



CATTARAUGUS REGION  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Growing Good today.  
Planting seeds for the future.



2021 Annual Report





## Growing Good Today, Planting Seeds for Tomorrow

Reflecting on our work as a Foundation over the last year, we can confidently say that there has been no time that better demonstrates the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation's dedication to being the community's supportive, responsive and trusted leader in philanthropy.

With the support of donors from the region and those who originally hailed from the area as well, we distributed more than \$1.4 million in grants, including nearly \$200,000 in scholarships last year and more than \$238,000 to date in grants for COVID-19 relief.

At a time when it was most needed, that financial support for nonprofit organizations meant food on the table for struggling families, childcare being available for front-line working families, resources for mental health services being available to vulnerable populations in isolation and so much more. That is "growing good" when it matters most.

But the "growing good" extends past meeting immediate needs as well. In 2021, the Foundation also turned its focus to projects that serve the wellness of and provide enjoyment for area residents through outdoor recreation, while also supporting the economic vitality of our region.

Last year, CRCF aided the fundraising efforts of a local group that installed the first-ever public disc golf course in Cattaraugus County. We helped facilitate the fundraising and managed the funds for groups that will soon be installing two \$300,000+ public access, permanent skate parks in Cattaraugus County.

A bequest from the Estate of Erick Laine created a fund that supported the first-ever incubator program for fostering and steering start-up businesses in the county to make possible a brighter future in the world of business and which will support future economic development initiatives as well as scholarships for nontraditional students who want to enter new career fields or improve their skills.

We also took growing good to a new level with Cattaraugus Gives, which in 2021 raised \$358,772 for our community nonprofits to both empower their work of today and to help build a more sustainable future for them as well.

It is the combination of those two approaches to philanthropy and nonprofit work – addressing immediate needs while considering and addressing the future and the needs to come – that make the work of our Foundation so valuable.

This year's report is aptly titled "Growing Good Today, Planting Seeds for Tomorrow," because we believe that truly summarizes the work we have done in the last year and demonstrates our intentions as we continue to work to best serve this community.

Last year, donors trusted CRCF to faithfully steward over \$4.2 million in gifts – that is one of our largest-ever years of fundraising – and it's a lot of seeds planted for tomorrow.

In this report you will read about donors that share our vision and have aimed their philanthropy at making a difference today while planning to make an even bigger one in the years to come.

James Baldwin once said, "The world changes according to the way people see it, and if you can alter, even by a millimeter, the way people look at reality, then you can change the world."

In a lot of ways, that summarizes the vision of our board and our staff. One grant at a time, one fundraising effort a time, one project at a time, the goal is to have an impact that changes the way a group of people sees the world.

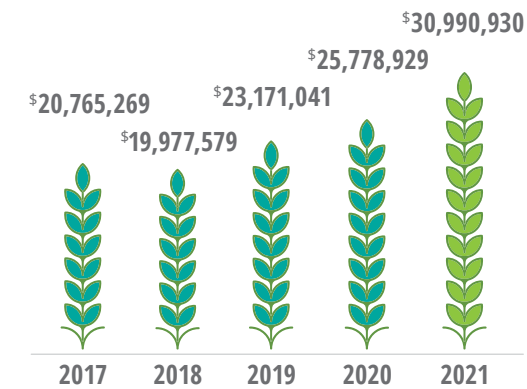
We look forward to many more years of Growing Good each day, and a future where we continue to reap the seeds that were sewn today and by our donors in the past.



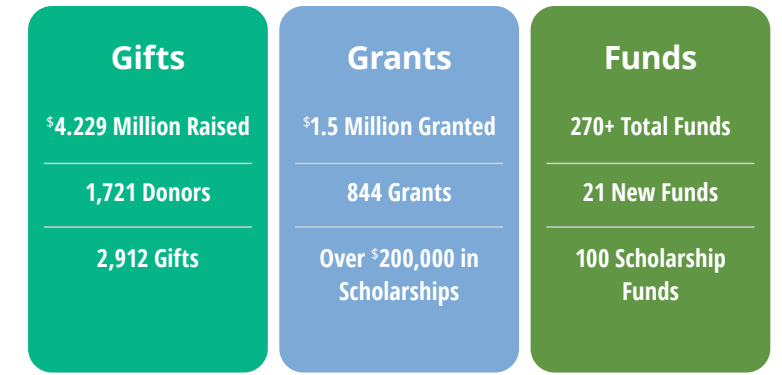
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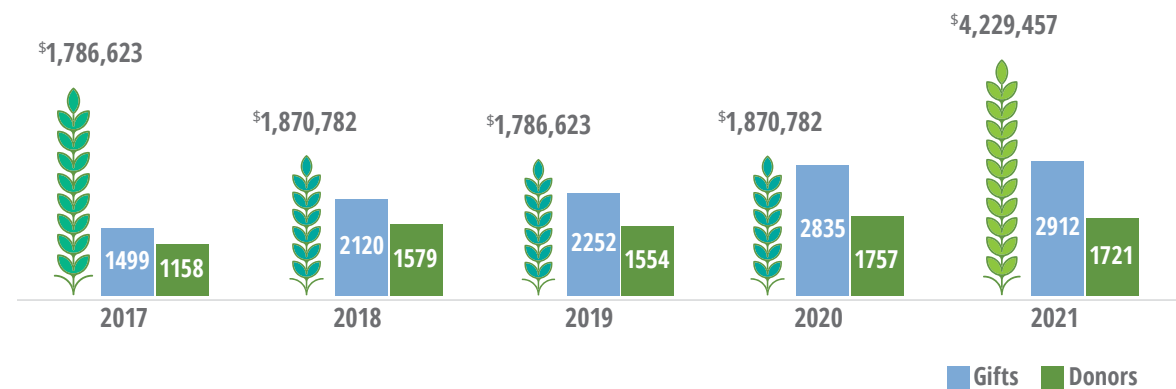
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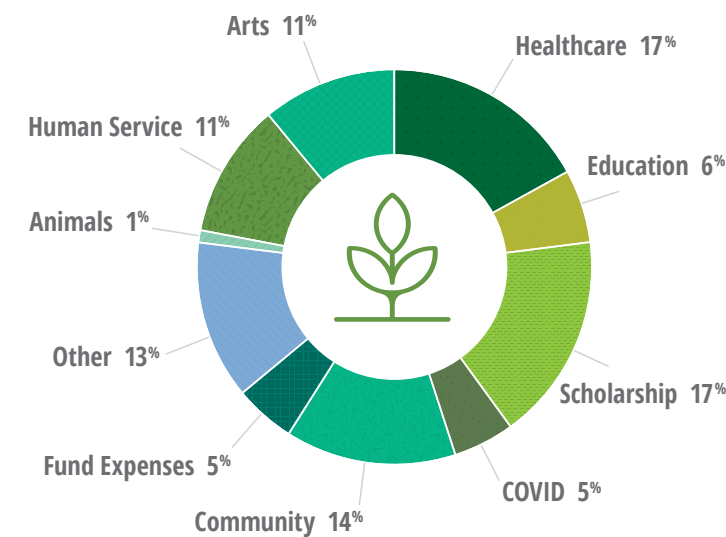
### 2021 GIFTS, GRANTS AND FUNDS



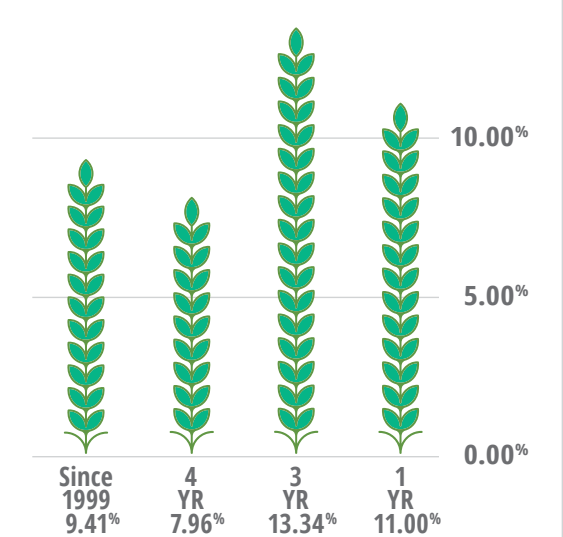
### GIFTS BY YEAR



### GRANT BY PROGRAM AREA



### RATE OF RETURN (NET OF FEES)



In 2021, Cattaraugus Gives raised \$358,772 for 68 participating nonprofits with gifts from 1,682 donors! Talk about Growing Good!

**Save the date for Cattaraugus Gives 2022 on November 29.**

Together we can raise even more and have a bigger impact. We all win when Cattaraugus Gives!



## Paul and Mary Lou Wood – Giving for the sake of growing and doing good

Paul and Mary Lou Wood may not have grown up in the Olean/Cattaraugus County area, but they have called the area home for 50 years now.

It is a home that they have come to love and have committed to honoring by giving back and leaving a lasting legacy of giving for the sake of doing and growing good through their three funds at CRCF.

