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WINTER/SPRING 2017

## Over \$400,000 Available in College Scholarships!



As the close of the school year fast approaches, scholarship season is in full swing! The Community Foundation is thrilled to announce the availability of over \$400,000 in scholarships to graduating high school students from throughout the region. Through the generosity of donors and fund representatives, this year marks the most significant distribution of scholarships to date. Our scholarships range in size from \$250 to \$20,000, each one with a story or family legacy behind it.

The Community Foundation distributed over \$325,000 in scholarships throughout 27 school districts during the 2015-2016 academic year. These scholarships, awarded to more than 140 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 nearly \$1.7 million to deserving students throughout the region.

To take advantage of funds available, students should visit the guidance office in their respective schools to obtain information on scholarship criteria and the application processes. Applications may also be accessed on the Community Foundation's website at [www.cfosny.org/our-funds/scholarships](http://www.cfosny.org/our-funds/scholarships).

If you would like to know more about our scholarship program or how to establish a fund, please contact us at (845) 769-9393 or [admin@cfosny.org](mailto:admin@cfosny.org).

*Save the Date*

MAY 17, 2017

#HVGives

HUDSON VALLEY  
— GIVES —

Hundreds of local nonprofits from Orange, Ulster, Dutchess, Sullivan, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester Counties will benefit from "Hudson Valley Gives" our region's second annual day of online giving, to be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017. Organized by the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan in partnership with the United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region and the Mid Hudson Valley Chapter of Association of Fundraising Professionals, this 24-hour online fundraising event, using the GiveGab donation platform, raised more than \$143,000 for 201 local nonprofits and garnered invaluable media attention from newspapers, TV and radio in 2016. Throughout this event, participating nonprofit organizations are eligible for more than \$10,000 in cash and prizes and incentives all day long. Organizers anticipate an even better response this year as awareness increases throughout the region. Modeled after internationally-known "Giving Tuesday," held the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving, "Hudson Valley Gives" is a more regional approach that supports LOCAL causes, with monies raised staying right here in the Hudson Valley.

GiveGab will once again provide the online fundraising platform for the day, along with the planning of webinars, technical assistance and more. Their easy-to-use platform makes it simple and quick for donors to give generously.

Visit [www.hvgives.org](http://www.hvgives.org) for more information about this exciting initiative and to register your nonprofit organization today! There are also opportunities for corporations to get involved as sponsors to help grow our prize pool. And don't forget to give generously and give often to your favorite charities on May 17!

## Fund Spotlight: Robert Van Etten, Jr. Fund

The **Robert Van Etten, Jr. Fund** was originally established to send deserving scholar athletes to soccer camp. The fund provided scholarships to two deserving students, one male and one female, to help with financial costs associated with attending the Lake Placid Soccer Centre Camp at St. Lawrence University or an alternate summer soccer camp. This fund has now expanded its mission to provide financial assistance to Sullivan County families going through a medical crisis. Although the fund criteria has changed, the intent to honor Robert Van Etten, Jr.'s legacy still remains. Should you, or a loved one, need their support, please contact your hospital liaison or our office at (845) 769-9393.



### Upcoming Events:

**March 18, 2017**

#### **St. Pat's Ramble Run for the Gold 5K & Parade**

Village of Montgomery

[www.stpatsramblemontgomery.com](http://www.stpatsramblemontgomery.com)

**April 4, 2017**

#### **Fund Representative Workshop**

Come learn how to grow your fund

[www.cfosny.org](http://www.cfosny.org)

**April 29, 2017**

#### **Yankee Baseball Trip to support Terwilliger Family Legacy Fund**

[www.cdtrips.com](http://www.cdtrips.com)

**April 29, 2017**

#### **Light it Up Blue**

[www.hvlightitupblue.com](http://www.hvlightitupblue.com)

**May 17, 2017**

#### **Hudson Valley Gives**

[www.hvgives.org](http://www.hvgives.org)

**June 3, 2017**

#### **Marcello's Miracle Foundation Event**

[www.marcellosmiracle.com](http://www.marcellosmiracle.com)

**June 3, 2017**

#### **Newburgh Illuminated Festival**

[www.newburghilluminatedfestival.com](http://www.newburghilluminatedfestival.com)

**June 4, 2017**

#### **The Joshua Stamm Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Classic 10K/5K Road Race Josh's Team  
Contact:

[joshuastammemorialfund@gmail.com](mailto:joshuastammemorialfund@gmail.com)

**August 12, 2017**

#### **3rd Annual Yankees Baseball Benefit Trip for the Robert Van Etten, Jr. Fund**

[www.cdtrips.com](http://www.cdtrips.com)

**Save the Date for our 2017 Annual Reception: November 15, 2017.**

Visit [www.cfosny.org](http://www.cfosny.org) for details on these events and more!

"For it is in giving that we receive." St. Francis of Assisi

## The World is Hugged by the Faithful Arms of Volunteers



Josh Sommers, CFOS Chairman, William J. Bratton, Jr., Honoree & CFOS Board Member, and Elizabeth Rowley, CFOS President and CEO

### 2017 President's Circle and Volunteer Appreciation Cocktail Reception

Over 100 Community Foundation Board Members, volunteers and President's Circle donors gathered at West Hills Country Club on February 15 to be recognized for their many valuable contributions to the work of CFOS and to celebrate William J. "Bill" Bratton, Jr. on receiving the 2017 Karen Minogue Award for Distinguished Service. This award is given to an individual who not

only goes above and beyond for their community, but particularly for the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan. Bill is a true testament of a community minded individual who greatly raises the bar on giving back.

