



CATTARAUGUS REGION
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Power of Community

2023 Annual Report





The Power of Community

In today's fast-paced and interconnected world, the significance of community cannot be overstated. Whether it's a small neighborhood, religious congregation or an online forum, communities play a vital role in shaping our lives, providing support and fostering a sense of belonging. From celebrating joys to weathering storms, communities serve as pillars of strength, durability and unity.

Communities also demonstrate remarkable adaptability and resilience – as demonstrated by the collective perseverance during the Covid-19 epidemic. Communities come together to innovate, problem solve and navigate challenges hand in hand.

At the heart of every community are the bonds and connections that bring people together. At the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation, those bonds and connections are conjoined through the philanthropic efforts of community members.

Philanthropy is the heartbeat of a thriving community, where generosity fuels progress and compassion builds bridges to a brighter future.

None of the good that CRCF does would be possible without community efforts. In 2023, CRCF made 811 grants totaling over \$1.7 million that supported local causes.

In 2023, RAM (Remote Area Medical) returned to the Cattaraugus region thanks to the generous donations from community members and local organizations. RAM provides pop-up medical clinics around the United States, offering dental, vision, and general medical care at no cost to patients. Over \$7,000 was donated to the RAM Fund of Cattaraugus County, enabling them to bring their services to the region.

CRCF also made possible over \$270,000 in scholarships to allow local students to pursue their educational and career goals. Scholarships serve as beacons of opportunity for individuals with diverse backgrounds and ambitions.

They empower deserving students to pursue their dreams, regardless of economic restraints, unlocking the door to knowledge and career advancement. Those are just a few examples of our community-focused work.

In this report you will read more about the “power of community” and how it makes the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation the community's trusted, supportive and responsive leader in philanthropy.

Maragaret J. Wheatley once said “There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.”

This quote perfectly summarizes our mission: We aim to assist community members in their philanthropic endeavors to help others, thus enriching the quality of life in our community.

We would like to sincerely thank our partners and supporters. Our success is due to your dedication to our community and your faith in the transformative power of philanthropy. We have a fresh feeling of purpose, hope, and resolve as we turn to the future. We will keep working together to create a more promising, welcoming and successful future for the Cattaraugus region.

Lucy Benson
CRCF Board President

Kirk Windus
CRCF Executive Director

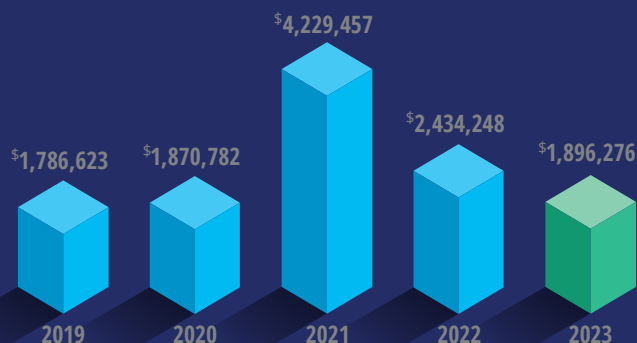
GROWING GOOD

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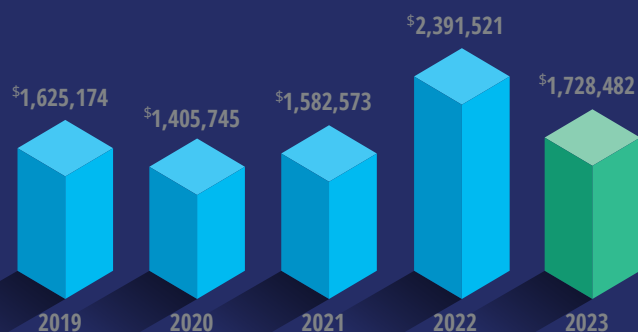
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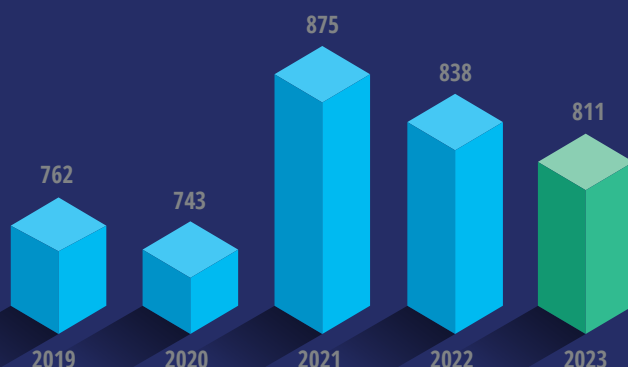
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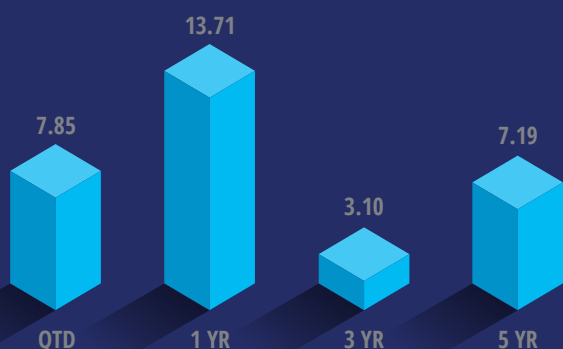
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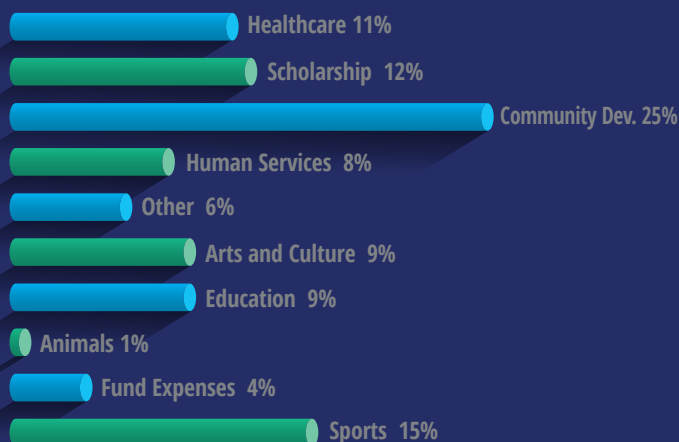
NUMBER OF GRANTS



RATE OF RETURN ON INVESTMENTS



2023 GRANTS BY PROGRAM AREA





Shining Light on Community Unity

Frank Pitillo, a beloved figure in the Ellicottville community renowned for his prowess on the slopes, entrepreneurial spirit and gridiron grit, was taken far too soon in a fateful motorcycle accident. Yet, from the darkness of grief emerged a glimmer of hope, as Frank's brother, Nick Pitillo, embarked on a mission to honor his brother's memory in a profound way.

Nick – like his brother – is an entrepreneur. Nick and his wife Kendra are the owners and proprietors of the restaurants Osteria 166 in Buffalo and Villaggio in Ellicottville.

At the time of Frank's passing, very few schools in the area had lights for their football fields. The lights erected at Ellicottville Central School were named in Frank's honor in 1977. While attending one of his daughter's softball games, Nick realized that these lights needed to be updated.

It was then that he decided to refocus the lights not just on the field, but on his brother's legacy. Inspired by Frank's passion for sports and his unwavering commitment to the community, Nick established the Frank Pitillo Memorial Fund at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation in 2022.

The vision for the fund was as clear as a pristine ski slope at dawn: raise funds to replace the aging lights illuminating the local football field, a place where Frank had once dazzled crowds with his athletic feats.

For Nick, it was about more than just upgrading infrastructure; it was about preserving Frank's legacy and ensuring that future generations could bask in the same vibrant lights that once guided his brother's footsteps on the field.

After sifting through a myriad of bids, Pitillo came to the conclusion that the lights could be installed for \$200,000, plus another \$50,000 for plaques and maintenance.

Word of the fund quickly spread in the Ellicottville community, igniting the hearts of residents who had been touched by Frank's kindness and infectious zest for life. From fellow former athletes to business leaders, the community rallied behind Nick's noble cause, raising almost \$180k since the fund was established.

The culmination of many events has raised money for the fund, including the Frank Pitillo Memorial Lighting Fund Golf Tournament held at the Holiday Valley Double Black Diamond Golf Course.

"These lights will be in place for years to come, so they can help create new memories for the next generation" said Pitillo. "Whether it was playing a sport, or attending games, 'Friday Night Lights' is a cherished tradition that has created countless memories for generations, not only here, but across the country."

The new lighting system promises to enhance access to athletic fields by upgrading the ECS Stadium lights to a more environmentally efficient system. The new lights will last up to 25 times longer than the current bulbs and will increase the number of hours that the field can be accessed, all while using 70% less energy. The new lights will increase clarity and reduce blind spots on the field which will help young athletes play safely.