“We came to Olean 50 years ago, and we knew no one,” remembered Mary Lou. “Paul worked at Bonas [as a French professor] and eventually I got a job, first subbing at Olean, and then I went to Portville and got a real teaching job.” The Woods raised their children in Olean, all of them attending and flourishing at Olean High School.

After their children graduated and left the area to start careers, their IRAs came due, and the Woods decided to look for local causes to support using the charitable rollover from their IRA accounts.

In 2013, they established the Paul and Mary Lou Wood Foundation Fund, with the intent to make possible annual grants to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, Olean General Hospital and the Franciscan Center for Social Concern at St. Bonaventure University.

“We thought it made sense using our money that way because so often Olean, which deserves support, doesn’t get it,” she said. “We were more interested in trying to play a role in maintaining this place.”

In 2016, the Woods decided to continue their support of causes near to their heart and established the Paul and Mary Lou Wood Swim Scholarship at CRCF. The fund supports an annual scholarship of \$10,000 for a member of the men or women’s swim team at St. Bonaventure University.

Since it was established, the fund has provided \$50,000 in scholarships to Bonaventure swimmers.

“Our kids swam at Bonas forever – every summer afternoon for two hours,” she remembered. “As soon as Bonas closed classes, we swam in the Reilly Center pool every day.”

“All of our kids went on to swim in high school, and three of the four children swam in college,” she continued. “Why wouldn’t we honor that?”

Recently, the Woods met Nicholas Nakaya, the most recent recipient of their scholarship.

“We met Nick once and he told us ‘I never would have been able to come here if it weren’t for the [Wood Swim] scholarship. He was so genuinely thankful,” she said. “We had maybe a five-minute conversation, but he was so touched by our generosity. For us, in a sense, it’s only money, but for him it’s a big deal, and it changed his whole life.”

For the Woods giving back is not about recognition or accolades.

“It is just a nice thing to do. It doesn’t make Paul or I feel like we’re doing anything that special –it’s just nice that it’s going to something that’s worthwhile, and that we believe in, she said. “All of our children and our grandchildren swam, and it’s meant a lot to them.”

In that spirit, the Woods decided to establish a third fund in 2019, the Paul and Mary Lou Wood Foundation Fund for the Franciscan Center for Social Concern, to support a cause their family has always loved.

The Franciscan Center for Social Concern at St. Bonaventure University administers several programs and services that support the greater Olean community as well as the global community.

The Warming House is the area’s only soup kitchen and is open to the public. In 2021, the Warming House served as many meals in the first six months of the year as it did in all of 2019, striving to meet the needs of the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The center for social concern also administers a mentoring program known as BonaBuddies, a program that connects Bonaventure students with area senior citizens and takes students on service trips across the globe to places like Haiti or to inner-city Philadelphia to serve in soup kitchens needing volunteers.

“Every year when our kids come home at Christmas, they go to work at the Warming House for a day,” she said. “Last year, I had almost forgotten about it, and they said ‘when are we going to the Warming House to work?’”

“That they wanted to go back without any prompting I think says a lot about how welcoming the Warming House is and how important the work they do is. We need the Warming House, and we need the BonaBuddies program,” she added.

For Paul and Mary Lou, giving may not have been an action influenced by the reward of recognition, but the legacy of their three endowment funds matters to them. That the funds will support a home they love matters even more.

“You aren’t really living here if you don’t share what you have,” she said. “We have had a wonderful life here. Our kids got excellent educations at Olean High School, and they’ve all gone on and been tremendously successful.”

“How can you not thank a place like that? That’s what Olean has done for us.”



## A Life of Seed Planting – Erick Laine

Once Erick Laine found himself in Olean, he dedicated much of his life to planting seeds for a brighter future for the Greater Olean area, in business, education, philanthropy and more.

Until his passing on December 1, 2020, growing a stronger, more vital Olean was at the heart of nearly everything he did.

The seeds Erick planted have blossomed even in his passing through a number of bequests he made to area organizations, including one to the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation. That bequest provided the seed money for the Erick Laine Lift Up Endowment Fund – so named because in his lifetime Erick was constantly finding ways to lift others up in a myriad of ways including education, job opportunities and healthy living.

Now the Erick Laine Lift Up Endowment Fund will continue the kindness and generosity for which Erick was known by impacting two of the most important areas valued by the Laines: education and business.

Laine's family fled from the Soviet Republic, and he arrived on American soil at four years old after his family rowed across Canadian waters to Wisconsin.

Despite knowing almost no English when he began his education, Laine would go on to graduate from the University of Wisconsin before beginning a nearly 25-year career with ALCOA.

When Erick was sent by ALCOA to Olean to assess its subsidiary ALCAS Corporation, a manufacturer of knives and cookware, Erick saw the potential and vision for a thriving business.

He worked to leverage a buyout of the subsidiary from ALCOA, and that company would eventually become Cutco Corporation. Laine would serve as the president, CEO and chairman of ALCAS and later Cutco, until he retired in 2008.

"What Erick found [at ALCAS and in Olean] was a business, employees, a community and Marianne [Letro]. He found himself in a love affair with Olean. He did fulfill his charge and turn the business around," said James Stitt Sr., Erick's business partner of many years and Cutco Corp. executive chairman. "The rest is history. Erick gave back to the employees, the community, and our customers. The business is thriving today because of Erick's vision."

In the early days of ALCAS management, Laine met Marianne Letro, a graduate of Archbishop Walsh Academy and St. Bonaventure University. They married in 1979.

The two shared a love for Olean and its community, and that love fostered a true commitment to giving back.

Erick served on several community boards and was particularly committed to higher education, lending his support to Jamestown Community College, St. Bonaventure University and Alfred University.

Erick and Marianne gave generously to Erick's chosen hometown. For example, the two suggested gifts of over \$160,000 to the city of Olean between 2017 and 2018 to make possible the restoration of the steps at Oak Hill Park in the

center of the city to their historic appearance. At the heart, though, of their giving back, was always the mission to inspire and "lift up" those who need a hand.

Scholarship grants from this fund will focus on giving people access to education or training that they might not otherwise have – whether it be for 2- or 4-year education, trade school or job training, whether applicants be current high school students or nontraditional students – the overall intention being to lift people up, regardless of their financial means.

The fund will also make grants to foster a vibrant business community and entrepreneurial spirit in the community. Grants from this fund will be made to nonprofit business development organizations such as the Olean Business Development Corporation to help existing businesses to change or expand and/or to help entrepreneurs launch or bolster new businesses.

The first grant made from the Laine Lift Up Endowment provided \$15,000 to support renovations to the space now known as "The Hub" for the St. Bonaventure University innovation center. The Hub will provide a space for programming that supports area business and nonprofits as well as aspiring leaders in business studying at St. Bonaventure University.

"Through the HUB and St. Bonaventure's innovation center, I have learned many life skills within the business world," said St. Bonaventure University student McKenzie Bush. "Having hands-on opportunities with entrepreneurship and networking has helped many people in the community to succeed. Being given the opportunity to see these programs come alive has been amazing in every aspect".

In the future, the fund will also provide support for similar projects at Jamestown Community College to inspire and lift up students to pursue their dream while fostering the next generation of leaders in business and the community.

"It is an honor for Jamestown Community College to further the legacy of Erick Laine through our partnership with CRCF and the Olean Business Development Corporation," said Paula Snyder, executive director of the Cattaraugus County JCC campus of the opportunity to utilize funding from the Laine Lift Up Fund. "His vision for our community lives on as we work together to change lives through his spirit of generosity and that of his family."

"Erick lived in Olean for most of his life and considered it his hometown," said Marianne of Erick's dedication to the area. "He wanted to see it flourish. He thought the way was through leadership and philanthropy. He accomplished both."

Thanks to Laine's foresight and planning, the bequest made to CRCF will help lend a hand to those in need for many years to come and will continue to lift up those in need in the same way that Erick so often picked others up during his life.



## Planting seeds for a healthier community

In 2021 a group of local organizers banded together to continue to address the barriers that so many residents in Cattaraugus County face in obtaining essential medical care by hosting the second-ever Remote Area Medical (RAM) Clinic in Cattaraugus County.

The organizers established a fund at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation to aid fundraising efforts to cover the costs of providing an infrastructure to bring the clinic to the area.

Traditionally, Cattaraugus County ranks among the lowest in the state in a number of categories in public health. The Remote Area Medical Clinic, held at the Jamestown Community College campus on September 11 and 12, aimed to plant the seeds for a healthier community.

More than 300 individuals, underinsured and underserved, many in desperate need of care, received medical, dental and optical care free of charge from trained medical professionals volunteering through the RAM program.

The care provided by the RAM clinic was so needed, in fact, that many spent the night in parked cars to ensure that they received help.

Additionally, the clinic administered over 100 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Representatives from JCC and St. Bonaventure University's BonaResponds worked alongside other community leaders, health care professionals and volunteers, including JCC nursing students and St. Bonaventure health care professional students, all banded together to make the clinic a success.

