Hudson Valley Gives—Our Region’s Fourth Annual Day of Online Giving

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time is well underway for our region’s 4th ANNUAL day of online giving – Hudson Valley Gives! HUNDREDS of nonprofits from seven Hudson Valley counties will raise funds to support their important missions on Wednesday, May 15! To date, more than $600,000 has been raised to support more than 200 different local organizations!

The Community Foundation proudly leads this 24-hour initiative, with the support of several Network Leaders, sponsors and partners. This single day of online fundraising gives nonprofits in Orange, Ulster, Dutchess, Sullivan, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester Counties the opportunity to reach thousands of new potential donors and boost their agency’s visibility exponentially through social media and marketing. Throughout the day, more than $30,000 in cash and prizes – donated by generous sponsors and registration fees – will spur donors to support their favorite charities as part of a variety of contests. The prizes will be awarded directly to the nonprofits (not the donors) as incentives for them to creatively and persistently reach new and repeat audiences.

Any 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization incorporated in or serving the Hudson Valley — as well as charitable funds at local community foundations — may participate. Last year’s list of participants offered something for everyone to support, including: animal shelters, arts groups, ambulance corps, libraries, museums, and more! All donations received are deposited directly into each participating organization’s bank account. CFOS will participate, trying to raise $20,000 for Make a Difference Fund, to be awarded as grants in honor of our 20th anniversary. Please consider helping us with a donation of $20, $200, $2,000 — or anything in between! To register a nonprofit to participate — or to donate online on May 15 from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. visit www.hvgives.org.

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Warwick Playground Dreams—Ready to Build!

Shovels are ready to dig in to begin building a new inclusive playground in Stanley-Deming Park in the Village of Warwick. A group of dedicated community volunteers, in partnership with the Village of Warwick, have been fundraising for this project for over two years and have surpassed their initial Phase 1 goal of raising $350,000. The Community Foundation proudly serves as the fiscal sponsor for this group. The playground design was developed by experienced playground architects at Play By Design. The playground committee consulted with physical and occupational therapists, as well as parents of area children living with various disabilities to ensure an appropriate design that would incorporate as many different elements as possible for all children to enjoy, including some bonus pieces such as a high-quality musical playground and a ropes course. The committee still seeks financial support for the additional components such as the Apollo Spinner, with a cost of $20,000, a sensory garden and other exciting playground features are yet to be revealed.

Sponsorship of engraved bricks for a pathway alongside the playground are still available for purchase. If you’re more of a hands-on supporter, you can get involved as a volunteer during their build week April 22-28! To learn more about Warwick Playground Dreams, to make a donation, or to volunteer for build week visit warwickplaygrounddreams.com.

“Only giving are you able to receive more than you already have.”
—Jim Rohn

CFOs is Celebrating Twenty Years!

2019 marks the 20th anniversary of the Community Foundation’s work connecting people who care with causes that matter. From modest beginnings, CFOs has established more than 300 funds since 1999 and now administers assets of over $30 million to benefit our community – now and forever. With sincere gratitude to many generous donors, fund representatives, board members, volunteers and professional staff, CFOs will continue to grow and thrive, providing personalized support, guidance and resources to those looking to make a lasting impact through a charitable fund at the Foundation. Look out for more information on our 20th Anniversary celebration at our Annual Reception on November 20!

Scholarship Applications Are Now Available

All applications have moved to a new online system

In 2019, it is anticipated that over $400,000 in scholarships from funds at CFOs will be available to students throughout the region and CFOs is delighted to have recently launched a streamlined and accessible online application process for students to access the available funds.

This new system, called Foundant, came highly recommended by fellow community foundations across the country. It has several great features including an eligibility quiz for students to be matched to scholarships they’re eligible for, a simple and organized application process, and the opportunity to apply for scholarships throughout the year. Thank you to The Gerry Foundation for their support of the Community Foundation’s investment in this new state of the art software.

Scholarships range from $250 to $20,000, based on various criteria, and are offered to both students and adults pursuing a wide range of continuing education. From journalism and law enforcement to medicine, teaching and agriculture, the Community Foundation is proud to administer more than 100 different scholarship funds to support students eager to further their education.

Are you or someone you know looking for financial help for their continuing education? Visit our website to apply: CFOSNY.ORG. Please note: Scholarship recipients are decided by selection committees and applying does not guarantee an award.