And maybe most importantly, at the heart of the project is community. Sports possess an extraordinary power to bring people together, and the funds for this project were raised primarily through community efforts. Through sports, bonds are formed, friendships are forged and mutual respect is cultivated.

While the immediate focus of the fund is to get the lights paid for and installed, any remaining funds will go towards scholarships for graduating Ellicottville Central School seniors. The scholarship will go towards a student who has strong academics, displays leadership through athletics, and has a strong entrepreneurial work ethic.

"This is one way that I can keep honoring the memory of my brother, plus help out the kids that are at Ellicottville Central now," Pitillo said. "With this community, I know we can get it done."

The Community Catalyst

Hos.pi.tal.i.ty – *The friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers.*

Hospitality is at the center of business in Olean, and the longevity and resilience of the industry will forever be honored in Lincoln Park thanks to the efforts of the Greater Olean Hospitality Committee and their partnership with CRCF.

The Greater Olean Hospitality Wall of Fame will now have a permanent home in the form of a sculpture that will display the names of past and present wall of fame inductees and will be a constant public reminder in a central Olean park of the many contributions of the hospitality industry to the area's heritage and history.

In the past, individuals were honored at the Taste of Olean event, and their names were added to plaques housed at the Olean campus of Jamestown Community College. Since the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce (GOACC) established the Greater Olean Hospitality Wall of Fame in 2007, more than 54 individuals have been inducted. Joe and Susan Marra (formerly of the Old Library), Anthony Fratercangelo (Angee's) and Tony Procacci (Napoli Pizza) created the Greater Olean Hospitality Committee to lead these efforts in partnership with the GOACC.

Due to a need for the space at the Olean JCC Campus, those plaques had to be returned to the honorees.

To provide public recognition to past and future inductees, and to continue the tradition of honoring the hospitality industry and its leaders and contributors, the committee of the Greater Olean Hospitality Wall of Fame established the Greater Olean Hospitality Sculpture Fund at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation. This enabled the community to donate to the fundraising process to erect the sculpture.

The sculpture, now erected and installed, is an embodiment of a community coming together to honor its roots and celebrate its future.

Not only did the fund enable the sculpture honoring the history and the future of the hospitality industry, but it has since been converted into a scholarship fund to support students pursuing a degree in a hospitality industry-related field of study including business, culinary arts, hospitality management.

By investing in the future, the Greater Olean Hospitality Committee shows its dedication to the industry, and to the people of the community and its next generations.

The monument was designed and crafted by renowned area sculptor Glenn Zwegardt of Alfred. Zwegardt is an emeritus Professor of Sculpture at the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University.

The barre vermont gray granite sculpture bears the names of more than 54 honorees since 2007. Topping off the sculpture is a pineapple - the international symbol for hospitality - accompanied by a fork, a knife and a spoon.

Crafted with meticulous detail and boundless creativity, the sculpture embodies the essence of hospitality, reflecting the significant impact the industry has had on Olean's identity. As visitors traverse the roundabout at the intersection of North Union Street and West State Street, they are not just greeted by a work of art; they are engulfed in a story that honors the friendliness, diversity and giving that characterize the Greater Olean area.

At its core, the sculpture serves as a nod of appreciation to the countless individuals who breathed life into the hospitality sector – from the servers to the culinary maestros,

“What all these honorees have in common is more than serving a good meal at a good price. Their restaurants were home” stated Meme Yanetsko, director of organizational advancement at HomeCare & Hospice. “Their popularity and customer loyalty stemmed from the way they have treated everyone.”

from the event organizers and performers to the bed and breakfast owners. Their many, frequently unseen efforts are now immortalized in steel, a testament to their role in shaping the city's welcoming embrace.

The sculpture is not merely a piece of art but an embodiment of the city's soul, inviting all who encounter it to embrace the spirit of hospitality and establish deeper connections within the vibrant tapestry of the Olean area.





“Dropping in” on Philanthropy

A vibrant new addition has sparked waves of excitement and camaraderie within the village of Ellicottville. The new skatepark – officially named the New Car Dealers of WNY Ellicottville Skatepark in recognition of the park’s lead sponsor – is a 10,000 square foot concrete marker of the transformative power of communal endeavors.

With its genesis embedded in the collective vision of local stakeholders, the establishment of the skatepark stands as a shining example of what can be achieved when a community rallies together in pursuit of a shared goal.

When Chris Perks and his wife, Brenda, heard about an initiative through the Tony Hawk Foundation to support the building of concrete skateparks, they immediately thought about bringing one to Ellicottville. The duo served as the lead advocates of the SK8EVL committee, who established the Ellicottville Skatepark Fund at CRCF to enable the group to raise funds towards a \$250,000 matching grant to turn their skatepark dreams into a reality.

“The ‘Built to Play’ matching program has the mission of helping communities across the US build outdoor concrete skateparks that are free and open to the public,” said Brenda. The Tony Hawk Foundation has partnered with the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation to fund projects like this across Western New York, providing matches to such initiatives up to \$250,000.

Sk8EVL started their fundraising efforts with an uphill battle: fundraising through the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Ellicottville Skatepark Committee (SK8EVL) rallied the locals and business leaders through a host of fundraisers, including auctions, giveaways and basket raffles. The SKATE-of-the-ART fundraiser auctioned off skate decks that were designed by 50 artists, while the SOUP-to-SKATE fundraiser showcased handmade ceramic bowls created by local students, soups and chili donated by area restaurants and basket raffles that were donated by local businesses and community members.

After a significant donation of \$100,000 from the New Car Dealers of WNY Charitable Foundation, the organizers met and exceeded their goal of \$250,000 to receive the full match from The Skatepark Project (formerly the Tony Hawk Foundation).

Following three years of fundraising and a year of construction, Chris and Brenda’s concept came to fruition in July of 2023.

Driven by grassroots, community-based support, the project has blossomed from a mere concept into a tangible symbol of unity and inclusivity, uniting people from all different walks of life in one place.

The park, designed and built by Grindline of Seattle with input from area residents, features a large bowl, steps, a grind rail and other features. It is accessible for those who skateboard, bike, rollerblade and scooter.

Dave Egner, president and CEO of the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation, said it got into building skateparks through its partnership with the Skatepark Project, because there was a lack of good green space for kids to play. He said only 13% of youth in Western New York get the amount of exercise recommended by the CDC.

“We now have a state-of-the-art facility that welcomes all ages, all skill levels and, most importantly, a safe space where our youth can be active, develop friendships and express themselves through the sport of skateboarding,” stated Brenda.

The skate park – which is free to the public – is an open door for all walks of life to come together, support one another and have fun. Not only will it help promote public health benefits, but many friendships can be made there.

In a remarkable display of unity and determination, the community’s collaborative efforts have culminated in the construction of the skatepark. This skatepark represents more than just a recreational space – it represents the fortitude, inclusivity and empowerment that characterizes a community.

Community Giving = Community Building

During Cattaraugus Gives, the spirit of altruism abounds as individuals, businesses and organizations unite with a singular purpose: to sow the seeds of progress and compassion in our beloved community.

In 2023, 95 area nonprofit organizations came together to raise \$306,567 during a 24-hour period through the philanthropic generosity of 1,369 donors. In the seven years since CRCF began administering this one-day fundraising event, \$1.36 million has been raised by and for community nonprofits.

Every dollar raised during Cattaraugus Gives goes back to serving the community in the form of projects and services led by nonprofits in the Cattaraugus County region.

Cattaraugus Gives also allows nonprofits to compete for cash prizes based on their fundraising success during the event. The prizes and leaderboards can be tracked in real time on the Cattaraugus Gives website. The prizes, which include cash prizes for nonprofits and gift cards for supporting donors, totaled over \$21,000 in 2023 – 10% more than the total prizes in 2022.

The top three fundraisers for the 2023 event were Empire Animal Rescue Society (\$28,057), SPCA in Cattaraugus County (\$23,995) and Olean General Hospital Foundation (\$20,130).



Animal shelters like the SPCA, Empire Animal Rescue Society and Joyful Rescues see Cattaraugus Gives as essential, utilizing the funds to provide emergency surgeries and help facilitate adoptions with loving families.

In 2023, the YMCA of the Twin Tiers utilized Cattaraugus Gives to help support the Erick Laine Outdoor Center Capital Campaign. The new facility – located directly behind the Olean YMCA – is an outdoor, four season play park that is equipped with an ice rink, splash pad, playground, an airnasium, and plenty of green space. To help support their efforts, CRCF and the board of directors matched all donations made towards

“Cattaraugus Gives has provided the community a healthy form of competition for nonprofits of all sizes and missions to raise additional funds to support their fundraising efforts” said Curtis Pierce, executive director of the Olean YMCA. “The Olean YMCA looks forward to participating in the program each year as our organization has greatly benefited from it.”

