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HV Gives Raises Record

\$700,000

This year's 8th annual Hudson Valley Gives was the most successful yet, raising more than \$704,000 for local nonprofits. HV Gives has raised a total of \$3.5 million since its inception.

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Message from leadership



Two years ago, we as an organization made a formal commitment to prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion in all that we do.

The first step was a self-evaluation and recognition that this commitment would be a marathon, not a sprint. Even so, I'm proud to report that progress has already been made and our commitment to continued improvement remains stronger than ever.

We established a diversity, equity and inclusion committee which recently added accessibility to its name to make it yet more inclusive. This committee agreed upon strategies that include trainings for board members and constituents on a bi-annual basis and recruitment of more diverse board members.

Additional goals include reaching and supporting a more diverse population in applying for CFOS scholarships, establishing a DEAI fund for nonprofit trainings, and examining existing CFOS policies for inclusive language.

We welcome input from the CFOS community on how to continue to improve in this arena and encourage you to call the office at (845) 769-9393 with suggestions. As Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."

Elizabeth Rowley
CFOS President and CEO



Save these dates!

July 13, 2023
**Sullivan County
Scholarship
Reception**
at
The Arnold House



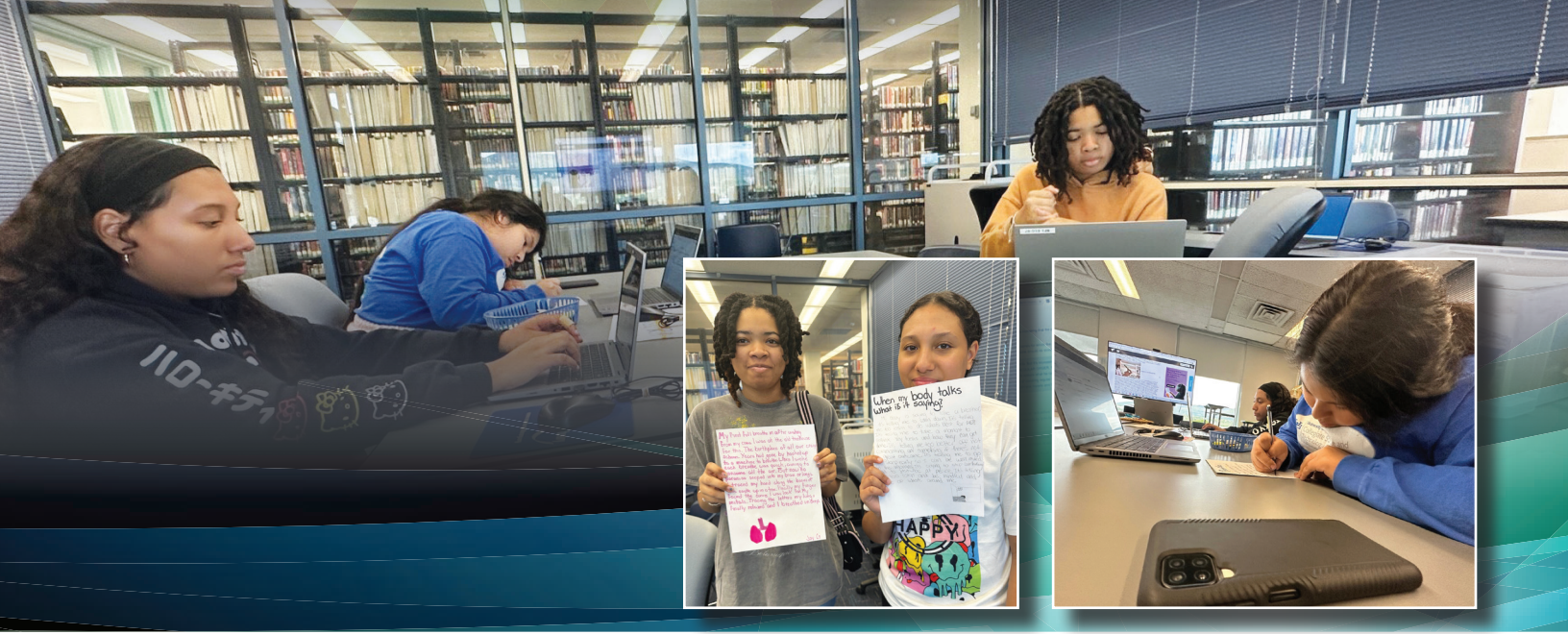
July 20, 2023
**Orange County
Scholarship
Reception**
at
Twin Ponds on the FARM

