


# GIVING MATTERS

  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION  
of  
ORANGE and SULLIVAN  
SUMMER 2022

Connecting People Who Care  
With Causes That Matter



## Driven to Give

**Healey Brothers boosts  
Hudson Valley Gives  
with \$15,000 prize  
contribution**

This year's 7th annual Hudson Valley Gives was a tremendous success, raising more than \$600,000 for 164 local nonprofits. Healey Brothers was a driving factor in that success, contributing proceeds from its May dealership sales to the prize pool in addition to its platinum sponsorship.

Random drawings at the Hudson Valley Gives Celebration at Billy Joe's Ribworks determined the Driven to Give prize winners. Wallkill River School (pictured above) received a \$4,110 donation which it will put toward its capital campaign to purchase the building it is currently renting. The Corinne Feller Memorial Fund received a \$4,840 donation which has been used to support the Center for Adolescent and Young Adult Cancers program at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

*(Hudson Valley Gives story continued on page 5)*





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## Message from leadership



We are thrilled that the always highly anticipated and well attended Community Foundation Annual Reception will return this year! We host our one and only fundraiser to support the operating budget of the Foundation so we can continue the charitable stewardship and grantmaking which makes our communities stronger.

Unlike in years past, the event will be held under the tent at West Hills Country Club earlier in the season on October 12, 2022. We're excited to host our signature event in an outdoor venue for the maximum comfort of our guests and in such a beautiful Fall setting.

We are looking forward to honoring John Rath and Foster Supply Hospitality at the reception with the coveted David T. Cocks Commitment to Community Award. Our 2022 honorees lead by example, making significant contributions to enrich the lives of others through their dedication to multiple charities and causes as community leaders and corporate philanthropists.

Tickets, sponsorships, and journal ads are available at [cfosny.org](http://cfosny.org). For more information, please call (845) 769-9393 or email [nicole@cfosny.org](mailto:nicole@cfosny.org). How lovely it will be for hundreds of philanthropic individuals from Orange and Sullivan counties to come together once again in celebration of giving. We hope you will join us!

**Elizabeth Rowley**  
CFOS President and CEO



## *In loving memory of longtime CFOS Director Katherine Fitzgerald*

Kathy Fitzgerald served on the CFOS Board of Directors from 2005 to February of this year, providing sage counsel and guidance as the Foundation grew. She volunteered for countless other organizations including Inspire, Orange County Chamber of Commerce and United Way in addition to having an impressive banking career. Her friends were many, and her generosity endless. She will be deeply missed.

# CFOS ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS



Michael Bonura



Richard Shapiro, Esq.



Sarita Bhandarkar, Esq.



Inaudy Gil Esposito, MS

The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan has announced the appointment of two new directors to its board and the promotion of a longtime director to the role of chairman.

Richard Shapiro, J.D., CELA, CAP began his term as board chairman on July 1. He takes the reins from Michael Bonura who served for two years as chairman and remains on the board as a director.

Shapiro is a partner at Blustein, Shapiro, Frank & Barone. He has been a valued member of the Board of Directors since 2013 and the Foundation's Professional Advisors Council since 2007.

*"I'm honored to step into the role of Board Chairman for the Community Foundation. I have big shoes to fill, as Mike Bonura did a fantastic job guiding the Board through the worst of COVID," said Shapiro. "I'm excited to work with Biz Rowley and her terrific team as we strive to enhance our role as the 'go to' resource for philanthropy in Orange and Sullivan Counties."*

Sarita Bhandarkar, J.D., LL.M. Tax and Inaudy Gil Esposito, MS joined the board as directors this summer.

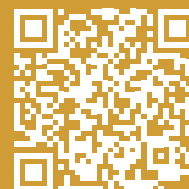
Bhandarkar opened Bhandarkar Law, P.C. in Cornwall in 2018. She has been a longtime advocate for the Foundation, also serving as Chair of the Professional Advisors Council.