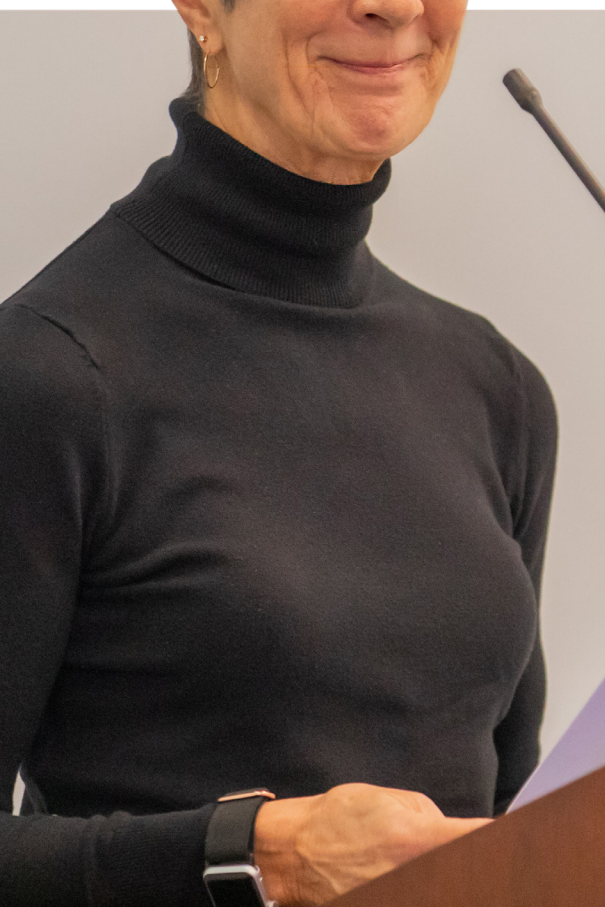
the capital campaign up to \$10,000 during Cattaraugus Gives. In its inaugural winter, the Erick Laine Outdoor Center welcomed more than 500 ice skaters. The center will be open for its first season of summer activities this year.

Local nonprofits also receive guidance from CRCF in the form of training webinars and Link and Learn workshops. These sessions help nonprofit professionals and volunteers learn more about how to get the most out of their fundraising efforts during Cattaraugus Gives.

And at the helm of Cattaraugus Gives has been the now CRCF executive director, Kirk Windus, who has helped to nearly triple annual nonprofit participation since the program's first year.

“For CRCF, Cattaraugus Gives has become an important part of our work in philanthropy in this community, and it has had such an incredible impact,” said Windus. “I encourage any interested nonprofit to reach out to learn more about how Cattaraugus Gives can help take their organization's fundraising to the next level. Likewise, I encourage the community to continue supporting a program that has grown so much good in Cattaraugus County.”

There lies the true essence of Cattaraugus Gives: providing the citizens of Cattaraugus County with the help and support they need, while working towards a stronger, healthier, more vibrant community. In the nonprofit world, community support equals community impact.



FUNDS

Agency Fund

African American Center for Cultural Development Fund
Allegany Area Historical Association Fund
Allegany-Cattaraugus-Chautauqua Fund For Women
Carroll & Dolores Anstaett Olean Community Theatre Endowment Fund
Carroll and Dolores Anstaett Pfeiffer Nature Center Fund
Blount Library Fund
Ten Broeck Academy and Franklinville Central School District Scholarship Fund
Canticle Farm Endowment Fund
CASA-Trinity Agency Fund in Cattaraugus County
Challenger Learning Center Fund
Dream It. Do It. Cattaraugus County Fund.
Otto-Eldred Education Foundation Fund
Empire Animal Rescue Society (E.A.R.S.) Agency Fund
Genesis House of Olean Fund
Interfaith Caregivers Inc. Fund
Lounsbury Adaptive Investment Account Fund
Mount View Cemetery Maintenance Fund
Olean Business Development Corporation Fund
Olean Community Theatre Building Project Fund
Olean Food Pantry Fund
Olean Meditation Center Fund
Operation Warm Hearts Inc. Fund
Operation Warm Hearts Inc. NON-ENDOWED Agency Fund
Kay Pfeiffer Gerkin Endowment Fund
Portville Free Library Endowed Fund
The Portville Historical and Preservation Society Fund
SPCA in Cattaraugus County
Tri-County Arts Council Agency Endowment Fund
United Way of Cattaraugus County Inc. Fund

Donor Advised Funds

Pete and Karen Buchheit Family Fund
Laine Family Fund
Mahar Family Foundation Fund
Stitt Family Fund
Connie and Sandy Wolfinger Fund
Wolfinger Family Donor Advised Fund

Donor Designated

Carroll and Dolores Anstaett Gift Tree Fund
Carroll Anstaett Olean Little League Fund
Archbishop Walsh/Southern Tier Catholic Schools Endowment Fund in honor of Luella Potter
Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels Future Fund
James R. Bryant Fund
Bud and Marion Boorum Fund
BWB Food Drive Fund
Mike and Laura Bysiek Memorial Fund
Gary D. Clements Fund
Samuel Costa Endowment Fund
Maureen Curry Olean Food Pantry Community Garden Fund
Dan H. Daniels Memorial Fund
Eagle Scout Fund

The Rev. Leo J. Gallina Endowment Fund for St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church
Paul and Betty Hanson Fund
Paul and Mary Janowicz Memorial Fund
Kothari Family Endowment Fund
The McMullen Fund
Mildred Milliman Fund
Roger S. Niemic Memorial Fund
Jim & Gail Olson Mercy Flight Fund
Redding Endowment Fund
Doris Reisner Endowment Fund
Lewis & Doris Reisner Endowment Fund
Walt and Ruth Reisner Endowment Fund
Barby Ried Social Fund
St. John's Church Endowment Fund
Carol and Jim Stitt Operations Fund
Vergil Sutter Memorial Fund
Varma Childs Human Services Fund
Kay & Oliver Williams/Rushford Endowment Fund
Paul and Mary Lou Wood Foundation Fund
Paul and Mary Lou Wood Foundation Fund for the Franciscan Center for Social Concern
Yehl Family Endowment



Vincent C. Horth Memorial Softball Tournament participants

Field of Interest Funds

Allegany-Limestone Schools Foundation Fund
Allegany-Limestone Schools Foundation Fund, Academic Boosters Fund
Allegany-Limestone Schools Foundation Fund, All Sports Boosters Fund
Allegany-Limestone Schools Foundation Fund, General Fund
Allegany-Limestone Schools Foundation Fund, Music Boosters Fund
Allegany Nordic Fund
Allegany Public Library Memorial Association Fund
Allegany River Skate Park Inc.
Allegheny River Valley Trail Fund
Audible Signals for Olean Fund
Beautification Fund for Olean Community
Beth Todd Memorial Fund
Big 30 Athletic Fund
Brady's Cause Fund



2023 CRCF Scholarship Recipients

*Caneadea Dam at Rushford Lake Fund
 Cattaraugus County/Gene and Charlotte Preston Fund for the Elderly
 Cattaraugus County Law Enforcement Fund
 Cattaraugus Gives Fund
 Cattaraugus Gives Pass Through Fund
 Cattaraugus County Law Enforcement Project Lifesaver Fund
 Cattaraugus County Suicide Prevention Coalition Fund
 CCSO K9 Fund
 Christmas in Allegany
 Citizens Advocating Memorial Preservation (CAMP) Fund
 Continental 1 Corridor Fund
 Cuba Lake Area Young Sailors' Fund
 Daniel "Tiger" Krick Junior Golf Program Fund
 Elisa B. Hughey Fund for the Arts
 Elisa B. Hughey Memorial Fund for the Arts
 Ellicottville Great Valley Recreational Trail Fund
 Ellicottville Skate Park Fund
 F. Donald Kenney Fund
 Fox Derwick Family Supporting Children in the Arts Fund
 Golf "Fore" Heroes Fund
 Golf "Fore" Heroes NON-ENDOWED Fund
 Greater Olean Hospitality Sculpture/Monument
 Non-Endowed Pass-Through Fund
 Higgins Memorial Golf Tournament Fund
 Horse Resource Fund
 Jack Reading Memorial Fund
 Jamie's Fund
 Kaleigh Wilday Endowment Fund
 Kids and Cancer Endowment Fund
 Kids and Cancer Fund
 Marianne Letro Laine Caregiver and Respite Fund
 Little Valley Fund
 Meals on Wheels/Friends of Aging Fund of Cattaraugus County
 Mental Wellness in Cattaraugus County Fund
 Mountain Sports Fund
 Olean Parks Beautification Fund
 Olean City School District Foundation Fund
 Olean Rotary Club Community Improvement Fund
 Olean Veterans Wall of Honor Fund
 Pink Pumpkin Project Endowed Fund
 The Pink Pumpkin Project Fund*