The RAM Fund for Cattaraugus County not only made possible the initial fundraising efforts for this year's clinic, but it will continue to exist and accept donations to support a future return of the RAM Clinic.

# Growing Good: Donor Stories

## The Eade Family

Members of the Eade family have established a number of scholarship funds at CRCF in recent years. Pierre Eade established the Good Samaritan Award Fund to provide an annual scholarship to a graduating senior who participated in the Homeless Huskies program at Olean High School, a program he helped begin while attending OHS. Paula Eade Newcomb led the efforts to establish the OHS Class of 1983 Scholarship, which will make its first award in 2022. Recently, the Eade siblings came together to establish the Elias Eade Jr. Scholarship in memory of their father, who passed away in 2021.

### On why scholarships are important to the family:

"Our paternal grandfather (Giddi - Elias Eade, Sr.) was a believer in the value of education - including education for his daughters, which was unprecedented at that time. This value was instilled in our father, Elias Eade, Jr. and in us as well. Our father went back to night school at St. Bonaventure while working all day to support our large family. After retirement, Dad would substitute teach at Olean High School. Since there were six children in our family, our parents could not afford to pay for all our college (and post-graduate) educations. Scholarships helped defray costs for many of us. We have established scholarships to assist other students to obtain a higher education and honor people who were special to us (in honor of Homeless Huskies which our brother started when he was a senior, and in memory of deceased members of our sister's classmates). The most recent scholarship is in the name of Dad who taught us the value of an education."

### On what it means to them to give to these scholarships:

"We are lucky to all be college graduates (and many post-graduate degrees) and have successful careers. We feel blessed that we can afford to support such a worthwhile cause and give back to the community. Dad believed in the community and quietly helped others. It warms our hearts to honor our dad with a scholarship in his name and carry on dad's legacy."

### On why they give back to their hometown after many have moved away:

"Olean will always be home for us. We lived a block from the high school and our home was a gathering place for many OHS students while we were in school. Our Mother was a crossing guard and then a teacher assistant for elementary children, and they would stop by our house when they were in junior high and high school. Our Dad would substitute teach at OHS. We had the best childhood and could not have been more blessed to have grown up in the Olean community. The education and extracurricular opportunities provided to us at Olean High School provided us an outstanding foundation for our future successes. We also have established lifelong friendships with our classmates from high school. We still love coming home and bringing our children "home." Olean holds a special place in our hearts."



## Rob and Jeanne Walk

Rob and Jeanne Walk have been consistent donors to funds at CRCF for more than 10 years. As board members of the Olean Meditation Center, they are committed to supporting the organization's financial strength and sustainability and give consistently to the Olean Meditation Center Agency Fund. The Walks utilize CRCF's recurring giving program, which allows donors to make monthly, quarterly, annual donations online, to ensure their giving has the full impact they intend each year.

### On why they choose to give to the causes they support:

"We have supported many of the good causes under the CRCF umbrella but our main priority has been the Olean Meditation Center. Its mission has been to provide programming in a welcoming environment that promotes mental, physical and spiritual well-being. It's really a special place and unique in this area. We feel very fortunate to have OMC in our community."

### On why they choose to donate by monthly recurring gifts:

"CRCF's recurring gift model makes it easier to make larger donations in a much more affordable way. It also helps your favorite agencies to have a steady flow of support."

### On trusting CRCF to steward their philanthropy:

"When we donate through CRCF, we always are confident that the funds are being very well managed and have typically seen them increase in value under their care. Also, CRCF was instrumental in helping us launch our initiative to make Olean an official Charter for Compassion city."

### On why giving matters to them:

"Why is giving important? Let me paraphrase an ancient Indian quote: 'Those who plant a tree even though they won't be able to enjoy its shade have at least learned the meaning of life.'"



## Ginger D. Schroder

Ginger D. Schroder established the Ginger D. Schroder Legislative District 3 Scholarship after being elected to the Cattaraugus County legislature in 2020. The fund provides an annual scholarship award for students in the Cattaraugus County Legislative District 3 who will pursue a trade degree or 2-or 4-year college degree.

### On the decision to establish the fund:

"When I ran for Cattaraugus County Legislature in 2019, I pledged to donate my entire salary for my four-year legislative term, if I won the seat, to start a scholarship for local students, who like myself when I graduated, may be facing some financial challenges in paying for school. Degrees I obtained from higher education (a B.A./J.D.) have served me very well in my career. I was a foster child, then adopted into a loving but financially-challenged family. I worked many, many jobs to put myself through college and then law school. I did receive a number of small scholarships when I graduated from high school, and I remember how grateful I was for them and how they assisted me in paying for my schooling. I thought that this scholarship fund might be a small way of paying the generosity of those donors, both backward and forward."

### On the legacy the fund will leave:

"The word 'legacy' is an interesting choice. A good choice. Pursuit of legacy creates value in human lives, a search for purpose and the hope of leaving a small mark in the vastness of this universe, that says 'I was here.' Thinking about our mark on the world, causes us to reflect on the people, work, dreams, faith communities, and social institutions that have shaped our lives and given them meaning. Through legacy, 'me' becomes 'we.' I was once captivated by a quote I read: 'Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see.' I hope that if this scholarship helps a young adult to strike out on their own path, that they will be similarly motivated to leave a mark, and that it will add value to humanity."

## The Ernst Family

Gerry and Diane Ernst's children, Kevin and Brian Ernst established the Ernst Family Scholarship fund at CRCF as a 50th wedding anniversary gift in 2018. In the time since the family has given generously to support and grow a scholarship that honors the family's legacy and dedication to quality education.

### On why the family gives to the Ernst Family Scholarship:

"The Ernst Family Scholarship started in 2018 as a 50th wedding anniversary gift to us from our children. Education, and its positive impact on children, has always played a meaningful part in our lives - this keystone principal led us to teaching careers at Franklinville Central School, where we each worked for 30+ years before retirement. The scholarship honors our belief in the importance of education and provides us a unique way to continue our legacy of promoting learning for generations of youth to come. Our family regularly contributes to CRCF and this scholarship because it provides us a way to have a lasting, growing impact on a cause we are passionate about."

## Thomas and Karen Bowersox

Thomas and Karen Bowersox have been consistent donors to Community Foundation funds over the years, in particular CRCF scholarship funds. For the Bowersox family, scholarships played an important role, as their son, Mark, a graduate of Olean High School received a scholarship (before the CRCF Scholarship program existed) that enabled him to attend SUNY Geneseo and then Michigan State without taking any college loans.

### On what giving means to the family and why they choose to give to scholarship funds at CRCF:

"We have given to CRCF scholarship funds mostly in memory of the persons for whom the scholarships were established. These people's lives had a positive impact in our community. They lived as a good examples and were givers to our community; They treated all with respect."

### On the importance of Scholarship funds to family:

"We have given to scholarships because our family realizes personally how a scholarship can enable the recipients to afford an education. In our immediate family, our son's scholarships covered the cost of tuition for six years of state school, which then enabled our family's funds to make much-needed improvements on our property at home. Another benefit our son received was that he was able to graduate with two advanced degrees without any debt. Our family is very grateful."





Nannen Arboretum



Ellicottville Skatepark Fund

# FUNDS

## Agency Funds

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

- 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
- 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
- William D. and Catherine Griffin Fraser Fund
- The Rev. Leo J. Gallina Endowment Fund for St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church
- Golf "Fore" Heroes Fund
- 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's Legacy 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

## Field of Interest Funds

- Allegany-Cattaraugus-Chautauqua Fund for Women
- 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. Fund
- Allegheny River Valley Trail Fund
- Beautification Fund for Olean Community
- Beth Todd Memorial Fund
- Big 30 Athletic Fund
- Caneadea Dam at Rushford Lake Fund
- Cattaraugus County Law Enforcement Fund
- Cattaraugus County Law Enforcement Project Lifesaver Fund
- Cattaraugus County Suicide Prevention Coalition Fund
- Cattaraugus Gives 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 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
- Gargoyle Park Public Disc Golf Course 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
- Little Valley Fund
- Meals on Wheels/Friends of Aging Fund of Cattaraugus County
- Mental Wellness in Cattaraugus County Fund
- Mountain Sports Fund
- Olean City School District Foundation Fund



Kids and Cancer Fund



Elisa B. Hughey Scholarship for the Arts



Krieger Scholarship



Little Valley Fund



Little Valley Fund



Carroll and Dolores Anstaett Gift Tree Fund



Redding Endowment Fund



Santa Sheriff Fund

- Olean Parks Beautification Fund
- Olean Professional Firefighters Fireworks Fund
- Olean Rotary Club Community Improvement Fund
- Olean Veterans Wall of Honor Fund
- Pink Pumpkin Project Endowed Fund
- Cattaraugus County/Gene and Charlotte Preston Fund for the Elderly
- RAM Fund of Cattaraugus County
- Rose Pappas Foundation Fund
- Ross A. Peters Memorial Fund
- Santa Claus Lane Fund
- Santa Sheriff Fund
- Southern Tier Military Support Group Fund
- Special Response Team Fund
- STAB It Foundation Fund
- The McMullen Fund for the Environment
- The Pink Pumpkin Project Fund
- Veggie Wheels Fund
- Visual Arts Alliance Endowment Fund
- Wing Ski Club Endowment Fund
- Woodland in the City Fund