October 18, 2023
**CFOS Annual
Reception**
at
West Hills Country Club



Rowley Family Foundation Fund for Women and Children

Supports Coding Club for Newburgh Girls



Organizers say when the Newburgh Girls Code Club (NGCC) program was established, no one imagined the full impact it would have. The goal was to inspire girls to develop an interest in technology with the hope that they would be empowered to enter the field as they graduated high school.

As hoped, the program is certainly inspiring future careers. However, organizers say the amazing byproduct of this was the sisterhood that was cultivated by the girls working together, trusting one another, and forming friendships.

“Together, they explored and applied code principles addressing real topics they care about in our greater Newburgh community, and their daily lives. They grew as young leaders through the presentations they delivered, the panels they spoke on, the hackathons they participated in, and the industry mentors they connected with,” said Mary Lou Carolan, Executive Director, Newburgh Free Library. “This kind of support system can’t be taught; it must be experienced.”

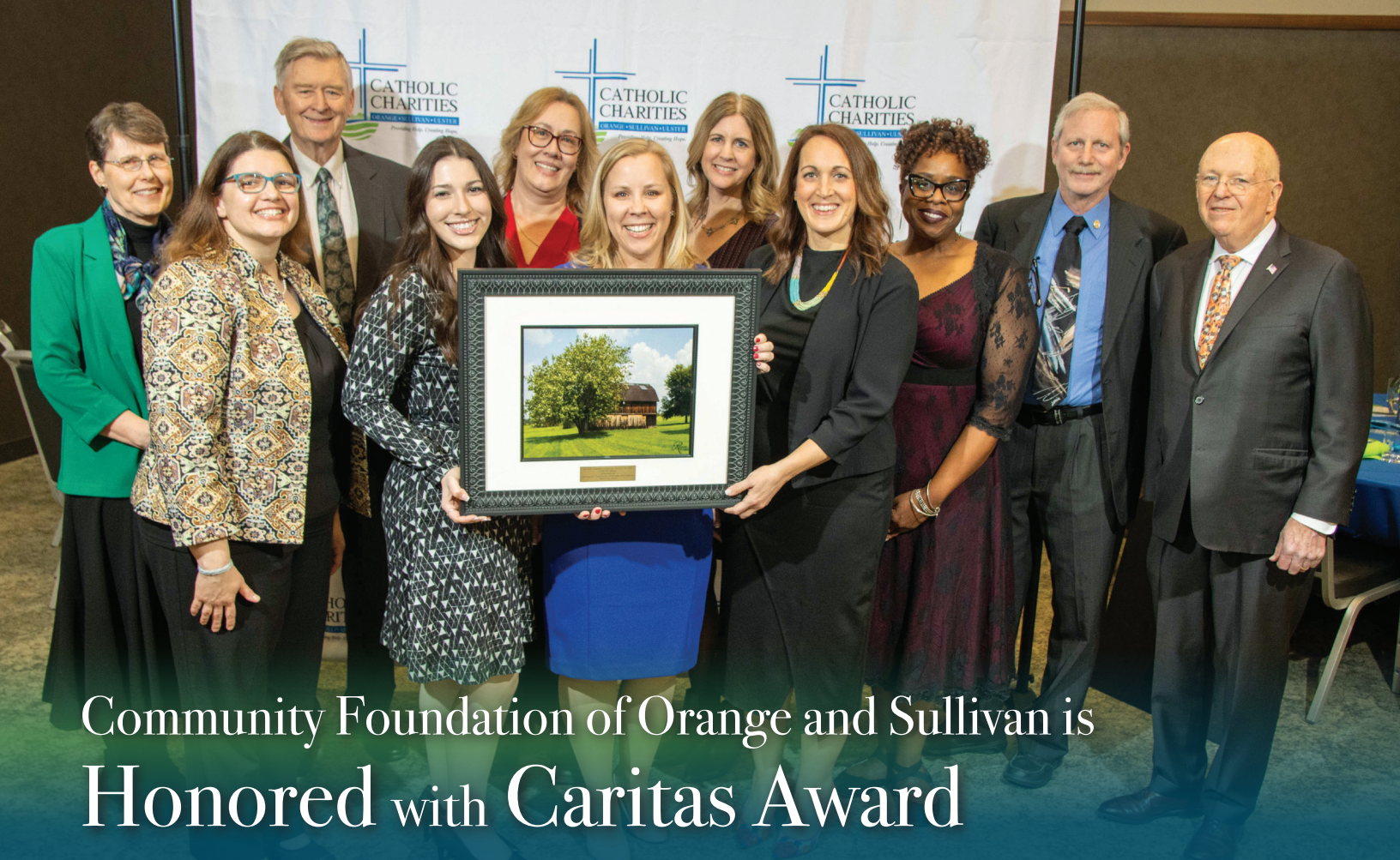
Organizers credit an initial grant from the Community Foundation’s Fund for Women and Children as being the catalyst, and additional funding as the sustainable factor, for this successful youth coding program that has returned children to the Newburgh Free Library. Families who brought their children

