can give from the comfort of your own home with our help. You can make a donation to any fund administered by the Community Foundation online with a credit card or PayPal account. Don’t want to donate online but still can’t make it to the office to drop off your check? Just fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and mail it to our office with your check. It’s that simple!

If you would like to know more about how to establish a fund, give us a call at (845) 769-9393.

Fund Spotlight

The Orange County Firefighters Museum recently added $9,000 to its endowment fund administered by the Community Foundation.

The $9,000 addition represents proceeds from the Museum’s 3rd Annual Golf Tournament held on September 21, 2014 at Winding Hills Golf Club. Since the golf tournament began in 2012, over $20,000 has been raised and contributed to this fund.

The Orange County Firefighters Museum Endowment Fund was established in 2005 and has grown to over $35,000. The intent of this fund is to help the museum become self-sustaining in the future.

The Orange County Firefighters Museum is actively seeking donations for programming. All contributions are gratefully accepted and can be made online at www.cfosny.org or by mailing a check to CFOS along with the form on the back of this newsletter.

Orange County Firefighters Museum Board Members with Karen Minogue and Elizabeth Rowley
Scholarship Spotlight

Joshua Glantz, a history teacher at Eldred High School, became ill in 2011 and needed a kidney transplant. Unfortunately, his wife and best friend were not a match. Luckily, he was able to find a donor: Sheila Birkett.

When Joshua was young, he worked for the Birkett family at their business, Variety Clocks. He lost touch with them later on in life which is why this gift is so special. Thankful for Sheila Birkett’s “gift,” Joshua started to look for a way to celebrate his new lease on life. “In my medical distress, I met many excellent and caring medical professionals. I would like to honor Sheila’s gift, a gift that has allowed me to keep teaching and working with students, by establishing this scholarship fund to help students interested in pursuing a medical career,” says fund representative Joshua Glantz.

The Sheila Birkett Gift of Life Scholarship Fund will provide a scholarship to a graduating senior from Eldred High School who plans to enter the medical field.

Recent Funds Established

Angels’ Love Foundation - This foundation was created to assist orphanages in the Dominican Republic with medical supplies, food, school supplies, etc.

The Edward R. and J. Roscoe Crist Scholarship Fund - This scholarship will be awarded to at least one high school student graduating from Valley Central High School who plans to pursue a career in the field of agriculture.

The John Maher Foundation - This foundation will award scholarships to students who are employed by the Golf Club at Mansion Ridge, are in good academic standing, and plan to attend college.

The Marius Ivascu Aviation Foundation - This fund, in memory of Marius Ivascu, will grant a scholarship to an individual between the ages of 17-33 who is enrolled in an aviation program for flight or maintenance.

The James A. Moss Memorial Fund - This donor advised fund has been established in memory of James Moss, publisher of the Times Herald-Record from 1996 to 2006. Jim was a man who also devoted much of his life to bettering the community the newspaper served. Although he was a newspaper man to the core, Jim also worked tirelessly for causes such as the United Way, the Orange County Partnership, as a founding board member of the Community Foundation, and most recently as chairman of the board of Safe Harbors. This fund will award grants to nonprofit organizations.

The Orange County Arts Council Endowment Fund - This fund has been established to support the programs of the Orange County Arts Council, an organization committed to increasing awareness of the importance of year-round opportunities for arts and cultural experiences.

The Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine-Middletown Endowment Fund - This fund will support programs, activities, and the campus of Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine-Middletown.

The Meghan Sager Memorial Fund - This fund, in memory of Meghan Sager, will provide scholarships to Goshen High School graduating seniors who demonstrate several of the same traits Meghan has, such as academic achievement with an interest in sports, language, music, theater, or volunteerism, but above all, has consistently displayed exceptional kindness and caring for their fellow students and community.

How do you thank someone who has given you their kidney?

-Joshua Glantz

President’s Circle and Volunteer Appreciation Cocktail Reception

If you were able to join us on Thursday, February 12, 2015 for the President’s Circle and Volunteer Appreciation Cocktail Reception, thank you...

We so appreciate your participation, support, and most importantly, your friendship. You continue to demonstrate that the Community Foundation is filling a vital role in this community in connecting people who care with causes that matter.
Recent Grants Awarded

The Corinne Feller Memorial Fund awarded a $20,000 grant to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center for Ovarian Cancer targeted therapies research.

The Empire State Bank Charitable Trust Fund awarded the following grants: $1,500 to Nora Cronin Presentation Academy, $500 to Safe Harbors of the Hudson, $500 to St. Francis Food Pantry, $500 to Staten Island Children Museum, and $800 to Newburgh Preparatory Charter High School.

The Carly Fund awarded a $1,200 grant to the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum to support the Christian Martinisi Grasshopper Grove and a memorial consisting of a large natural stone bench inscribed with Christian’s name.

Marcello’s Miracle Foundation awarded a $2,000 grant to Oregon Health & Science University Foundation to provide support for genetics research of pediatric inherited eye disorders.

The ND Pro Media Community Give Back Program Fund awarded over $18,000 to the March of Dimes to support their mission of helping moms have full-term pregnancies, and research the problems that threaten the health of babies.

Upcoming Events

March 13, 2015
Valley Central Education Foundation
Longaberger Basket Bingo
Valley Central Middle School

March 31, 2015
The ABC’s of Planned Giving
Presented by Ellen Estes
The Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel
www.cfhvny.org/Eventlist/

May 11, 2015
Michael Ryan Zodda Foundation
Golf Outing
michaelrzodda.org

May 20, 2015
Education Seminar for Professional Advisors
Top Misconceptions of Estate Planning
Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine

June 7, 2015
Robert Van Etten, Jr. Scholarship Fund
Yankee Baseball Trip
www.cdftrips.com

June 7, 2015
The Joshua Stamm Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Classic 10K Road Race Josh’s Team
Contact joshuastammmemorialfund@gmail.com
Visit www.cfosny.org for event details

Welcome New 2015 Board Members

William Quackenbush is the Managing Director of Advent Valuation Advisors and has nearly 40 years of business experience. Mr. Quackenbush has provided expert witness testimony in Federal and New York State Supreme Court and before the American Arbitration Association. He holds the most advanced level business appraisal credentials from both the Institute of Business Appraisers (IBA) and the American Society of Appraisers (ASA).

Amanda Ward is the Senior Director of Workforce Development and Training for The Center for Discovery and holds a J.D degree from Hofstra University School of Law. Amanda is President of the Sullivan County NAACP, a member of the Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson Board of Directors, and is a Trustee for the Fallsburg Library.

2015 Board Members - Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan
Left to right bottom row - Amanda Ward, Wayne Zanetti, Katharine Fitzgerald - Secretary, Jack Berkowitz - Treasurer, Gerald N. Jacobowitz, Esq. - President and CEO, Derrick R. Wynkoop - Chair, Christopher Corallo - Asst. Treasurer, RJ Smith, Andrew Pavloff, CPA.
Not pictured - Josh Sommers - Char Elect, Michael Bonura - 2nd Vice Chair, William J. Bratton, Jr. - 3rd Vice Chair, John M. Davies, Joe Vanderhoof, Dr. Michele Winchester-Vega.

Congratulations RJ Smith, friend, mentor, founding board member and contributor, and former chairman. Thank you for serving 15 years on the Executive Committee of the Community Foundation! Thank you for your continuing service as a board member in 2015. You have helped us reach so many milestones!
Secure on-line donations may be made at any time on the Foundation's website: www.cfosny.org
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