**Scholarship Funds**

- Nancy Allen Scholarship
- Laurie Anzivine Memorial Scholarship
- Fred P. Baker Memorial Scholarship
- Elodine Swarts Baxter and Lena Conrad Swarts Memorial Scholarship
- Nelson M. Beard Memorial Scholarship
- Albert A. Bennett Jr. Family Scholarship
- Big 30 Athletic Fund Scholarship
- Tyler Bihler Memorial Scholarship
- Burt Scholarship
- Tim Bushnell Memorial Scholarship
- May C. Carroll Scholarship
- Cattaraugus County Trappers Memorial Scholarship
- Chautauqua Cattaraugus Board of Realtors Scholarship
- Chipmonk Community Hall Scholarship
- Thomas W. Conklin Sr. Scholarship
- Maureen Curry Inspiration Scholarship
- Jen DeLong Memorial Scholarship
- Dresser-Rand Employees Scholarship
- Elias Eade Jr. 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
- John Forrest Memorial Scholarship
- Sondra J. Fox Scholarship
- The Good Samaritan Award
- Fred G. Grace Memorial Scholarship
- 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 Fund
- Mohammad and Sakeena Iqbal Health Care/Education Award
- Hinsdale Alumni Association Memorial Scholarship
- Kristen Hintz Memorial Scholarship Award
- Don and Bern Holcomb Memorial Scholarship
- Elisa B. Hughey Scholarship for the Arts

- Hughey Family Award for Resilience
- Hughey Scholarship
- Robert E. Hull VMD Memorial Scholarship
- Anthony and Gayle Iacovino Legacy Scholarship
- JF20 Scholarship
- Signe H. Johnson Scholarship
- Signe, Svenborg, Agnes and Selma Johnson Scholarship
- Kathy Jowsey Spirit Memorial Scholarship
- Michele Krahe Peace O.H.S. Scholarship
- Deputy Wayne Krieger and Carol Krieger Scholarship
- Long/Vossler Family Scholarship
- Kathleen Loop Snyder Memorial Scholarship
- Louis A. "Louie" Magnano Scholarship
- James A. and Joan E. Maguire Family Scholarship
- Frank A. Martin III Memorial Scholarship
- Maryetta's Mission Scholarship
- Daniel McCarthy Scholarship
- Patricia McCarthy Memorial Scholarship
- Bob and Barbara McCord Scholarship
- Pat McGee Nursing Scholarship
- Arnold McHone Sr. Manufacturing Scholarship
- John J. Murphy Family Scholarship
- Dr. Brian O'Connell Sr. Memorial Scholarship
- OHS Class of 1961 Scholarship
- OHS Class of 1983 Scholarship
- OHS Class of 1995 Scholarship
- Olean City School District Scholarship Fund
- Jack and Muriel Fogarty Memorial Scholarship
- Russell F. Greenawalt and Elizabeth Page Greenawalt Scholarship
- Mary Elizabeth Smith Scholarship
- Thomas & Robert Smythe Scholarship
- Olean High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund
- Otto-Eldred Alumni Scholarship
- Betty Pappas Scholarship
- Nicolas G. Pendl Memorial 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 Legislative District 3 Scholarship
- Ben & Rose Schwabenbauer Educational Scholarship
- Patrick Shinnors Memorial Scholarship
- Southern Tier Military Support Group Scholarship
- Gregory D. Spring Perseverance Scholarship and Awards Fund
- Lee W. and Jeremie I. Swartz Pitt-Bradford Scholarship
- Eva M. Taggerty Memorial Scholarship
- Bernadette E. "Bernie" Taylor Memorial Scholarship
- Ten Broeck Academy/Franklinville Central School District Scholarship Fund
- Walter F. and Julia A. Dziekonski Scholarship
- Josephine S. Pepper Memorial Ag. Scholarship
- William H. Schwier Memorial Scholarship
- Jonathan Teuscher Scholarship
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- JoAnn Wehmeyer English Scholarship
- Paul and Mary Lou Wood Swim Scholarship
- Dr. Donald A. Wormer Family Scholarship

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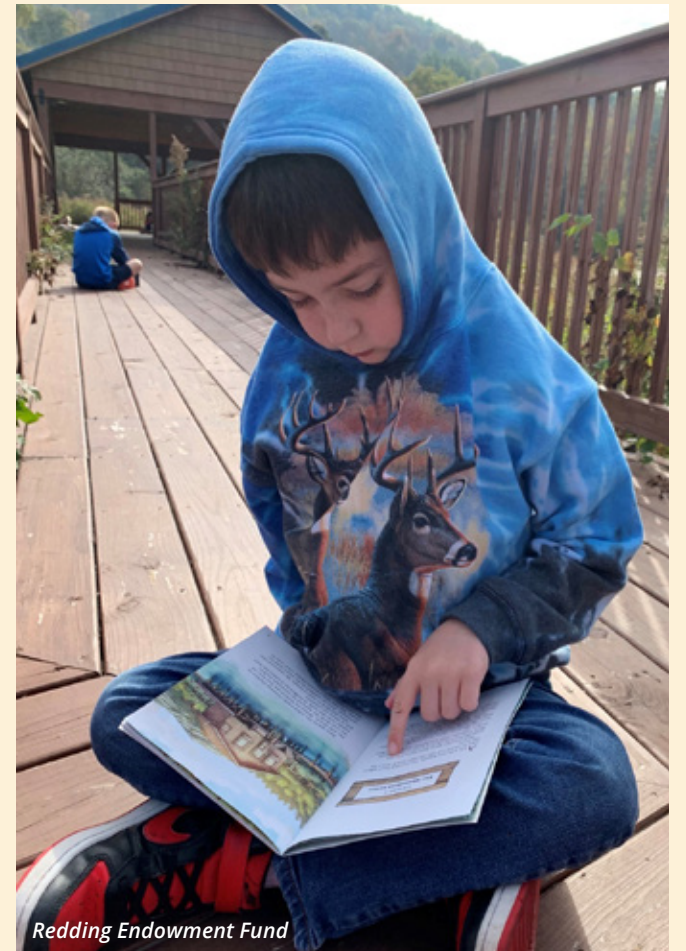
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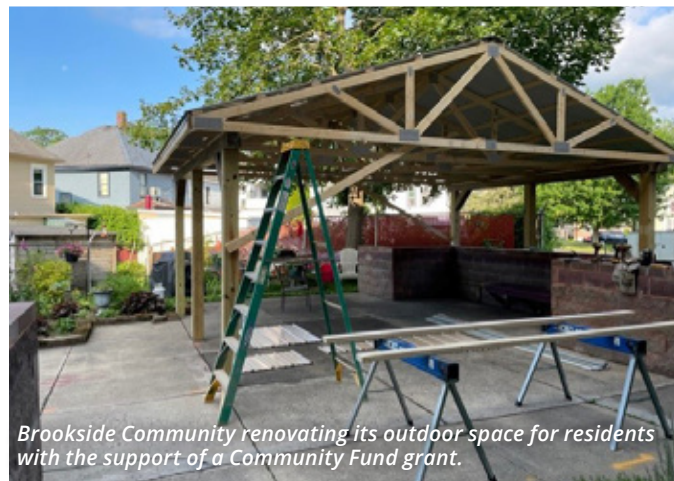


Redding Endowment Fund





West Valley students install art for Memorial Day service. Supported by Elisa B. Hughey Fund for the Arts.



Brookside Community renovating its outdoor space for residents with the support of a Community Fund grant.



Chautauqua Cattaraugus Library System's summer reading program, supported by the Community Fund.