to toddler programs now have lifelong learning opportunities at the library for their children who are tweens and teens.

“The Newburgh Girls Code Club is one of the most exciting programs we have supported through our Fund for Women and Children,” said Fund for Women and Children Founder Marianne Murray. “Our family has had the opportunity to observe the girls in action on several occasions and it is wonderful to see how engaged they are in the after-school sessions at the Newburgh Free Library. We are thrilled to support their continued excellent work.”

The program recently launched the Intersections Podcast Program focused on teaching students that there are no losses in failure, only lessons. It reminds youth that it is more important to be brave than perfect, a central ethos to the nationally acclaimed Girls Who Code’s network. Podcasting students are deepening their critical thinking, research capacities, and connection to the content they create.

NGCC and the Intersections Podcast Program have also provided a safe space for youth to explore their identities, particularly LGBTQ+ youth who are unsupported at home. To learn more, visit newburghlibrary.org/newburgh-girls-code-club/.



Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan is Honored with Caritas Award

The Community Foundation launched the Orange and Sullivan COVID-19 Response Fund to issue grants to established nonprofit organizations like Catholic Charities providing front-line services to the most vulnerable populations. In addition, the Fund for Women and Children, an initiative of CFOS and the Rowley Family Foundation, supported Catholic Charities with a grant for their Mom's University

Program, a startup program that strived to offer support and guidance to single mothers through safe and constructive dialogue and counseling. Anderman Oil, Mount Saint Mary College and Dr. Walter Woodley from the Institute for Family Health were also presented with Caritas Awards at the dinner held at The Kartrite Resort on March 23.



Celebrating 100 years of the Women's University Club of Middletown

In April, CFOS team had the pleasure of joining the Women's University Club of Middletown as they hosted their 100th Anniversary Soiree. The Club has a longstanding scholarship fund at the CFOS for graduates of Middletown High School. Congratulations to Inaugural President's Award recipient Maria Ingrassia.

Hudson Valley Gives Raises \$700,000 for *Nonprofits*



The fully online fundraiser hosted by the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan provides organizations with a platform to reach online donors through a focused 24-hour collaborative effort. 3,734 donors contributed to support 197 organizations from the region's seven counties.

"We're honored to raise awareness and funds for so many amazing organizations throughout the region," said Elizabeth Rowley, CFOS President & CEO. "The success of HV Gives is a testament to the generosity of area individuals who have supported it for eight years running!"

Most donations were made online over a 24-hour period on Wednesday, May 17. The event's donations support charities providing life-enriching programs and critical services that Hudson Valley residents appreciate or depend upon.



Supporters gathered at a "Celebration of Success" party.

HV Gives raised \$546,161 on May 17, the most raised in a 24-hour period in the history of the event.

2023

2023 HV GIVES HIGHLIGHTS:



\$704,288 RAISED



197 NONPROFITS SUPPORTED



5,008 DONATIONS



3,734 DONORS



1,341 NEW DONORS

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The following funds have joined the CFOS Family of Funds since our last *Giving Matters* publication. We are honored to support their charitable intentions. Please visit cfosny.org to learn about these funds or make a contribution.