Gil Esposito has been the Executive Director of the Orange County Human Rights Commission for more than five years. Her expertise includes 15 years of work in the areas of social justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

*"This is an exciting time of growth for the Community Foundation and the addition of these two dynamic board members will ensure that we can best serve our diverse family of funds which make our communities better places to live," said Elizabeth Rowley, CFOS President and CEO.*

## Transfer of Wealth Study

The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan is proud to have been a part of a comprehensive transfer of wealth study for our region. What happens to those assets will have an enormous impact on the strength of local communities for generations to come! View the full report on our website at [cfosny.org](https://cfosny.org).







## Hudson Valley Animal Shelter Fund Awards Grants

The Hudson Valley Animal Shelter Fund established through a bequest from Jean Rowe distributed \$16,800 in grants this summer to four organizations dedicated to rescuing, sheltering and defending animals. \$58,900 in total grants have been distributed since the fund's inception.



## 2022 Hudson Valley Animal Shelter Grant Recipients

\$5,000 to The Animal Rights Alliance Inc. (T.A.R.A.) for their Veterinary Stainless Steel Cages project to purchase new, larger, stainless-steel crates for the animals it treats. (see photo above)

\$5,000 to Dumped & Stray Animal Rescue for Randal's Place, a retirement village/sanctuary for feral and community cats rescued from the streets of the city of Middletown.

\$1,800 to Happy Kitty Inc. for their Cats of Tusten - 97 South project, a collaborative effort with T.A.R.A. to humanely reduce the number of feral and stray cats in Sullivan County.

\$5,000 to the Dutchess County SPCA for their Kennel Renovation project.

*"Thanks to this grant, the animals will be much more comfortable during their stay," said Stephen Tardif, Vice President and Co-founder of T.A.R.A. "The stainless-steel crates are easier to clean and provide more visibility and room to move around. It all comes down to improved comfort and care for the animals!"*

## Bonacic Family Foundation Supports Homeless Veterans

The Bonacic Family Foundation recently awarded a \$10,000 grant to the YIT Foundation for the renovation of a historic house for homeless veterans. To top it off, Walden Savings Bank contributed another \$1,000 when the check was deposited there. This is just the beginning for a project that with collaboration from tradespeople and local businesses will change lives! Donations can be made at [yitfoundation.org](http://yitfoundation.org).





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# Hudson Valley Gives Supports

**GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE!**  
164 Local Nonprofits



Hudson Valley Gives provides organizations with a platform to reach online donors through a focused 24-hour collaborative effort. 3,567 donors gave a total of \$619,455. The fully online fundraiser is hosted by the Community Foundation.

*“Giving local is the best way to ensure that the critical nonprofit services we all depend on each day are supported, and we’re honored to raise awareness and funds for so many amazing organizations through HV Gives,” said Nicole Feller Lee, CFOS Director of Development and Communications.*

Most of the more than \$600,000 raised was donated online over a 24-hour period on Wednesday, May 18 to support organizations throughout the Hudson Valley.

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts raised the most of all the participating nonprofits in Sullivan County, a total of \$4,138 from its generous online donor base.

*“We are truly grateful for the meaningful contributions that Bethel Woods received through HV Gives,” said Eric Frances, CEO of Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. “While the Hudson Valley is known for its stunning landscape and rich history, what truly sets us apart are the big hearts of our residents.”*

The event’s donations support charities in seven counties providing life-enriching programs and critical services that Hudson Valley residents appreciate or depend upon. When combined with giving totals from years past, charitable giving through Hudson Valley Gives now stands at nearly \$3 million.

For the third year running, SUNY Orange Foundation raised the most of all the participating nonprofits, a total of \$42,775 from its generous online donor base.

## 2022 HV GIVES HIGHLIGHTS:



**\$619,505 RAISED**



**164 NONPROFITS  
SUPPORTED**



**4,604 DONATIONS**



**3,567 DONORS**



**1,275 NEW DONORS**



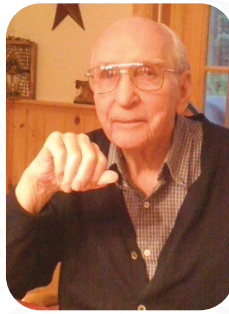
# WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of ORANGE and SULLIVAN FAMILY

## **16 funds have joined the CFOS Family of Funds**

since our last publication. We are honored to support their charitable intentions. Of those funds, six were established in memory of the outstanding people pictured below. Please visit [cfosny.org](http://cfosny.org) to learn more about all of our component funds or to make a contribution to support their important work.