# Grants

<b>African American Center for Cultural Development Fund</b>	
<i>African American Center for Cultural Development, Inc.</i>	\$2,000
<i>Construction/renovations at African American Center for Cultural Development</i>	\$119,881
<b>Allegany Public Library Memorial Association Fund</b>	
<i>Purchase of new glass door for the library</i>	\$4,018
<b>Allegany-Cattaraugus-Chautauqua Fund for Women</b>	
<i>Financial support for women in the tri-county area to support self-sufficiency</i>	\$1,283
<b>Carroll and Dolores Anstaett Gift Tree Fund</b>	
<i>Interfaith Caregivers Inc. for the Gift Tree program</i>	\$1,737
<b>Carroll and Dolores Anstaett Olean Community Theatre Endowment Fund</b>	
<i>Olean Community Theatre</i>	\$2,600
<b>Carroll Anstaett Olean Little League Fund</b>	
<i>Olean Little League</i>	\$6,118
<b>Carroll and Dolores Anstaett Pfeiffer Nature Center Fund</b>	
<i>Pfeiffer Nature Center</i>	\$849
<b>Archbishop Walsh/Southern Tier Catholic Schools Endowment Fund in honor of Luella Potter</b>	
<i>Southern Tier Catholic School System and Archbishop Walsh Academy</i>	\$2,183
<b>Beautification Fund for Olean Community</b>	
<i>Matching Grant for Santa Claus Lane decorations</i>	\$4,076
<b>Blount Library Fund</b>	
<i>Blount Library</i>	\$840
<b>Mike and Laura Bysiek Memorial Fund</b>	
<i>Canticle Farm Inc.</i>	\$100
<i>HomeCare &amp; Hospice</i>	\$100
<i>Joyful Rescues</i>	\$500
<i>Olean Food Pantry</i>	\$100
<i>Olean General Hospital Foundation</i>	\$100
<i>SPCA in Cattaraugus County</i>	\$100
<b>Cattaraugus County Law Enforcement Project Lifesaver Fund</b>	
<i>Project Lifesaver Inc. for three kits to help locate individuals at risk of wandering</i>	\$1,276
<b>Cattaraugus Gives Fund</b>	
<i>African American Center for Cultural Development Fund - Cattaraugus Gives prizes</i>	\$1,000
<i>Tim Bushnell Memorial Scholarship - Cattaraugus Gives prize</i>	\$500
<i>Canticle Farm Inc. - Cattaraugus Gives prizes</i>	\$800
<i>Cats Knead TNVR - Cattaraugus Gives prize</i>	\$250
<i>Citizens Advocating Memorial Preservation (CAMP) - Cattaraugus Gives prize</i>	\$250
<i>Dream It. Do It. Cattaraugus County Fund - Cattaraugus Gives prize</i>	\$250
<i>Ellicottville Skate Park Fund - Cattaraugus Gives prize</i>	\$250
<i>Empire Animal Rescue Society - Cattaraugus Gives prizes</i>	\$3,100
<i>Friends of the Library of Olean, NY - Cattaraugus Gives prize</i>	\$500
<i>Gargoyl Park Public Disc Golf Course Fund - Cattaraugus Gives prize</i>	\$250
<i>Genesis House of Olean, Inc. - Cattaraugus Gives prizes</i>	\$350
<i>Gregory D. Spring Perseverance Scholarship and Awards Fund - Cattaraugus Gives prize</i>	\$250
<i>HomeCare &amp; Hospice - Cattaraugus Gives prize</i>	\$250
<i>Interfaith Caregivers Inc. - Cattaraugus Gives prize</i>	\$250

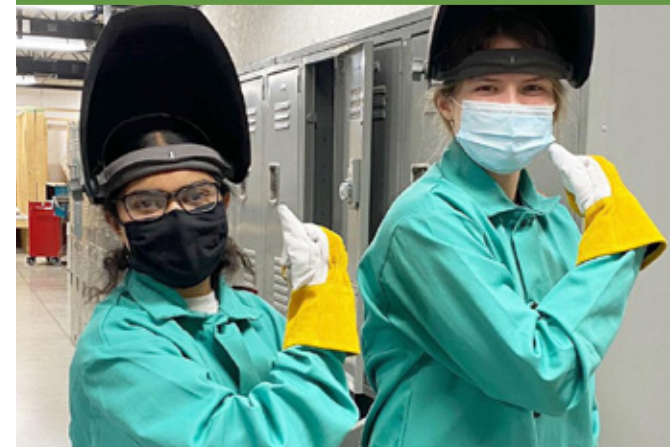
## Growing Future Manufacturers: Planting the seeds for careers

In 2021, Dream It. Do It. in Cattaraugus County established an agency fund at CRCF to support the organization's important mission of fostering an imagination and appreciation for manufacturing and technology in area youth – with the goal of encouraging them to consider a future career in manufacturing and related fields – through activities and education in STEM-related fields of study like engineering and math.

The fund at CRCF helped enable Dream It. Do It. to build the Dream It. Do It. Center in the Olean Business Development building in Olean. The Dream It. Do It. center provides kids a space to dream and do – with access to 3D printers and other impressive technology. The space also becomes a workshop after school, where they work on soapbox derby cars, meet with area manufacturers and more.

Through the Dream It. Do It. program, students have learned unique skills like CAD Design, welding and more. The program also challenges students to embrace an entrepreneurial spirit and will be leading a “shark tank” style program where students will present business ideas to area leaders in manufacturing and industry.

With the support of the Dream It. Do It. Fund at CRCF, the agency will have an avenue to shape a future in manufacturing for area youth for many years to come.



<i>Literacy of Love Inc. - Cattaraugus Gives prizes</i>	\$800
<i>Little Valley Fund - Cattaraugus Gives prize</i>	\$250
<i>Meals on Wheels/Friends of Aging Fund of Cattaraugus County - Cattaraugus Gives prize</i>	\$250
<i>Nannen Arboretum Society - Cattaraugus Gives prize</i>	\$250
<i>OHS Class of 1983 Scholarship Fund - Cattaraugus Gives prize</i>	\$100
<i>Olean City School District Foundation Fund - Cattaraugus Gives prizes</i>	\$1,500
<i>Olean Community Theatre Building Project Fund - Cattaraugus Gives prize</i>	\$250
<i>Olean Food Pantry - Cattaraugus Gives prize</i>	\$250
<i>Olean Meditation Center Fund - Cattaraugus Gives prize</i>	\$500
<i>Olean Theatre Workshop - Cattaraugus Gives prize</i>	\$500
<i>The Pink Pumpkin Project Fund - Cattaraugus Gives prize</i>	\$250
<i>Portville Free Library Endowed Fund - Cattaraugus Gives prize</i>	\$250
<i>Marjorie and Robert Schaumleffel Rotary Scholarship - Cattaraugus Gives prize</i>	\$500
<i>Southern Tier Health Care System, Inc. - Cattaraugus Gives prizes</i>	\$750
<i>SPCA in Cattaraugus County Fund - Cattaraugus Gives prizes</i>	\$1,100
<i>Veggie Wheels Fund - Cattaraugus Gives prize</i>	\$250
<i>Wild Spirit Education - Cattaraugus Gives prize</i>	\$100
<i>YMCA of the Twin Tiers - Cattaraugus Gives prizes</i>	\$16,000

### Christmas in Allegany

<i>Village of Allegany for roofing and siding for Allegany Christmas house</i>	\$3,100
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### Community Fund

<i>Ashford Historical Society for purchase of furnace</i>	\$500
<i>Big Brothers Big Sisters of Erie, Niagara and the Southern Tier for mentoring programs and activities in Cattaraugus County</i>	\$500
<i>Brookside Community for renovations of outdoor spaces</i>	\$1,600
<i>Cattaraugus Area Ambulance Service Inc. support for purchase of power cot/stretchers</i>	\$1,500
<i>Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System for summer reading program</i>	\$2,500
<i>FeedMore WNY for purchase of food at Cattaraugus County food pantries</i>	\$1,000
<i>Gargoyl Park Public Disc Golf Course Fund for materials for Olean disc golf course</i>	\$1,000
<i>Girl Scouts of WNY Inc. for badge in a box program</i>	\$500
<i>Healthy Community Alliance for nonprofit communications hub</i>	\$1,000
<i>Housing Options Made Easy Inc. for curriculum materials for group sessions for youth dealing with mental health issues</i>	\$1,162
<i>Interfaith Caregivers Inc. for new phone system</i>	\$400
<i>Reach Out and Read</i>	\$500
<i>Rural Revitalization Corporation for Safe Homes for Kids safety items</i>	\$1,500
<i>Western New York Land Conservancy for Saving the Allegany Wildlands land project</i>	\$2,000
<i>YMCA of the Twin Tiers for Limestone PlayZone</i>	\$1,800

### Samuel Costa Endowment Fund

<i>Hamlin Memorial Library</i>	\$907
<i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church</i>	\$1,814
<i>St. Raphael's Roman Catholic Church</i>	\$907

### COVID-19 Response Fund for Cattaraugus County

<i>Allegany Public Library for books for remote and homeschool learning</i>	\$500
<i>Canticle Farm Inc. to sponsor farm shares for residents facing food insecurity</i>	\$1,200

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Olean students work to beautify Oak Hill Park with support from the Olean Parks Beautification Fund



