

# Annual Luncheon

Our work wouldn't be possible without the vision and generosity of our donors. Every year since 1991, we have recognized the contributions of philanthropists whose giving has inspired others while strengthening the Greater Rochester-Finger Lakes region.

On August 12, 2021, we hosted our annual philanthropy celebration outside at Frontier Field. Learn more about our wonderful honorees below. (If you would like to be on our guest list for future celebrations, [click here.](#))

The Ames-Amzalak Fund at the Community Foundation was established in 1984 to honor the memory of Henry Ames and his brothers, Semon and Daniel Amzalak. These three young immigrants from the British territory of Gibraltar came to Rochester and prospered as owners of Mally Co., a women's dress shop at East Avenue and Main Street, and other businesses. They established a private foundation, which in turn created the fund at the Community Foundation.

The Ames-Amzalak Award for Nonprofit Excellence, now given every other year, recognizes an innovative and effective nonprofit organization that is a true community partner.

**2020:** Teen Empowerment

**2018:** St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center

**2016:** YWCA of Rochester & Monroe County

**2014:** United Way of Greater Rochester

**2012:** Lifespan of Greater Rochester

**2010:** Coalition to Prevent Lead Poisoning

**2009:** Foodlink

**2008:** Arts & Cultural Council of Greater Rochester

**2007:** Ibero-American Action League

**2006:** Children's Institute

**2003:** Causewave Community Partners (formerly the Advertising

Council of Rochester, Inc.)

**2000:** Hope Hall

**1998:** Finger Lakes Visiting Nurse Service/Ontario-Yates  
Hospice