**Timothy B. Flanagan Memorial Scholarship Fund**



**Lloyd F. Sweet Sr. Music Education Scholarship Fund**



**Roland H. Ward Scholarship Fund**



**Alice Privitera Nursing Scholarship Fund**



**Dr. Timothy F. Hale Memorial Scholarship Fund**



**Daniel Thalmann Scholarship Fund**

**Coach Mike Weiner Scholarship Fund**

**Steven & Stephanie Weisbroth Walden Scholarship Fund**

**Lifting Neighbors Fund**

**Newburgh Lacrosse Fund**

**Sullivan County Chamber Fund**

**Lazare and Charlotte Kaplan SUNY Sullivan Scholarship Fund**

**Newburgh Yoga and Wellness Project Fund**

**Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum Endowment Fund**

**Healey Brothers Driven to Give Fund**

**Congregation B'Nai Israel Cemetery Association Fund**



# CFOS Celebrates 2022 Scholarship Donors and Recipients

Thank you to all who joined us at our scholarship receptions at the Arnold House in Livingston Manor and Twin Ponds on the FARM in Montgomery. We were thrilled to connect donors and scholarship recipients this year after a two year pause of these special events!

**\$493,650**

**in total scholarships were awarded**

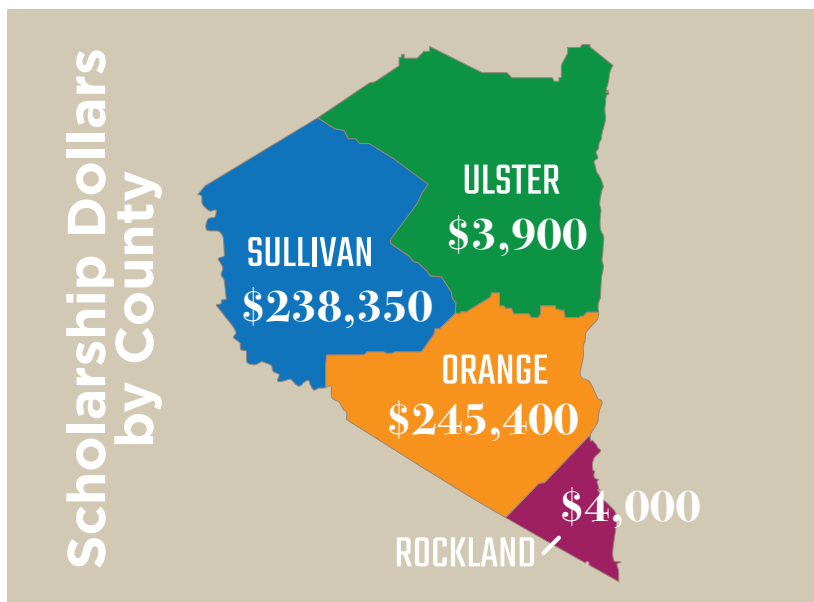
**231**

**scholarships were given to**

**183 students**

**Average scholarship award was**

**\$2,137**



## TOP RECIPIENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**#1 Livingston Manor students**

*awarded*

**\$138,000**

**#2 Port Jervis students**

*awarded*

**\$85,250**

**#3 Fallsburg Central students**

*awarded*

**\$27,000**

## Fund for Women and Children Supports Youth Programs

On a beautiful summer day, CFOS staff member Lisa Mitchell and members of the Rowley family visited two of this year's Fund for Women and Children grantees, Town of Wallkill Boys & Girls Club and Victory Hill Therapeutic Horsemanship. Both organizations received funding for their work with youth in our community. Visit [bgcorange.org](http://bgcorange.org) and [victoryhill.org](http://victoryhill.org) to learn more about these outstanding organizations.







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## HONORING

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5:30 p.m.

West Hills Country Club

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John Rath



Foster Supply Hospitality

with the

David T. Cocks Commitment to Community Award

### PREMIER



### PLATINUM



### DIAMOND



### CRYSTAL



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