Chautauqua Cattaraugus Library System's summer reading program



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Cattaraugus County Department of Community Services Foundation for Change PROS to support virtual access to telehealth therapy and other services and assist with cost of PPE and food and hygiene products	\$1,000	Olean General Hospital Foundation	\$260
Connecting Communities in Action, Inc. for nutrition department electronic device support for food distribution	\$1,500	Olean Public Library	\$260
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cattaraugus County to support online programming for adults and vulnerable families in Cattaraugus County	\$900	Town of Olean Fire Department	\$260
FeedMore WNY for emergency food relief for 29 Cattaraugus County food pantries	\$1,500	<b>Higgins Memorial Golf Tournament Fund</b>	
Friends of Strays for spaying, neutering and medical care of animals	\$600	American Cancer Society	\$125
Harvest Field Ministries for community soup kitchen food supplies and take out containers	\$1,400	Empire Animal Rescue Society	\$3,000
Housing Options Made Easy Inc. for broadband capable devices to Digital Divide participants to provide literacy education for low-income seniors to improve access to telehealth and other services	\$800	JCC Foundation	\$150
Interfaith Caregivers Inc. for supplies to promote services to elderly	\$400	Olean City School District Foundation Fund	\$100
Kevin Guest House for COVID-19 equipment and supply needs	\$800	Olean General Hospital Foundation	\$1,500
Olean First Baptist Church for We are His Hands program to provide food voucher/grocery store gift cards and hygiene kits to needy residents	\$900	Olean High School Sports Boosters for the Olean High School Golf team	\$500
Olean Food Pantry for supplemental food purchases	\$1,600	<b>Elisa B. Hughey Fund for the Arts</b>	
RAM Fund of Cattaraugus County for JCC medical clinic	\$1,453	Ellicottville Central School for art supplies and materials to paint a mural at ECS	\$100
Rebuilding Together Olean Area Inc. for handicapped accessible ramps and home renovations to assist low-income residents	\$800	Support for art classes at Ellicottville Memorial Library	\$185
Salvation Army for food, rent and utility assistance for needy residents	\$1,500	West Valley Central School for a Memorial Day art installation project	\$260
Saving Grace Outreach for food, baby items and personal hygiene supplies for needy families	\$1,500	<b>Paul and Mary Janowicz Memorial Fund</b>	
Southern Tier Catholic School System and Archbishop Walsh Academy for electrostatic sprayer for school disinfection	\$500	Great Valley Volunteer Fire Department	\$208
Southern Tier Child Advocacy Center c/o Allegany Co. Dept. of Social Services for gas cards, phone cards, utility payments, rent assist, food supplies, internet fees for vulnerable families	\$1,500	Olean General Hospital Foundation	\$208
SPCA in Cattaraugus County to offset costs of urgent pet medical needs due to family hardship	\$800	Olean Public Library	\$208
The Master's Plan for food and food delivery, utility assistance, basic needs	\$1,500	<b>F. Donald Kenney Fund</b>	
Warming House for operational support	\$1,400	Tri-County Arts Council for the Southern Tier Biennial	\$22,466
YMCA of the Twin Tiers for learning labs and child care program	\$1,400	<b>Kids and Cancer Fund</b>	
		Assistance to over 40 children and cancer patients undergoing medical treatment	\$22,622
<b>Dream It. Do It. Cattaraugus County Fund</b>		American Cancer Society	\$1,000
Olean Business Development Corporation for expenses related to Dream it. Do It. Center	\$10,002	Laurie Anzvine Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$1,000
		Band of Parents	\$500
<b>Ellicottville Community/Bicentennial Fund (ECBF)</b>		Bradford Hospital Foundation	\$5,900
Ellicottville Historical Society and Museum	\$11,002	CARE for Children	\$700
		The Children's Hospital of Buffalo Foundation	\$3,000
<b>Ellicottville Great Valley Recreational Trail Fund</b>		Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC Foundation	\$3,000
Design services for EVGV trail	\$11,902	Olean General Hospital Foundation	\$1,200
		Pancreatic Cancer Action Network in honor of Pete Buchheit	\$500
<b>The Rev. Leo J. Gallina Endowment Fund for St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church</b>		The Pink Pumpkin Project Fund	\$1,000
St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church	\$1,442	Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh	\$1,500
		Roswell Park Alliance Foundation	\$3,000
<b>Gargoyle Park Public Disc Golf Course Fund</b>		The Rotary Club of Bradford	\$500
Design/construction of new disc golf course in Gargoyle Park	\$4,150	Shriners Hospital for Children	\$3,000
For purchase of discs distributed to grow the sport of disc golf in the Olean Community and lower the financial barrier for local citizens to participate in disc golf	\$7,532	Special Spaces to sponsor 10 children with bedding for their dream room	\$1,000
		St. Jude Children's Research Hospital	\$3,000
<b>Golf "Fore" Heroes Defenders of Freedom</b>		THON	\$2,000
Defenders of Freedom - Pittsburgh chapter	\$4,500	<b>Kothari Family Endowment Fund</b>	
		Mental Wellness in Cattaraugus County Fund	\$500
<b>Paul and Betty Hanson Fund</b>		Olean Food Pantry	\$250
Mercy Flight Inc.	\$260	Olean Meditation Center for OMC's labyrinth project	\$500
		<b>Erick Laine Entrepreneur Fund</b>	
		Olean Business Development Corporation	\$108,000
		Support for Laine Business Accelerator	\$35,000
		<b>Laine Family Fund</b>	
		MountainTrue	\$2,210
		<b>Little Valley Fund</b>	
		Repair of Little Valley village gazebo	\$900
		Support for Little Valley Summer Concert Series	\$500
		Support for purchase and installation of a bench and plaque in Little Valley village park	\$1,295

<b>Meals on Wheels/Friends of Aging Fund of Cattaraugus County</b>	
Alzheimer's Association, Western New York Chapter	\$1,500
<b>Mental Wellness in Cattaraugus County Fund</b>	
Directions in Independent Living, Inc. for Together We Thrive program	\$2,000
Olean Meditation Center for Mindful Wellness program	\$1,075
YMCA of the Twin Tiers for Swizzy's Cause support fund	\$1,325
<b>Mildred Milliman Fund</b>	
Alzheimer's Association, Western New York Chapter	\$869
American Cancer Society	\$939
American Foundation for the Blind	\$869
American Heart Association	\$939
American Kidney Fund	\$939
American Lung Association in New York	\$939
American Red Cross	\$939
American SPCA	\$1,408
Beautification Fund for Olean Community	\$3,568
Best Friends Animal Society	\$1,408
Blinded Veterans Association	\$1,103
Camp Good Days & Special Times	\$2,207
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of WNY	\$869
Easter Seals	\$869
Epilepsy Foundation	\$869
Guiding Eyes for the Blind	\$1,103
Humane Society of U.S.	\$1,408
International Fund for Animal Welfare	\$1,408
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	\$869
March of Dimes, WNY Division	\$939
Muscular Dystrophy Association, Western New York	\$939
National Anti-Vivisection Society	\$1,408
National MS Society, Upstate NY Chapter	\$939
National Wildlife Federation	\$1,408
Olean General Hospital Foundation	\$189,431
Paralyzed Veterans of America	\$939
Roswell Park Alliance Foundation	\$2,207
Salvation Army	\$939
SPCA in Cattaraugus County	\$5,326
SPCA serving Allegany County	\$1,573
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital	\$2,207
Town of Olean Fire Department	\$775
United Spinal Association	\$775
World Wildlife Fund	\$1,408
<b>Roger S. Niemic Memorial Fund</b>	
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Western PA Chapter	\$210
<b>Olean Business Development Corporation Fund</b>	
Olean Business Development Corporation	\$10,000
<b>Olean City School District Foundation Fund</b>	
Authors Everywhere grant for Eastview Elementary	\$1,367
Bookworm Reading Program Grant	\$596
Green Screen Technology for Washington West and Eastview elementary schools	\$4,902
Leader Lounge grant for Eastview Elementary	\$1,314
OHS 2021 Senior banners	\$500
OIMS Maker Space equipment	\$2,320
<b>Olean Community Theatre Building Project Fund</b>	
Olean Community Theatre to help pay for purchase of new building	\$3,389

<b>Olean Meditation Center Fund</b>	
Scholarship for Katie Ward's participation in a meditation teacher certification program	\$1,150
<b>Olean Parks Beautification Fund</b>	
Landscaping and plants for beautification of Oak Hill Park	\$1,035
<b>Olean Rotary Club Community Improvement Fund</b>	
Matching grant for replacement of stairs at Olean Theatre Workshop	\$6,000
The Dictionary Project for purchase and distribution of dictionaries to local third graders	\$1,008
<b>Jim &amp; Gail Olson Mercy Flight Fund</b>	
Mercy Flight Inc. for Olean Mercy Flight hangar	\$1,168
<b>Rose Pappas Foundation Fund</b>	
Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels for annual community Christmas dinner	\$200
Hinsdale United Methodist Church for Thanksgiving and/or Easter dinners for homebound	\$200
HomeCare & Hospice	\$665
Olean First Baptist Church for the annual community Easter dinner	\$140
Olean Senior Center	\$200
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church for the annual community Thanksgiving dinner	\$200
<b>Ross A. Peters Memorial Fund</b>	
United Church of Ellicottville Food Pantry	\$500
<b>Kay Pfeiffer Gerkin Endowment Fund</b>	
Pfeiffer Nature Center	\$1,628
<b>The Pink Pumpkin Project Fund</b>	
Assistance and programming for breast cancer fighters and survivors	\$46,990
Pink Pumpkin Project Endowed Fund	\$9,138
<b>RAM Fund of Cattaraugus County</b>	
Financial support for free medical clinic at JCC Olean campus	\$5,600
<b>Redding Endowment Fund</b>	
Olean City School District for use in third grade classroom at Eastview Elementary School	\$397
Hinsdale Maplehurst & Pleasant Valley Volunteer Fire Department	\$397
Hinsdale Central School for use in third grade classroom	\$397
<b>Doris Reisner Endowment Fund</b>	
American Cancer Society	\$1,199
American Diabetes Association	\$400
American Friends Service Committee	\$400
Empire State Association for the Deaf	\$799
Genesis House of Olean, Inc.	\$799
HomeCare & Hospice	\$799
Interfaith Caregivers Inc.	\$799
SPCA in Cattaraugus County	\$400
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church	\$1,199
The ReHabilitation Foundation	\$1,199
<b>Lewis &amp; Doris Reisner Endowment Fund</b>	
Olean General Hospital Foundation for purchase of an infusion pump	\$9,561
<b>Walt and Ruth Reisner Endowment Fund</b>	
Olean General Hospital Foundation for vital monitoring system for patients in the emergency room	\$3,619
Southern Tier Health Care System, Inc. for emergency medical service provider training and education	\$1,206