*Frank Pitillo Memorial Fund
 RAM Fund of Cattaraugus County
 Rose Pappas Foundation Fund
 Ross A. Peters Memorial Fund
 Rotary Club of Ellicottville Fund
 Santa Claus Lane Fund
 Santa Sheriff Fund
 Southern Tier Military Support Group Fund
 Special Response Team Fund
 Springville Chamber of Commerce Fund
 STAB It Foundation Fund
 Veggie Wheels Fund
 Visual Arts Alliance Endowment Fund
 Wagner Family Library Fund
 Wing Ski Club Endowment Fund
 Woodland in the City Fund*



Santa Sheriff Fund

Scholarship Funds

Nancy Allen Scholarship
Laurie Anzivine Memorial Scholarship
Fred P. Baker Memorial Scholarship
Nelson M. Beard Memorial Scholarship
Albert A. Bennett Jr. Family Scholarship
Big 30 Athletic Fund
Tyler Bihler Memorial Scholarship
Burt Scholarship
Tim Bushnell Memorial Scholarship
May C. Carroll Scholarship



Portville Historical and Preservation Society



Camp Turner participants. The Community Fund provided a grant to support scholarships for campers from Cattaraugus County.

Russell F. Greenawalt and Elizabeth Page Greenawalt Scholarship
Gregory D. Spring Perseverance Scholarship and Awards Fund
Hamburg Track Scholarship
Paul and Betty Hanson Career/Technical Scholarship
Alyn J. Heim Music Scholarship
Patricia "Ann" Heister English/Journalism Memorial Scholarship
Joseph and Cecily Higgins Scholarship
Drs. Ahmad and Naheed Hilal Family
Hinsdale Alumni Association Memorial Scholarship
Kristen Hintz Memorial Scholarship Award
Don and Bern Holcomb Memorial Scholarship
Vincent C. Horth Memorial Scholarship
Elisa B. Hughey Scholarship for the Arts
Hughey Family Award for Resilience
Hughey Scholarship
Robert E. Hull VMD Memorial Scholarship
JF20 Scholarship
Signe H. Johnson Scholarship
Signe, Svenborg, Agnes and Selma Johnson Scholarship
Dennis Jones and Wayne Johnston Memorial Dice Run Scholarship
Kathy Jowsey Spirit Memorial Scholarship
Michele Krahe Peace O.H.S. Scholarship
Deputy Wayne Krieger and Carol Krieger Scholarship
Anthony and Gayle Iacovino Legacy Scholarship
Leadership Cattaraugus Scholarship
Long/Vossler Family Scholarship
Rebekah Love Family Scholarship
Louis A. "Louie" and Patricia Magnano Scholarship
James A. and Joan E. Maguire Family Scholarship
Terrence and Judith Mark Scholarship
Louis L. Marra Scholarship
Frank A. Martin III Memorial Scholarship
Maryetta's Mission Scholarship
Daniel and Patrick McCarthy Scholarship
Patricia McCarthy Memorial Scholarship
Bob and Barbara McCord Scholarship
Pat McGee Nursing Scholarship
Arnold McHone Sr. Manufacturing Scholarship
Sara Mollica Memorial Scholarship
John J. Murphy Family Scholarship
OHS Class of 1961 Scholarship

Cattaraugus County Trappers Memorial Scholarship
Chautauqua Cattaraugus Board of Realtors Scholarship
Chipmonk Community Hall Scholarship
Community Scholarship
Thomas W. Conklin Sr. Scholarship
Christine Conner Memorial Scholarship
Shaun Costa Memorial Scholarship
Maureen Curry Inspiration Scholarship
Jen DeLong Memorial Scholarship
Dresser-Rand Employees Scholarship
Walter F. and Julia A. Dziekonski Scholarship
Elias Eade Jr. Scholarship
Otto-Eldred Alumni Scholarship
Louis W. Ensworth Charitable Foundation Trust Scholarship
for Allegany-Limestone Central School
Louis W. Ensworth Charitable Foundation Trust Scholarship
for Olean High School
Ernst Family Scholarship
Jack and Muriel Fogarty Memorial Scholarship
Sondra J. Fox Scholarship
William D. and Catherine Griffin Fraser
Gene and Sandra Froebel Teachers Scholarship
The Good Samaritan Award
Fred G. Grace Memorial Scholarship
Greater Olean Hospitality Scholarship
Phyllis Green Memorial Scholarship



2023 CRCF Scholarship recipients



2023 Cattaraugus Gives Prize Winners

OHS Class of 1983 Scholarship
OHS Class of 1995 Scholarship
Olean City School District Scholarship
Olean High School Alumni Association Scholarship
George and Marcia Pancio Scholarship
Betty Pappas Scholarship
Nicolas G. Pendl Memorial Scholarship
Josephine S. Pepper Memorial Ag. Scholarship
Eric Peters Memorial Scholarship
Portville College Scholarships
Mark J. Prockton Memorial Scholarship
Ratana Ratanawongsa Scholarship
Marjorie and Robert Schaumleffel Rotary Scholarship
Ginger D. Schroder Cattaraugus County Legislative District 2 Scholarship
Norman J. "Pete" Schussele Scholarship
Ben & Rose Schwabenbauer Educational Scholarship
William H. Schwier Memorial Scholarship
Patrick Shinnors Memorial Scholarship
Mary Elizabeth Smith Scholarship
Thomas & Robert Smythe Scholarship
Kathleen Loop Snyder Memorial Scholarship
Southern Tier Military Support Group Scholarship
Dr. Brian O'Connell Sr. Memorial Scholarship
Carroll Swanson Memorial Scholarship Fund for the Performing Arts
Elodine Swarts Baxter & Lena Conrad Swarts Memorial Scholarship

Lee W. and Jeremie I. Swartz Pitt-Bradford Scholarship
Eva M. Taggerty Memorial Scholarship
Bernadette E. "Bernie" Taylor Memorial Scholarship
Jonathan Teuscher Scholarship
Two Joes Scholarship
Tracy Veno Memorial/Olean Professional Firefighters, Local 1796 Scholarship
JoAnn Wehmeyer English Scholarship
Paul and Mary Lou Wood Swim Scholarship
Dr. Donald A. Wormer Family Scholarship

Unrestricted Funds

Anonymous II Fund
Community Fund
Erick Laine Lift Up Endowment Fund



L-R: Brenda Kasperski, Ruth Reisner, Mike Kasperski and Wendy Brand at 2023 Friends of the Foundation Luncheon

GRANTS

African American Center for Cultural Development Fund

Construction/Renovations at African American Center
for Cultural Development \$18,416.06

Allegany River Skate Park Inc.

Skate park construction \$250,000

Allegany-Limestone Schools Foundation Fund

Allegany-Limestone football team clothing/equipment \$2,118

Carroll and Dolores Anstaett Gift Tree Fund

Interfaith Caregivers Inc. for gift tree program \$1,806

Carroll and Dolores Anstaett Olean Community Theatre Endowment Fund

Olean Community Theatre \$1,515



Camp Turner participants. The Community Fund provided a grant to support scholarships for campers from Cattaraugus County.



Ruth Reisner Speech

"– remember your roots. Each one of us has a unique story, a connection to our past, and a responsibility to give back. It is often said that every little bit helps, and I wholeheartedly believe in the power of collective action." — Ruth Reisner



CRCF Staff at YMCA's Salute to Olean, at which former CRCF Executive Director Karen Niemic Buchheit was honored.

BWB Food Drive Fund

Olean Food Pantry \$898

Mike and Laura Bysiek Memorial Fund

Joyful Rescues \$500
SPCA in Cattaraugus County \$100
HomeCare & Hospice \$100
Olean General Hospital Foundation \$100
Olean Food Pantry \$100
Canticle Farm \$100

Cattaraugus County/Gene and Charlotte Preston Fund for the Elderly

Support for elderly residents to help them remain safely
in their home \$11,625

Cattaraugus County Suicide Prevention Coalition Fund

Suicide Prevention Services and Materials \$1,561

Carroll and Dolores Anstaett Pfeiffer Nature Center Fund

Pfeiffer Nature Center \$873

Caroll Anstaett Olean Little League Fund

Olean Little League \$5,176

Beautification Fund for Olean Community

Tri-Country Arts Council, Inc. for Community Ties Mural \$5,000
Greater Olean Hospitality Sculpture Fund \$500

Blount Library Fund

Blount Library Inc. \$1,342

Pete and Karen Buchheit Family Fund

YMCA of the Twin Tiers for Erick Laine Outdoor Center
in Memory of Pete Buchheit \$200
Penn Highlands Community Nurses in memory of Pete Buchheit \$100
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network in memory of Pete Buchheit \$500



Camp Turner participant.

