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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS: Tim McCausland and Ruth Kassel



Tim McCausland

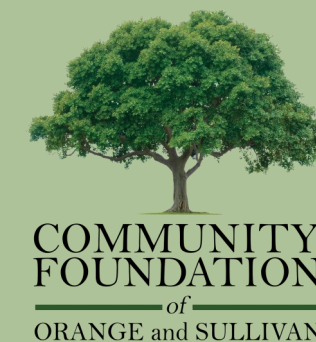


Ruth Kassel

June 30th marked the end of Tim McCausland's tenure as CFOS Board Chairman. With McCausland at the helm, CFOS experienced growth and success and displayed leadership and resilience, even through a global pandemic. During Tim's tenure as chair, the foundation's assets increased by more than \$4 million; 51 new funds were established; and the community benefited from \$6.5 million in grants and scholarship disbursements. Board member Michael Bonura has been named the new CFOS Board Chairman. We also thank John Davies and Susan Najork for their nine years of board service and welcome Molly Crist and Jay Anthony who have joined the board as new directors.

We mourn the passing of Ruth Kassel, Founding Chairwoman of CFOS. Ruth threw herself into civic life in support of those in need, in particular women and mothers, founding or helping to steer a number of social services and education organizations in her community. Her leadership and vision in our formative years was integral to building the strong foundation we thrive on today. Even after moving to Vermont, Ruth remained committed to our mission through her family fund, regular calls after reading our latest newsletter or annual report and attendance at events. We extend our sincere condolences to her children and grandchildren and all who had the honor of knowing Ruth.

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Connecting People Who Care With Causes That Matter

Spring/Summer 2020

Orange and Sullivan COVID-19 Response Fund Addresses Critical Needs

When the pandemic hit, the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan (CFOS) quickly launched the Orange and Sullivan COVID-19 Response Fund to address immediate and



United Way Sullivan put its grant into action.

longer-term needs of residents in Orange and Sullivan counties. The fund distributes grants of up to \$5 thousand each to established non-profit organizations and initiatives that provide front-line services to the counties' most vulnerable populations – food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, protective personal equipment for healthcare workers, online access to education for students, diapers and formula for babies, telehealth for the elderly and those with special needs and even supplies for animal shelters. Since its inception, the fund has received overwhelming support from local individuals, corporations and foundations alike and raised more than \$500,000. Grants totaling over \$400,000 have been distributed to 95 local nonprofit organizations. Grant requests are coming in daily, and CFOS continues to look to the public for donations to meet escalating needs in both counties.

"The grant requests haven't slowed down and with the combination of more adults being out of work and children not receiving services or nutrition in school, there's a greater need for area nonprofits to fill those gaps," said Elizabeth Rowley, CFOS President and CEO. "We hope that those who can will continue to give." (See insert for details on how to get involved.)



In this edition:

Hudson Valley Gives raises more than half a million dollars for local charities.

CFOS awards scholarships to more than one hundred graduating seniors.

17 new funds join the CFOS family of funds.



Annual Reception Update:

To be safe, we are canceling our annual reception traditionally held in November.

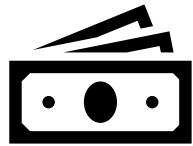
Details on alternative plans to come!



HV Gives Facts



4,971
Donations



\$534,401
Raised for
133 Orgs



3,889
Donors



1,557
First-time
Donors



Hudson Valley Gives Raises Half a Million Dollars

In a year of crisis and uncertainty, Hudson Valley Gives had its most successful campaign in the five year history of the online initiative. After the pandemic struck, the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan considered canceling the annual event. However, nonprofits in the region urged CFOS to move forward with the online day of giving on May 20th since their budgets were stretched thinner than ever and traditional fundraising events were canceled. By the end of the 24-hour effort, it was clear that even in tough times, Hudson Valley residents are as generous as they come. More than \$500,000 was raised, the most in a single year since the collaborative, online fundraiser began five years ago.

Most of the more than \$500,000 raised was donated online over a 24-hour period to support 133 nonprofit organizations throughout the region. The event exceeded this year's fundraising goal and saw a 25% increase in donations over last year. A total of 3,889 donors gave to support charities in seven counties providing life-enriching programs and critical services that Hudson Valley residents appreciate or depend upon.

"We were humbled and so appreciative of the incredible support we received for Hudson Valley Gives, especially during this uncertain time. So many stepped up to support SUNY Orange students," said Dawn Ansbro, Executive Director, SUNY Orange Foundation. "Many thanks to the Community Foundation for providing non-profits with this platform to share our stories."

Special Thanks to Our HV Gives Corporate Sponsors!

GOLD



SILVER



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MEDIA



CFOS Awards Scholarships to Class of 2020

It was a challenging spring for high school seniors who had their school year cut short due to COVID-19. Fortunately, the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan now has a completely online scholarship portal so students were able to apply for scholarships from the comfort and safety of their homes.

In all, CFOS awarded more than \$400,000 in scholarships to students in school districts throughout the region. 180 students received scholarships, all made possible through generous donors who have established charitable funds within the Community Foundation.



Oscar B. Greenleaf Scholarship recipient Timothy Batzel

Timothy Batzel, a graduating senior from Port Jervis High school who is headed to Syracuse University in the fall, is the recipient of the largest CFOS scholarship, The Oscar B. Greenleaf Scholarship.

Mr. Greenleaf was an ordinary person with extraordinary goals: to live life to its fullest and give so that others could learn. His bequest will ensure that children in Port Jervis will not only benefit from scholarships now, but

in perpetuity. His goodwill will live on forever because of his gift to the Community Foundation.

CFOS Scholarships at a Glance



105 Scholarships



180 Recipients



Nearly \$300,000 Awarded

Congratulations Class of 2020!



The TOMStrong Fund is providing critical response in Montgomery.

NEW FUNDS Established

- Bekah Memorial Foundation
- Devin Michael Housman Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Force Recovery Foundation
- Goshen High School All -Night Graduation Party Fund
- George and Catherine Sifre Family Fund
- Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties Endowment Fund
- Hudson Valley Basket Brigade Fund
- Hudson Valley Friends for Suicide Prevention Fund
- John Bull Memorial Scholarship for Athletes
- Nutrition and Aging Services Professionals Fund
- St. John's AUMP Goshen Building Fund
- The Fund for A Single Bite
- The Nebraska Foundation
- TOMSTRONG Community Response Team
- VR Edventures Charitable Foundation
- Warwick Skatepark Initiative



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