## Growing a prosperous arts community

In 2021 the Tri-County Arts Council received a \$5,000 grant for new technology and equipment to support the professional development of area artists. The grant helped support the purchase of a new high definition, quality camera and streaming equipment that allows member artists to properly showcase their work and enter exhibitions across the region and even the world. The streaming equipment allows the Tri-County Arts Council to stream its professional development programming or digital access, removing transportation and other barriers so that the council's programs can reach more artists in the tri-county region.

Pictured is Tri-County Arts Council Executive Director Mikel Wintermantel with technology purchased through the grant.



<b>Barby Ried Social Fund</b>	
NYSARC Inc., Cattaraugus Niagara Counties Chapter for chapter activities and events at the Intandem Work Center	\$1,196
The ReHabilitation Foundation for inclusive playground project	\$8,850
<b>Santa Claus Lane Fund</b>	
Decorations for Santa Claus Lane	\$4,397
<b>Santa Sheriff Fund</b>	
Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce for gift certificates used to purchase gifts for Santa Sheriff families	\$7,500
<b>Southern Tier Military Support Group Fund</b>	
WNY Heroes, Inc. for Pawsitive for Heroes program - service dog training for veterans	\$500
<b>Special Response Team Fund</b>	
Special Response Team equipment	\$13,837
<b>Stitt Family Fund</b>	
Dream It. Do It. Cattaraugus County Fund	\$40,000
<b>Carol and Jim Stitt Operations Fund</b>	
CRCF operational support	\$4,977
<b>Vergil Sutter Memorial Fund</b>	
St. Bonaventure University Athletics Department	\$1,890
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital	\$1,890
<b>Beth Todd Memorial Fund</b>	
The Pink Pumpkin Project Fund	\$775
<b>United Way of Cattaraugus County Inc. Fund</b>	
United Way of Cattaraugus County	\$1,581
<b>Veggie Wheels Fund</b>	
Cattaraugus County Health Department for Veggie Wheels program	\$4,950
<b>Visual Arts Alliance Endowment Fund</b>	
Tri-County Arts Council for professional development technology for artists	\$5,000
<b>Kaleigh Wilday Endowment Fund</b>	
Cattaraugus Gives Fund for Wilday Youth Enrichment Prize	\$1,000
CRCS Alaska Fund	\$1,000
Cuba Circulating Library	\$1,000
Cuba Rushford PTO	\$1,000
Ellicottville Great Valley Recreational Trail Fund	\$1,000
Ellicottville Memorial Library in memory of Edna Northrup	\$1,000
Ellicottville Skate Park Fund	\$1,000
Nannen Arboretum Society	\$500
Olean General Hospital Foundation	\$1,000
Operation Warm Hearts Inc. Fund	\$1,000
YMCA of the Twin Tiers	\$1,000
<b>Kay &amp; Oliver Williams/Rushford Endowment Fund</b>	
Cuba-Rushford School District for CRCS Outdoors/Conservation Camp Scholarship	\$756
First Baptist Church	\$1,117
Olean Troop 621	\$756
Podonque Cemetery	\$756
Rushford Cemetery Association	\$756
Rushford Concert Band	\$756
Rushford Free Library	\$1,117
Rushford United Methodist Church	\$1,117

**WNY COVID-19 Community Response Microgrant Fund for Cattaraugus County**

Allegany County Community Opportunities and Rural Development Inc. (ACCORD) for purchase of food for 21 in-home childcare providers	\$1,500
Canticle Farm Inc. for hygiene supplies, other items to support farm	\$1,200
Catholic Charities of Buffalo for food and hygiene supplies for Franklinville Food Pantry	\$1,500
Cattaraugus County Department of Aging for food, PPE, hygiene supplies for Department of the Aging/Meals on Wheels	\$3,000
Connecting Communities in Action, Inc. for food and hygiene supplies for CCA food pantry	\$3,500
Connecting Communities in Action, Inc. for clothing, PPE, transition supplies for residents at Kinley Hill shelter	\$2,500
Delevan Food Pantry	\$1,000
Directions in Independent Living for mental health technology to communicate with clients virtually	\$700
Genesis House of Olean, Inc. for PPE, hygiene supplies, transition supplies	\$1,000
Great Valley Food Pantry for food and hygiene supplies	\$1,500
Healthy Community Alliance for fresh food and produce for Community Place country store	\$600
Hinsdale Food Pantry for food and hygiene supplies	\$800
Limestone Food Pantry for food and hygiene supplies	\$600
Loaves & Fishes for food and hygiene supplies	\$1,500
Love INC Gowanda for utilities/rent assistance, transportation, food	\$1,500
Love INC Gowanda for food and hygiene supplies for the Gowanda Food Pantry	\$2,000
Love In the Name of Christ of Springville for utilities/rent assistance, transportation, food for residents of northern Cattaraugus County	\$900
Olean First Baptist Church for We Are His Hands program for assistance with purchasing food and hygiene supplies, utilities assistance	\$600
Olean Food Pantry for food and hygiene supplies	\$3,500
Portville Community Food Pantry for food and hygiene supplies	\$800
Salvation Army for food and hygiene supplies, rent/utilities assistance, food delivery	\$1,500
Saving Grace Outreach for food and hygiene supplies for Cattaraugus Food Pantry	\$2,000
Seneca Nation Food Pantry for food and hygiene supplies	\$1,600
South Dayton Food Pantry for food and hygiene supplies	\$1,200
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church for the Pet Food Pantry for pet food and supplies	\$1,400
St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store for food and utilities assistance	\$1,000
The Master's Plan for food, rent/utilities assistance, PPE and cleaning supplies	\$1,700
United Church of Ellicottville Food Pantry for food and hygiene supplies	\$1,300
Valley View Baptist Church Food Pantry for food and hygiene supplies	\$800
Warming House for food and hygiene supplies	\$1,800

**Connie and Sandy Wolfinger Fund**

Canticle Farm Inc. for Cattaraugus Gives campaign	\$200
Friends of the Library of Olean, NY for Cattaraugus Gives campaign	\$100
Hamlin Memorial Library	\$200
Interfaith Caregivers Inc. for Medical Loan Closet	\$100
Lounsbery Adaptive Ski Program	\$500
SPCA in Cattaraugus County Fund	\$500
St. Luke's Episcopal Church for church auxiliary	\$200
The ReHAbilitation Foundation	\$1,000
Toys for Tots Olean, NY	\$200



Outdoor classroom space, made possible with support from the Wolfinger Family Fund



YMCA of the Twin Tiers Playzone, supported by the Community Fund

**Wolfinger Family Donor Advised Fund**

Ancient Order of Hibernians for Irish Famine Memorial restoration	\$100
Belvidere (NJ) School District for outdoor classroom project	\$500
Center for Private Forests at Penn State University in memory of James Finley	\$200
Citizens Advocating Memorial Preservation (CAMP) Fund	\$100
Coudersport Area School District for iPads for STEM lab	\$500
Cuba Friends of Architecture	\$300
Ellicottville Central School for iPads	\$500
First United Methodist Church of Emporium	\$300
Genesis House of Olean, Inc.	\$1,000
HomeCare & Hospice	\$500
Olean Food Pantry	\$500
Olean General Hospital Foundation for OGH Heartbeat Society	\$1,000
Smethport Area School District for Rocketbook and CPR training projects	\$1,000
St. Luke's Episcopal Church for the Wolfinger Family Guardian Angel Fund	\$700
United Way of Cattaraugus County	\$1,000
Wreaths Across America	\$200
YMCA of the Twin Tiers	\$500

**Paul and Mary Lou Wood Foundation Fund**

Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels	\$354
Franciscan Center for Social Concern, St. Bonaventure University	\$1,063
Olean General Hospital Foundation	\$354
St. Bonaventure University Office of Institutional Advancement	\$354

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

Franciscan Center for Social Concern, St. Bonaventure University	\$528
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**Yehl Family Endowment**