Cattaraugus Gives Fund

Empire Animal Rescue Society	\$4,450
SPCA in Cattaraugus County	\$1,750
Literacy of Love Inc.	\$1,400
Genesis House of Olean, Inc.	\$1,100
Operation Warm Hearts Inc.	\$1,000
YMCA of the Twin Tiers	\$1,000
Olean Meditation Center Fund	\$750
African American Center for Cultural Development, Inc.	\$600
Olean Food Pantry Fund	\$600
Tri-Country Arts Council, Inc.	\$600
Chautauqua Cattaraugus Board of Realtors Scholarship	\$500
Southern Tier Health Care System, Inc.	\$500
The Pink Pumpkin Project Fund	\$500
Friends of the Library of Olean, NY	\$500
Olean City School District Foundation Fund	\$500
Marjorie and Robert Schaumleffel Rotary Scholarship	\$500
Immanuel Lutheran Childcare	\$500
Allegheny Highlands Council Boy Scouts of America	\$500
Olean School District Foundation Fund	\$500
Olean Community Theatre Building Project Fund	\$500
Challenger Learning Center of the Twin Tiers Region	\$250
Allegany Area Historical Association	\$250
HomeCare & Hospice	\$250
Portville Community Food Pantry	\$250
Shadow's Veterinarian Relief Trust	\$250
Dr. Lyle F. Renodin Foundation	\$250
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cattaraugus County	\$250
Interfaith Caregivers Inc.	\$250
Winning Olean Back	\$250
Meals on Wheels/Friends of Aging Fund of Cattaraugus County	\$250
Pfeiffer Nature Center	\$250
Veggie Wheels Fund	\$250
Canticle Farm	\$100
Directions in Independent Living, Inc.	\$100
Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail	\$100
OHS Class of 1983 Scholarship Fund	\$100

Christmas in Allegany

For holiday activities in the Village of Allegany	\$1,455
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Community Fund

City of Olean Police Department - Drone Project	\$6,500
Village of South Dayton - library support	\$2,500
Creekside Chapel - Handicap accessibility improvements	\$2,500
Connecting Communities in Action, Inc. - hygiene kits for the Derby House	\$2,500
OLV Charities - Camp Turner scholarships for Cattaraugus County youth	\$2,340
Randolph Regional EMS Corporation - cardiac monitor data transmitters	\$2,000
Canticle Farm - farm infrastructure upgrades	\$2,000
Blount Library Inc. - for special library programming	\$2,000
Interfaith Caregivers Inc. - upgrades at the medical equipment loan center	\$1,759
SPCA in Cattaraugus County - cat portals to expand current housing	\$1,682
Rural Revitalization Corp. - home safety for seniors	\$1,200
Suburban Adult Services, Inc. - expand activities for individuals with disabilities	\$1,070

Alzheimer's Association, WNY Chapter - Cattaraugus County Alzheimer's and dementia community forum and resource fair	\$1,000
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church - updates to the Watson Training Center for Miriam Center for Hope and Healing	\$500
Olean First Baptist Church - We Are His Hands program	\$500

Samuel Costa Endowment Fund

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church	\$1,876
Hamlin Memorial Library	\$938
St. Raphael's Parish	\$938

Ellicottville Skatepark Fund

Skatepark construction	\$5,878
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Fox Derwich Family Supporting Children in the Arts Fund

Olean Theatre Workshop	\$243
Tri-Country Arts Council, Inc.	\$486

The Rev. Leo J. Gallina Endowment Fund for St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church	\$1,810
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Kay Pfeiffer Gerkin Endowment Fund

Pfeiffer Nature Center	\$1,666
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Golf "Fore" Heroes Non-endowed Fund

Defenders of Freedom - Pittsburgh Chapter	\$8,000
LEEK Hunting and Mountain Preserve	\$2,000
Golf "Fore" Heroes Fund	\$790

Greater Olean Hospitality Sculpture/Monument Fund

Construction costs to build the Greater Olean Hospitality Sculpture/Monument	\$29,454
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Paul and Betty Hanson Fund

Town of Olean Fire Department	\$310
Olean Public Library	\$310
Olean General Hospital Foundation	\$310
Mercy Flight Inc.	\$310

OPD Drone Project

The Olean Police Department received a grant from CRCF'S Community Fund to purchase a drone to improve public safety. This drone will help the Olean Police Department better serve the community and surrounding areas.



From missing person reports, hostage situations and gun threats, the drone will help keep responding officers and the community safe. Throughout the years, the Olean Police Department has assisted other departments in the county with missing person cases.

"Technology, such as drones, enables police departments to address situations quicker and with more effective response times to various calls," said Dylan Ensell, a department patrolman. The new drone also benefits local fire departments. With advanced technology the drone has the ability to locate hot spots in fires.

Alongside the grant from CRCF, the police department also received grants from United Way of Cattaraugus County's Bill and Cathy Fraser grant, Stitt Foundation and Cutco Foundation.

Community Ties Mural

This past summer, the William O. Smith Recreation Center in Olean received a revamp. Alex Derwick, an Olean native, returned to his hometown to lead efforts to install the mural. The mural - which is located on the east wall of the recreation center - is named "Community Ties" to represent the strength of the community and the amount of help it provides its residents. In the spirit of community, the Tri-County Arts Council hosted a public paint day where people could come and take part in the creation of the mural. Over 50 people came and were eager to help Alex Derwick's vision come to life. CRCF was able to provide support to this mural by providing a grant to the community. The Community Ties mural represents the feeling of community and the connections people make in Olean. CRCF is grateful to have been a part of this project and the beautification of Olean.



Higgins Memorial Golf Tournament Fund

<i>Empire Animal Rescue Society</i>	\$3,000
<i>Olean General Hospital Foundation</i>	\$1,200
<i>YMCA of the Twin Tiers</i>	\$1,000
<i>Olean High School Sports Boosters to support OHS golf team</i>	\$500
<i>American Cancer Society</i>	\$500
<i>Wagner Family Library Fund</i>	\$500
<i>Dennis Jones and Wayne Johnston Memorial Dice Run Scholarship Fund</i>	\$200

Elisa B. Hughey Fund for the Arts

Tri-Country Arts Council, Inc. for arts classes at Ellicottville library \$245

Interfaith Caregivers Inc. Fund

<i>Interfaith Caregivers Inc.</i>	\$160
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Paul and Mary Janowicz Memorial Fund

<i>Great Valley Volunteer Fire Department</i>	\$274
<i>Olean Public Library</i>	\$274
<i>Olean General Hospital Foundation</i>	\$274

F. Donald Kenney Fund

<i>Tri-Country Arts Council, Inc. for Southern Tier Biennial</i>	\$23,254
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Kids and Cancer Fund

<i>Financial support for families facing cancer treatment</i>	\$62,706
<i>Pink Pumpkin Project</i>	\$1,000
<i>Laurie Anzivine Memorial Scholarship</i>	\$1,000
<i>CARE for Children</i>	\$1,000
<i>McKean County SPCA</i>	\$500

Kothari Family Endowment Fund

<i>Mental Wellness in Cattaraugus County Fund</i>	\$500
<i>Cuba Council of Churches Food Pantry</i>	\$250
<i>Cattaraugus Gives Fund for Cattaraugus Gives prizes</i>	\$125

Laine Family Fund

<i>MountainTrue</i>	\$1,469
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Erick Laine Lift Up Endowment Fund

<i>Olean Business Development Corporation for Laine Business Accelerator</i>	\$19,400
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Little Valley Fund

<i>Little Valley Bicentennial Park Concert</i>	\$500
<i>Purchase of patriotic wreath for Little Valley event</i>	\$30



Nonprofit attendees at a CRCF Link and Learn Seminar.

"There are numerous funds within the Cattaraugus County Region Foundation... By supporting these funds, you contribute to the betterment of our community and ensure that future generations can benefit from the same opportunities."

— Ruth Reisner



Area youth experience Esports at the Olean YMCA. Equipment purchases were supported by CRCF's Community Fund.