Ella Rose Foundation



Kids Club House Playground Fund



Madison St. John Olivero Memorial Foundation



Montgomery Village Events Committee Fund



Narrowsburg Ecumenical Food Pantry



Newburgh Girls Basketball Fund



Newburgh Boys Tennis Fund



Packed with Love Foundation



Skylar F.C. Pascale Memorial Scholarship Fund



**Valley Central Softball Booster Club
VC Vikings Football Booster Club**



The Jack Fund



Adopting T.H.E.O. Hosts Its First Annual Casino Night

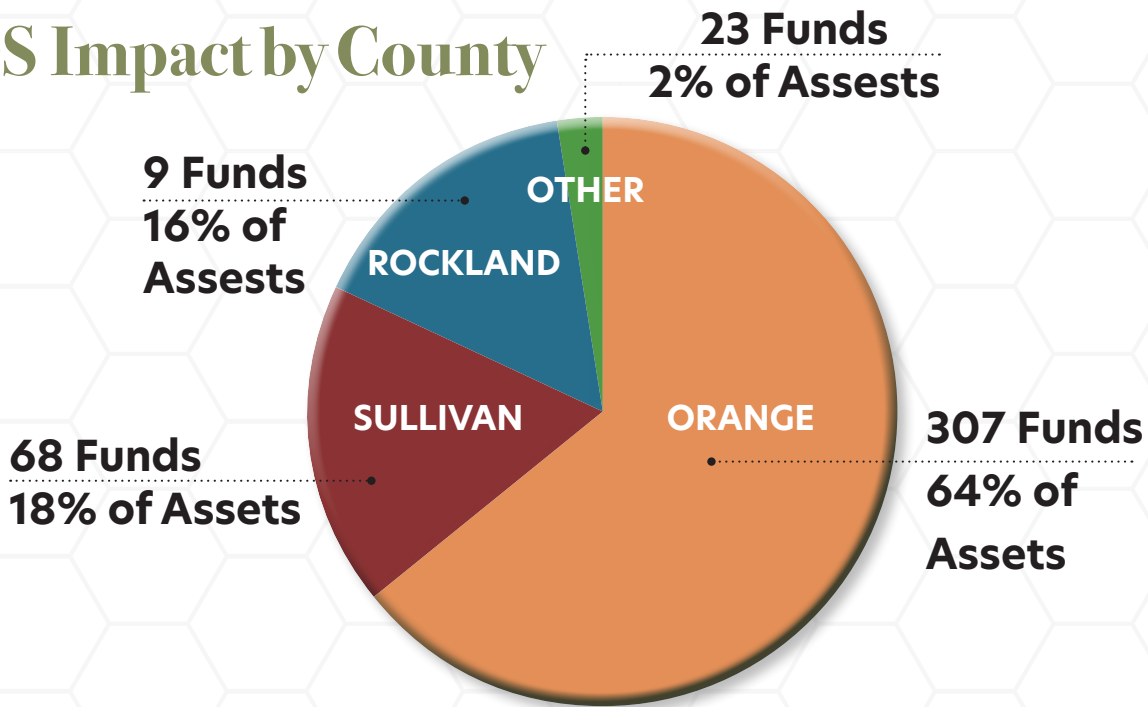
Adopting T.H.E.O. recently hosted its first Annual Casino Night at The Venue at Winding Hills in Montgomery. The Adopting T.H.E.O. Foundation, a component fund established at CFOS, supports charitable initiatives related to adoption and foster care. This includes scholarships for those in the foster care system or who have been adopted and support services for those in the foster care/adoption system such as care packages for Gotcha Day, 'Go Bags' for children, educational programs for foster/adopted parents and more.

"Through adoption we were showered with an overwhelming amount of generosity from this amazing community," said Phil Hopkins, Adopting T.H.E.O. Foundation Co-founder. "We want to pay that kindness forward by hosting fun events for the community that will fund the big and little things that make a difference for children in the foster care/adoption system."

For more information, visit adoptingtheo.com.



CFOS Impact by County



Are you interested in learning more about establishing a fund?

We offer presentations to groups, including service clubs, professional advisors and more. Contact Megan at 845-769-9393 or megan@cfosny.org to schedule a presentation.



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