Samaritan's Purse	\$3,586
World Vision Inc.	\$3,586

**YMCA of the Twin Tiers Fund**

YMCA of the Twin Tiers	\$120,298
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# Scholarships

Allegany Public Library Memorial Association Scholarship Emily Speckman	\$500	Burt Scholarship Julia Brennan Katherine Smith Adam Spencer Lindsey Veno	\$1,250 \$1,250 \$1,250 \$1,250
Nancy Allen Scholarship Jordyn Harasta	\$500		
Laurie Anzvine Memorial Scholarship Brynn Ackerman	\$1,000	Tim Bushnell Memorial Scholarship Joe Magro Caleb Stromberg	\$1,000 \$1,000
Laurie Anzvine Memorial Scholarship Kaylee Boyd	\$1,000	May C. Carroll Scholarship Haley Dorman Lexi Mikowicz	\$1,450 \$1,450
Elodine Swarts Baxter & Lena Conrad Swarts Memorial Scholarship Lindsey Veno	\$1,200	Cattaraugus County Trappers Memorial Scholarship Hunter Dellow Clayton Rowland	\$500 \$500
Nelson M. Beard Memorial Scholarship Madison Braker	\$1,000	Chautauqua Cattaraugus Board of Realtors Scholarship Madison Borst-Scarpino Sammi Lin Zechariah Padd Yuki Wada	\$500 \$500 \$500 \$500
Albert A. Bennett Jr. Family Scholarship Emmalee Sheeler	\$600	Chipmonk Community Hall Scholarship Brendan Stevenson George Stevenson	\$600 \$600
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Tyler Bihler Memorial Scholarship Nathan-Michael Gabler Paige Smith	\$1,000 \$1,000	Maureen Curry Inspiration Scholarship Kristina Metlak	\$500



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## Shayla Wilhelm

Ever since she was a senior at Portville Central School, Shayla Wilhelm, set her sights on the sky. The 2020 PCS valedictorian and John J. Murphy Family and Portville College scholarships recipient was not just a high achiever – she quite literally had dreams to be in the sky. Wilhelm is currently an undergraduate junior in the aerospace engineering program at Florida Institute of Technology, with an emphasis on students in astronautics. Due to her achievements in the program, she has been inducted into the engineering national honor society, which requires students be in the top eighth of the college of engineering junior class. On campus, she is also the first chair clarinetist of the Florida Tech Pep Band.

Outside of the classroom, Wilhelm worked as the lead math instructor at the Mathnasium of Viera, FL, where she tutored students in grades pre-k through 12 in a number of math-based subjects.

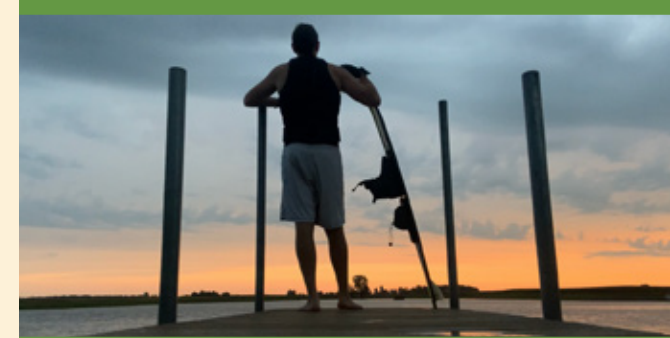
She plans to pursue her in M.S. in aerospace engineering, with eventual plans to pursue a career working for a lead space agency like NASA, Space X or Blue Origin.



<i>Jen DeLong Memorial Scholarship Fund</i> Jordyn Harasta	\$1,000
<i>Walter F. &amp; Julia A. Dziekonski Scholarship</i> Logan Frank Jordyn Harasta	\$2,600 \$2,600
<i>Louis W. Ensworth Charitable Foundation Trust Scholarship for Allegany-Limestone Central School</i> Devin Ralston Liberty Rodgers	\$500 \$2,500
<i>Louis W. Ensworth Charitable Foundation Trust Scholarship for Olean High School</i> Raina Barboza Paxton Retchless Norah Sweitzer	\$2,500 \$2,500 \$500
<i>Ernst Family Scholarship Fund</i> McKensie Crooks	\$1,000
<i>Jack &amp; Muriel Fogarty Memorial Scholarship</i> Lucas Chapman Lauren Kielar Marina Miketish	\$500 \$500 \$500
<i>William D. &amp; Catherine Griffin Fraser Scholarship</i> Autumn Michalski	\$1,000
<i>The Good Samaritan Award Fund</i> Collette Trudeau	\$500
<i>Fred G. Grace Memorial Scholarship</i> Andrew Rohrs	\$1,000
<i>Paul &amp; Betty Hanson Career/Technical Scholarship</i> Chase Kratts Ryan Weseman	\$700 \$700
<i>Alyn J. Heim Music Scholarship</i> Kaleb Shaw	\$1,250
<i>Patricia "Ann" Heister English/Journalism Memorial Scholarship</i> McKensie Crooks	\$850
<i>Joseph &amp; Cecily Higgins Scholarship</i> Julia Brennan Troy Brennan Emmy Li Michelle Wohlers	\$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500
<i>Hinsdale Alumni Association Memorial Scholarship</i> Kayla Brooks Ashley Chapman	\$1,000 \$1,000
<i>Kristen Hintz Memorial Scholarship Award</i> Logan Fredrickson Alexander Hunt Abigail Ploetz	\$1,400 \$1,400 \$1,400
<i>Elisa B. Hughey Scholarship for the Arts</i> Chloe Chai Gabriel Snyder	\$1,000 \$1,000
<i>Hughey Family Award for Resilience</i> Raina Barboza Pamela Reagle	\$1,000 \$1,000
<i>Robert E. Hull VMD Memorial Scholarship</i> Kiran Khettry	\$1,500
<i>Anthony &amp; Gayle Iacovino Legacy Scholarship</i> Norah Sweitzer	\$1,000

## Zazeric Bell

Currently into just his second semester at Purdue University, Zazeric Bell is already making the most of his college experience. Bell, a recipient of the John J. Murphy Family Scholarship, Big 30 Charity Classic Scholarship and Bob and Barbara McCord Scholarship, is currently majoring in aeronautical and astronautical engineering and minoring in engineering business with plans to seek a project management certificate. At Purdue he is also involved in the Purdue waterski team, the Office of Professional Engineers, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, EPICS (a student-led service design program) and a number of intramural sports. He has been active in community service events on campus such as Habitat for Humanity and Winterization 2022, a program that involves students supporting the elderly in the area by working on their homes or maintaining their homes' grounds. Bell plans to complete his bachelor's degree and go onto his MBA. He looks forward to gaining experience in aeronautics and aerospace with Gulfstream Aerospace's Purdue Cooperative Program, where he will begin work in summer 2022.



<i>Mohammad &amp; Sakeena Iqbal Healthcare/Education Award</i> Elizabeth Long Kristen McMullen	\$700 \$700
<i>Paul &amp; Mary Janowicz Memorial Scholarship</i> Hayly Fredrickson	\$500
<i>Signe H. Johnson Scholarship</i> Monica Kintner	\$1,100
<i>Signe, Svenborg, Agnes &amp; Selma Johnson Scholarship</i> Keon Cruz Grace Ventura	\$1,200 \$1,200
<i>Kathy Jowsey Spirit Memorial Scholarship</i> Logan Frank	\$1,200
<i>Kothari Family Fund Health Care Scholarship</i> Cole Lechner Mackenzie Lucas	\$750 \$750
<i>Michele Krahe Peace O.H.S. Scholarship</i> Claire Meyers	\$500
<i>Deputy Wayne Krieger &amp; Carol Krieger Scholarship Fund</i> Austen Darcy Hannah DeArmitt Angelia Johnson (Sheriff's Academy Scholarship) Lucas Smith	\$1,200 \$1,200 \$1,500 \$1,200
<i>Frank A. Martin III Memorial Scholarship Fund</i> Dairinn Finn Devin Ralston Andrew Rohrs	\$500 \$500 \$500
<i>Daniel McCarthy Scholarship</i> Jason Brooks Bryce Butler Hayleigh Federowicz Olivia Pitillo	\$600 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000
<i>Patricia McCarthy Memorial Scholarship</i> Yuki Wada	\$500
<i>Bob &amp; Barbara McCord Scholarship Fund</i> Reagan Austin Zazeric Bell Haedyn Brewer Jocelyn Decker Andrew Rohrs Cole Sebastian Emmalee Sheeler Emily Speckman	\$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000
<i>Pat McGee Nursing Scholarship</i> Grace Elder Nicole Hoeckh	\$700 \$700
<i>Arnold McHone Sr. Manufacturing Scholarship</i> Hunter Griffin	\$1,800
<i>John J. Murphy Family Scholarship</i> Zazeric Bell Nathan-Michael Gabler Tierney Hemphill Lauren Kielar Tyler Lashway Alice Li Travis Maguire Emily Rohrs Averi Saulter Anna Seamon	\$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500

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