Mahar Family Foundation

Mercy Flight Inc.	\$325
Wings Flights of Hope, Inc.	\$325
Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels for community Christmas dinner	\$250
Olean First Baptist Church for Community Easter Dinner	\$250
Interfaith Caregivers Inc.	\$200
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church for community Thanksgiving dinner	\$200
SPCA in Cattaraugus County	\$200
Portville Community Food Pantry	\$200
St. John's Roman Catholic Church St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$200
Olean Food Pantry	\$150
SPCA Serving Allegany County	\$100

Meals on Wheels/Friends of the Aging Fund of Cattaraugus County

Repair of wheelchair accessible van for transport of the elderly	\$4,059
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Mental Wellness in Cattaraugus County Fund

Meals on Wheels/Friends of Aging Fund of Cattaraugus County for "Comfort Food with a Comfort Message" initiative	\$1,100
Healthy Community Alliance for board game programs for elderly citizens	\$1,000
YMCA of the Twin Tiers for Swizzy's Cause "Love Yourself" event	\$2,500

Mildred Milliman Fund

Olean General Hospital Foundation	\$196,021
SPCA in Cattaraugus County	\$5,514
Beautification Fund for Olean Community	\$3,692
Roswell Park Alliance Foundation	\$2,283
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital	\$2,283
Camp Good Days & Special Times	\$2,283
SPCA Serving Allegany County	\$1,627
American SPCA	\$1,457
Best Friends Animal Society	\$1,457



Chautauqua Cattaraugus Library System summer reading event



Ellicottville Central School students with books purchased from a Wolfinger Family Fund grant

American Red Cross	\$972
Paralyzed Veterans of America	\$972
Salvation Army	\$972
Alzheimer's Association, Western New York Chapter	\$899
American Foundation for the Blind	\$899
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of WNY	\$899
Easterseals New York	\$899
Epilepsy Foundation	\$899
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	\$899
Town of Olean Fire Department	\$802
United Spinal Association	\$802

Roger S. Niemic Memorial Fund

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation	\$275
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Kirk Windus, Executive Director, delivers remarks to Cattaraugus Gives prize winners



Erick Laine Outdoor Center groundbreaking

Humane Society of U.S.	\$1,457
International Fund for Animal Welfare	\$1,457
National Anti-Vivisection Society	\$1,457
National Wildlife Federation	\$1,457
World Wildlife Fund	\$1,457
Guiding Eyes for the Blind	\$1,142
Blinded Veterans Association	\$1,142
American Cancer Society	\$972
American Heart Association	\$972
American Kidney Fund	\$972
American Lung Association	\$972
March of Dimes, WNY Division	\$972
Muscular Dystrophy Association, Western New York	\$972
National MS Society	\$972

Olean City School District Foundation Fund

STEM/Soapbox Enrichment Program	\$5,441
OIMS Washington Club Trip	\$4,255
Thoughtful Thursday Action Plan	\$4,120
Camp Husky	\$2,999
OIMS Art Department for Laura Cawley's Digital Art Enhancement Project	\$2,862
Camp Good Days & Special Times	\$2,283
Bringing Literacy to Life	\$1,981
Olean Intermediary Middle School whale watch group trip to Pittsburgh	\$1,535
No One Eats Alone Grant	\$1,206
Unified Sports	\$735
Wall of Honor Plaques	\$230

Olean Parks Beautification Fund

Mulch and flower purchase for Oak Hill Park landscaping	\$1,209
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Olean Rotary Club Community Improvement Fund

Dictionary Project to provide dictionaries to area students	\$1,170
YMCA of the Twin Tiers for Erick Laine Outdoor Project	\$1,000
Allegany-Limestone Central School - Mini Grant Award	\$645
Hinsdale Central School- Mini Grant Award	\$450
Olean City School District Foundation Fund	\$400
City of Olean for 12 Skating Days of Christmas with Santa	\$175

"By coming together, we can achieve extraordinary results and create lasting legacies."

— Ruth Reisner

Olean Veterans Wall of Honor Fund

Maintenance of Olean Veterans Wall of Honor	\$126
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Jim & Gail Olson Mercy Flight Fund

Mercy Flight Inc.	\$1,345
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Rose Pappas Foundation Fund

HomeCare & Hospice	\$465
Interfaith Caregivers Inc.	\$465
Olean Senior Center	\$370
Hinsdale Community Church for Thanksgiving/Easter dinner	\$370
Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels for community Christmas dinner	\$370
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church for community Thanksgiving dinner	\$370
Olean First Baptist Church for community Easter dinner	\$370

Ross A. Peters Memorial Fund

Empire Animal Rescue Society	\$399
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Frank Pitillo Memorial Fund

Construction/Installation of lights at Ellicottville Central School athletic field	\$130,923
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Archbishop Walsh/Southern Tier Catholic Schools Endowment Fund in honor of Luella Potter

Southern Tier Catholic School System and Archbishop Walsh Academy	\$2,540
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RAM Fund of Cattaraugus County

Support for Remote Area Medical Clinic held at the Olean Family YMCA	\$15,074
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Jack Reading Memorial Fund

Racing fee scholarships for area ski racers	\$646
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Redding Endowment Fund

Hinsdale Maplehurst & Pleasant Valley Volunteer Fire Department	\$454
Olean City School District - support for third grade class	\$454
Hinsdale Central School - support for third grade class	\$454

Doris Reisner Endowment Fund

The ReHabilitation Foundation	\$2,340
American Cancer Society	\$1,240
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church	\$1,240
Empire State Association for the Deaf	\$827
Genesis House of Olean, Inc.	\$827
HomeCare & Hospice	\$827
Interfaith Caregivers Inc	\$827
SPCA in Cattaraugus County	\$413
American Friends Service Committee	\$413
American Diabetes Association	\$413

Lewis and Doris Reisner Endowment Fund

Olean General Hospital Foundation	\$9,888
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Walt and Ruth Reisner Endowment Fund

Olean General Hospital Foundation for emergency medical services or obstetrics	\$4,341
Southern Tier Health Care System, Inc.	\$1,447

Santa Sheriff Fund

Purchase of holiday gifts for needy families through Santa Sheriff program	\$7,146
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Southern Tier Military Support Group Fund

Care package mailings for active duty service members	\$2,755
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Special Response Team Fund

Special Response Team equipment	\$1,510
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Vergil Sutter Memorial Fund

St. Bonaventure University Athletics Dept.	\$1,963
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital	\$1,963

The Pink Pumpkin Project Endowed Fund

Assistance for breast cancer fighters and survivors	\$175
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The Pink Pumpkin Project Fund

Assistance for breast cancer fighters and survivors	\$66,370
Laurie Anzivine Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000

Beth Todd Memorial Fund

The Pink Pumpkin Project Fund	\$824
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Tri-County Arts Council Agency Endowment Fund

Tri-County Arts Council, Inc.	\$479
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United Way of Cattaraugus County Inc. Fund

United Way of Cattaraugus County	\$1,653
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Wagner Family Library Fund

Beginner watercolor classes at David A. Howe Public Library	\$160
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Kaleigh Wilday Endowment Fund

The Gow School	\$2,500
YMCA of the Twin Tiers for Erick Laine Outdoor Project	\$2,000
CRCS Outdoors	\$1,000
Cuba Circulating Library	\$1,000
Cuba Rushford PTO	\$1,000



Erick Laine Outdoor Center groundbreaking

<i>Olean General Hospital Foundation</i>	\$1,000
<i>The Bob McCarthy Foundation</i>	\$1,000
<i>JCC Foundation for the Kaleigh Wilday Scholarship</i>	\$1,000
<i>Ellicottville Memorial Library</i>	\$1,000
<i>Cattaraugus Gives Fund for Cattaraugus Gives prizes</i>	\$1,000
<i>Olean City School District for scanning pens</i>	\$602
<i>Nannen Arboretum Society</i>	\$500

Kay & Oliver Williams/Rushford Endowment Fund

<i>Northern KonXions United Methodist Church</i>	\$1,158
<i>Rushford Free Library</i>	\$1,158
<i>First Baptist Church</i>	\$1,158
<i>Olean Troop 621</i>	\$784
<i>Rushford Concert Band</i>	\$784
<i>Podonque Cemetery</i>	\$784
<i>Rushford Cemetery Association</i>	\$784
<i>Cuba-Rushford School District to support C-R students in conservation, outdoor, wildlife studies or camps</i>	\$784

Connie and Sandy Wolfinger Fund

<i>Believers Chapel for Love Thy Neighbor Project</i>	\$1,500
<i>Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program</i>	\$700
<i>Frank Pitillo Memorial Fund</i>	\$500
<i>SPCA in Cattaraugus County</i>	\$500
<i>Great Valley Community Church</i>	\$300
<i>Allegany County Area Foundation for Celeste M. Wuersig Memorial Scholarship</i>	\$250
<i>Cuba Fire Department</i>	\$200
<i>Humphrey Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.</i>	\$200
<i>Weston's Mills Fire Department Kinney Hose Company</i>	\$200
<i>Toys for Tots Olean, NY</i>	\$200
<i>Interfaith Caregivers Inc.</i>	\$200
<i>The ReHAbilitation Foundation</i>	\$200
<i>Town of Cuba Ambulance Service</i>	\$100
<i>Cuba Circulating Library</i>	\$100
<i>Friends of the Library of Olean, NY</i>	\$100
<i>Canticle Farm</i>	\$100
<i>Ellicottville Central School Alumni Association in memory of Carol Jacoby Daly</i>	\$100
<i>Portville Free Library in memory of Dr. Edgar Thompson Clark</i>	\$100
<i>St. Paul's Lutheran Church in memory of Hildegard Krause</i>	\$100
<i>House of Prayer Church in memory of Janice Wilson Wright</i>	\$100
<i>American Cancer Society in memory of Marlene Eddy</i>	\$100
<i>SPCA in Cattaraugus County in memory of Wayne Pearson</i>	\$100