Bill joined the Community Foundation family as a fund representative in 2002 when he and his wife, Mary, established the Michelle Renee Bratton Memorial Scholarship Fund, in memory of their late daughter who perished in the tragic events of 9/11. This scholarship is awarded to a graduate of Pine Bush High School, with preference given to a student who plans to attend a 4-year SUNY College or University, and who is also a member of the National Honor Society, and either a member of the women's swimming and diving team, or a member of chorus. To date, their scholarship fund has awarded over \$37,000 to students.

Bill and Mary are longtime members of the President's Circle, a group of individuals and businesses who support the CFOS operating budget with an annual donation of \$1,000 or more. The modest fee we charge to administer our funds covers only about 37% of our operating budget and President's Circle members, like the Bratton's, help us bridge that gap.

Interested in becoming a President's Circle Member or joining a committee? Contact us today at (845) 769-9393. Visit our Facebook page to view all of the photos from this event.



Valarie Zammiti, CFOS Board Member and Volunteer, Cedric Glasper, CFOS Committee Member are recognized for their service by Elizabeth Rowley

"You were born with the ability to change someone's life. Don't waste it." -Dale Partridge

## Recent Funds Established:

**Al Romm Interdisciplinary Journalism  
Scholarship Fund**

**Alvin Lehman Foundation**

**Antonio Baglivo Memorial Scholarship Fund**

**Cronin Contemporary's 12 Months of Giving Fund**

**Goshen Art League**

**Jacob Kotin Teens in Crisis Fund**

**The SAIL Foundation**

**Warwick Playground Dreams**

**Zylofone Foundation: Performing Arts for Special Needs**



Antonio Baglivo  
Memorial  
Scholarship Fund



Zylofone Foundation: Performing  
Arts for Special Needs

**"I aspire to be a giver. A giver of love, a giver of good vibes and a giver of strength." –unknown**

## Make a Difference Grant Applications Available in May

The Make a Difference Fund was established by the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan to provide grants to local organizations that provide services and programs to children of low-income, disadvantaged or distressed families.

The 2017 Make a Difference Fund grant applications will be available in May on the Community Foundation website at [www.cfosny.org](http://www.cfosny.org). Funding priority will be given to charitable tax exempt organizations located in Orange and Sullivan County, New York with programs that provide services for children of low-income, disadvantaged or distressed families and have a focus on food and nutrition. In 2017, the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan will consider multiple grants of up to \$1,500. Applications must be received by August 1 and awards will be announced at the Community Foundation's Annual Reception on November 15.



Past Make a Difference Fund grant recipients include North American Cultural Laboratory, Inc.; Safe Harbors of the Hudson; San Miguel Academy of Newburgh; Sullivan County Head Start, Inc.; Safe Homes of Orange County; Boys & Girls Club of Newburgh; Nana's House Childcare Center, Inc.; and Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson.

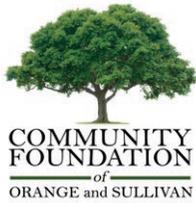
## CFOS Recognition:

In November 2016, the Community Foundation was recognized as a Pillar of the Community for Distinguished Service by Cornerstone Family Healthcare. Alongside the Community Foundation, CFOS Immediate Past Chairman, Derrik Wynkoop, was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Pillar as well as Thomas D. Weddell, CPA, who received a Pillar for Distinguished Service. The Pillars award is bestowed annually to those who help strengthen and unify our community with strong leadership as well as advocacy on behalf of the needs of the residents of our communities, and the Community Foundation could not be more proud to be a recipient of this award.



Sarah Pruschki, Communications Associate;  
Elizabeth Rowley, President & CEO;  
Michelle Hathaway, Director of Development;  
Stacey Muller, Finance Manager, at the Pillars Gala.

**"Deeds of giving are the very foundations of the world." –Mishna, Pirkel Avot 1:2**



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The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan is a public foundation empowering hundreds of individuals and organizations to achieve their charitable dreams for good, for ever.



Secure online donations may be made at any time on the Foundation's website: [www.cfosny.org](http://www.cfosny.org)

If you are interested in making a donation by check, or just want to know more, please *clip and mail* this section to us:

- Send me more information about the Community Foundation and how to create a donor fund, or make a tax advantaged gift.
- Send me more information about how to create a deferred fund through a charitable remainder trust, a life insurance policy, will, bequest, or life estate.
- I want to become a Member of the President's Circle and support the general operating expenses of the Foundation. Enclosed is my annual gift of \$1,000, \$2,000, \$5,000, \$\_\_\_\_\_. A donation of any size is appreciated.
- I'm including a donation for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be deposited into the \_\_\_\_\_ Fund at the Community Foundation.
- I'm including a donation for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support the Make A Difference Fund (discretionary fund that awards grants to not-for-profit organizations that provide services to families in distress).

Name (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_

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