Wolfinger Family Donor Advised Fund

<i>Olean General Hospital Foundation for IT/communications upgrades</i>	\$10,000
<i>Penn State University Mont Alto Campus</i>	\$5,000
<i>Penn State University for forest technology program fund</i>	\$5,000
<i>YMCA of the Twin Tiers for Erick Laine Outdoor Project</i>	\$2,100
<i>Olean General Hospital Foundation for OGH Heartbeat Society</i>	\$1,000
<i>Genesis House of Olean, Inc.</i>	\$1,000
<i>United Way of Cattaraugus County</i>	\$1,000
<i>Coudersport Area School District for STEM lab learning opportunities</i>	\$1,000
<i>Belvidere School District for landscape design supply project</i>	\$944
<i>Ellicottville Central School for STEM-Maker space</i>	\$752
<i>Northern Potter School District for survival science programming</i>	\$750
<i>Cuba Friends of Architecture</i>	\$700
<i>Pennsylvania Forestry Association</i>	\$500
<i>St. Luke's Episcopal Church for the Wolfinger Family Guardian Angel Fund</i>	\$500
<i>HomeCare & Hospice</i>	\$500
<i>Olean Food Pantry</i>	\$500
<i>Smethport Area School District for wildlife and fisheries studies</i>	\$480
<i>Smethport Area School District for hydroponics and aquaponics in the classroom</i>	\$382
<i>Smethport Area School District for free weights</i>	\$325
<i>Allegheny Highlands Council Boy Scouts of America</i>	\$200
<i>Wreaths Across America</i>	\$200
<i>Coudersport Volunteer Fire Department</i>	\$100
<i>Smethport Fire Department</i>	\$100
<i>Phyllis Green Memorial Scholarship Fund</i>	\$100
<i>Citizens Advocating Memorial Preservation (CAMP) Fund</i>	\$100

Paul and Mary Lou Wood Foundation Fund

<i>Franciscan Center for Social Concern, St. Bonaventure University</i>	\$1,661
<i>Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels</i>	\$553
<i>Olean General Hospital Foundation</i>	\$553
<i>St. Bonaventure University Office of Institutional Advancement</i>	\$553

Paul and Mary Lou Wood Foundation Fund for the Franciscan Center for Social Concern

<i>Franciscan Center for Social Concern, St. Bonaventure University</i>	\$1,152
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Woodland in the City Fund

<i>Work on the squirrel statue</i>	\$308
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Yehl Family Endowment

<i>Samaritan's Purse</i>	\$5,065
<i>World Vision Inc.</i>	\$5,065

YMCA of the Twin Tiers Fund

<i>YMCA of the Twin Tiers</i>	\$32,000
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Legacy Society Planned Giving

The Foundation's Legacy Society recognizes donors who have made or plan to make a gift through an estate plan or another planned giving strategy such as a life income gift, life insurance policy or retirement plan. Donors and attorneys/financial planners are encouraged to contact the Foundation to discuss planned giving options.

Establish a Donor Advised Fund of your own and take your philanthropy to the next level.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Allegany Public Library Memorial Association Scholarship

Madison Callen

500

Nancy Allen Scholarship

Jayla Frank

500

Laurie Anzivine Memorial Scholarship

Allie Boser

1000

Mikya Stake

1000

Ethan VanCamp

1000

Sarah Weber

1000

Fred P. Baker Memorial Scholarship

Abbie Strait

500

Nelson M. Beard Memorial Scholarship

Grace Hodara

1500

Albert A. Bennett Jr. Family Scholarship

Harris Bell

1000

Big 30 Athletic Fund

Charlie Breindel

500

Xander Hind

500

Rebecca Martin

500

Kyle Mathes

500

Abigail Nuzzo

500

Giancarlo Nuzzo

500

Anayah Parksarker

500

Julie Peterson

500

Luke Petruzzi

500

Katherine Sheeler

500

Sara Thomas

500

John Visnesky

500

Tyler Bihler Memorial Scholarship

Thomas Bates

1100

Sophia Burt

1100

Burt Scholarship

Karly Bruton

1250

Fransisca Childs

1250

Malachi Galmer

1250

Nathaniel Martinelli

1250

Tim Bushnell Memorial Scholarship

Lucas Brushingham

1000

May C. Carroll Scholarship

Marley Dundas

1000

Kara Navarre

1000

Natalee Reed

1000

Olivia Seiflein

1000

Cattaraugus County Trappers Memorial Scholarship

Benjamin Brol

500

Joshua Knight

500

Chautauqua Cattaraugus Board of Realtors Scholarship

Brayden Hayes

500

Elizabeth Lai

500

Andrew Maguire

500

Mathurin Griffith

500

Chipmonk Community Hall Scholarship

Francesca Klice

600

Gavin Truman

600

Thomas W. Conklin Sr. Scholarship Fund

Delaynie Moore

500

Gavin Truman

500

Maureen Curry Inspiration Scholarship

Anna Gilbert

250

Christopher John

250

Jen DeLong Memorial Scholarship Fund

Megan Jackson

1000



Lucas Brushingham

*Tim Bushnell Memorial Scholarship (2023),
OHS Class of 1983 Scholarship (2023)*

Lucas Brushingham, a driven and dedicated student at the University of Dayton, is making the most of his college experience by balancing academics, extracurricular activities, and community service. As a recipient of both the Tim Bushnell Memorial Scholarship and OHS Class of 1983 Scholarship, Lucas demonstrates a commitment to excellence in his studies. He is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a specialization in operations supply chain management. Alongside his studies, he is a member of Club Golf and intramural flag football, showcasing his passion for sports and teamwork. Next year Lucas plans to join Flyer Enterprise, a student-led organization that operates businesses on Dayton's campus. Lucas also spends his time volunteering for Habitat for Humanity International, a nonprofit organization whose main goal is to build affordable housing. Right now, Lucas is looking into summer internships and getting involved in networking.

Dresser-Rand Employees Scholarship

Drew Brokaw	1000
Emma Dunaway	1000
Kyle Gonska	500
Chloe Grandusky	2500
Andrew Maguire	2500
Marthinus Marais	1000
Cheyenne Mehlenbacher	500
Andrew Mulryan	1000
Izabella Provorse	1000
Chase Ralston	500
Jillian Stebbins	5000

Walter F. and Julia A. Dziekonski Scholarship

Benjamin Brol	2700
Erica Schine	2700

Elias Eade Jr. Scholarship

Madisyn Cleveland	500
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Otto-Eldred Alumni Scholarship

Sarah Beaver	1500
Abbie Strait	1500

Louis W. Ensworth Charitable Foundation Trust Scholarship for Allegany-Limestone Central School

Madison Callen	500
Hayden Kolb	2500

Louis W. Ensworth Charitable Foundation Trust Scholarship for Olean High School

Stella Gonzalez	2500
Jezeræ Fayson	500
Jared Morgan	2500

Jack and Muriel Fogarty Memorial Scholarship

Emma Anastasia	500
Lauren Kielar	500
Marina Miketish	500

Sondra J. Fox Scholarship

Gabriella Wilson	2000
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William D. and Catherine Griffin Fraser Scholarship

Mario Pascucci	1500
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Fred G. Grace Memorial Scholarship

Andrew Maguire	1000
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Russell F. Greenawalt and Elizabeth Page Greenawalt Scholarship

Maryam Mirza	30796
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Paul and Betty Hanson Career/Technical Scholarship

Nicholas Hensel	800
Hailee Zalwsky	800

Alyn J. Heim Music Scholarship

Annaelise Painter	1600
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Patricia "Ann" Heister English/Journalism Memorial Scholarship

Jayla Frank	800
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Joseph and Cecily Higgins Scholarship

Julia Brennan	2500
Jacob Brink	2500
Madison Callen	2500
Emmy Li	2500

Hinsdale Alumni Association Memorial Scholarship

Christy Childs	1000
Kylee Leonard	1000



Cora Emery

Kothari Family Fund Healthcare Scholarship (2017)

Cora Emery is a 2021 graduate of St. Bonaventure University. She is the 2017 recipient of the Kothari Family Fund Healthcare Scholarship. Cora received a Bachelors in Sports Studies during her time at St. Bonaventure. While earning her undergraduate degree, Cora was a member of SBU Club Volleyball. After finishing her undergraduate at St. Bonaventure University, Cora was accepted into Saint Francis University where she is earning her doctorate in Physical Therapy. At Saint Francis University, she is a graduate assistant for the Cardiopulmonary department. Cora is also a class officer and peer mentor at Saint Francis, which highlights her commitment to supporting her peers and fostering a collaborative learning environment. Looking ahead, Cora aspires to obtain her license in Physical Therapy and work in the neurological or pediatric field.



Kristen Hintz Memorial Scholarship Award

Giancarlo Nuzzo	1000
Samantha Stock	1000
Alysa Williams	1000

Don and Bern Holcomb Memorial Scholarship

Joshua Knight	500
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Vincent C. Horth Memorial Scholarship

Marley Dundas	250
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Elisa B. Hughey Scholarship for the Arts

Gabrielle Hickey	1000
Samantha Stock	1000

Hughey Scholarship

Katie Krotz	1000
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Hughey Family Award for Resilience

Raina Barboza	1000
Jeffrey Brush	1000
Madisyn Cleveland	1000

Robert E. Hull VMD Memorial Scholarship

Ishana Ramlall	2200
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Anthony and Gayle Iacovino Legacy Scholarship

Mackenzie Malloy	225
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Mohammad and Sakeena Iqbal Healthcare/Education Award

Karly Bruton	750
Ahren Faller	750

Paul and Mary Janowicz Memorial Scholarship

Lita Conklin	500
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JF20 Scholarship

Thomas Bates	250
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Signe H. Johnson Scholarship

Jillian Long	1100
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Signe, Svenborg, Agnes and Selma Johnson Scholarship

Emma Dwaileebe	1150
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Dennis Jones and Wayne Johnston Memorial Dice Run Scholarship

Drew Brokaw	500
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Kathy Jowsey Spirit Memorial Scholarship

Jaelyn Benjamin - Wilson	1200
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Kothari Family Fund Health Care Scholarship

Harley Brown	1000
Michaela Rhodes	1000

Michele Krahe Peace O.H.S. Scholarship

Jadon Blazejewski	600
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Deputy Wayne Krieger and Carol Krieger Scholarship Fund

Dezmine Adams	1500
Luke Papke	1500
Izabella Provorse	500

Leadership Cattaraugus Scholarship

Brian Kelly	400
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Long/Vossler Family Scholarship

Kyrin LaBella	1600
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James A. and Joan E. Maguire Family Scholarship

Elizabeth Stayer	1000
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Terrence and Judith Mark Scholarship

Jaelyn Benjamin - Wilson	1000
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Frank A. Martin III Memorial Scholarship Fund

Madison Callen	500
Aiden Gardiner	500
Andrew Maguire	500
Michaela Rhodes	500

Daniel McCarthy Scholarship

Katrina DeChane	1000
Drew Evens	1000
Nathan Fowler	800
McKenzie Schuyler	800

Patricia McCarthy Memorial Scholarship

Ellie Strade	500
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Bob and Barbara McCord and Jack Karl Scholarship

Sarah Beaver	500
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Bob and Barbara McCord Scholarship Fund

Sarah Beaver	750
Harris Bell	750
Brooke Close	750
Katherine Sheeler	750
Abbie Strait	750
Ethan VanCamp	750

Pat McGee Nursing Scholarship

Payton Fortuna	1000
Marissa Rose	400

Arnold McHone Sr. Manufacturing Scholarship

Ciera Carapellatti	2000
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John J. Murphy Family Scholarship

Zazeric Bell	2500
Jacob Brink	2500
Nathan-Michael Gabler	2500
Chloe Grandusky	2500
Tyler Griffin	2500
Lauren Kiehar	2500
Andrew Maguire	2500
Thea Petruzzi	2500
Logan Ruter	2500
Thomas Scanlon	2500
Shilpa Thandla	2500
Laura Wilhelm	2500
Shayla Wilhelm	2500

Dr. Brian O'Connell Sr. Memorial Scholarship

Jared Morgan	500
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OHS Class of 1961 Scholarship Fund

Lucas Brushingham	900
Chance Padlo	900

OHS Class of 1983 Scholarship

Lena Smith	500
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Olean High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund

Madisyn Cleveland	1000
Destiny Custer	1000
Chris Halsey	1000
Kamdyn McClain	1000
Paige Smith	1000
Jillian Stevens	1000
Emma Washington	1000

Betty Pappas Scholarship

Marissa Adams	800
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Nicolas G. Pendl Memorial Scholarship Award

Maximilian Berlinski	1500
Aiden Gardiner	1500

Eric Peters Memorial Scholarship

Marley Dundas	2000
Kara Navarre	1800

Kylie Blessing

Ben & Rose Schwabenbauer Educational Scholarship (2022)

Kylie Blessing has excelled both academically and athletically in her college career. As the 2022 recipient of the Ben & Rose Schwabenbauer Educational Scholarship, she has demonstrated her commitment to her education. Kylie is currently pursuing a degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice at Niagara University.

At Niagara Kylie is a student-athlete, playing on the Division 1 women's volleyball team. Alongside volleyball and her studies, Kylie is a part of SACA (Student-Athletes of Color Alliance), ASL (American Sign Language) Club and Delta Epsilon Sigma National Honor Society. Her involvement demonstrates her commitment to diversity, communication and academic excellence. In her free time, Kylie coaches volleyball in her hometown of Portville, New York.

Kylie will be earning her undergraduate degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice a year early. She has been accepted into Niagara's 4 + 1 criminal justice master's degree program where she will continue to play volleyball. After completing her bachelor's and master's in criminal justice and criminology Kylie has hopes of working in the Secret Service and or criminal investigation.



Portville College Scholarships Fund

Ashley Agett	250
Ana Beyth	150
Panya Cammeyer	800
Danni Chudy	250
Michael Cole	250
Alisha Dickerson	350
Cole Faulkner	250
Leah Faulkner	400
Chloe Grandusky	750
Renee Kintner	150
Jillian Long	1500
Danielle Lundfelt	350
Natalie Maurer	150
Mario Pascucci	350
Kendyl Rogers	1150
Emily Scull	500
Jillian Stebbins	400
Joel Stives	400
Leah Wyant	800

Mark J. Prockton Memorial Scholarship Fund

Bradley Tobin	700
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Ratana Ratanawongsa Scholarship

Morgan Metcalf	500
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OHS Walter L. Reisner Unsung Lineman Award

Christopher Bargo	500
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Marjorie and Robert Schaumleffel Rotary Scholarship

Ian Palmer	1000
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Ginger D. Schroder Legislative District 2 Scholarship

Giancarlo Nuzzo	500
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Ben & Rose Schwabenbauer Educational Scholarship

Sarah Beaver	850
Panya Cammeyer	850
Emma Dwailebe	850

Bernadette E. "Bernie" Taylor Memorial Scholarship

Brynne Adams	500
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William H. Schwier Memorial Scholarship

Margaret McAuley	400
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Mary Elizabeth Smith Scholarship

Brooke Capito	500
Laci Deemer	1000
Madison Herner	500
Naomi Hill	1500



Maryam Mirza

*Russell F. Greenawalt & Elizabeth Page Greenawalt
Scholarship (2023)*

Maryam Mirza is a dedicated student currently studying Human Biology and Health and Society in the College of Human Ecology at Cornell University. Alongside her majors, she is also minoring in Human Development. Maryam is the 2023 recipient of the Russell F. Greenawalt & Elizabeth Page Greenawalt Scholarship.

On campus, she is part of the Muslim Students' Association and the Pakistani Students' Association which are religious and cultural communities on campus. Maryam also regularly volunteers through Big Red Buddies, a club that allows Cornell students to spend time with children in classrooms to help build their emotional, social, and academic skills. She also spends her time as a research assistant in the Memory and Neuroscience lab. Maryam processes data and runs participants for studies that focus on determining factors that contribute to false memory and ways to make eyewitness testimonies more accurate.

Outside of school, Maryam is an EMT-B with Allegany Rescue and EMS. After college Maryam plans to extend her studies to medical school to become an emergency physician. Her diverse involvements both on and off campus showcase her many interests and dedication to serving her community.

Kathleen Loop Snyder Memorial Scholarship

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Samantha Stock*

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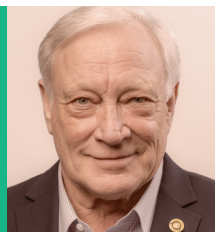
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