Wayne County Community Endowment
Awards $62,472 in Grants to Local Nonprofits

Sodus, NY — The Wayne County Community Endowment has awarded $37,472 in grants to nine nonprofit organizations for programs that help improve the quality of life for Wayne County residents. An additional $25,000 in grants was distributed to 22 food pantries throughout the county to help Wayne County neighbors most in need.

The grants were announced October 18 at the Endowment’s donor and grantee reception at Sodus Bay Heights Golf Club.

This annual event recognizes the many Wayne County friends and neighbors who have invested in the Endowment, which was created in 1984 with a portion of the estate of Jeanette “Nettie” Bullis, a successful businesswoman whose family settled in Macedon in the late 1830s.

The nine grant recipients include:

- **Bridges for Brain Injury**: Supports the day program members’ participation in the adaptive horseback riding program at Hillrise Equestrian Center in Walworth. $2,750

- **Mercy Flight Central, Inc.**: To continue providing critical care and transportation to major trauma hospitals. $1,000

- **ROCovery Fitness**: To help expand the program that uses physical fitness and evidence-based, trauma-informed, and peer recovery supports to assist individuals in Wayne County dealing with substance use disorders. $5,000

- **Rural & Migrant Ministry**: Supports the two-week summer Rural Youth Leadership Development Program for middle school children of Wayne County farmworkers. $4,000

- **Scarlet Thread Ministries**: Provides after-school opportunities to middle and high school students in eight Wayne County school districts. $5,000

- **Sodus Bay Historical Society**: Supports renovation of the museum’s library space in the historic lighthouse, built in 1871. $5,000
Wayne ARC: Supports the purchase of needed supplies and materials for expansion of the parent training and home program development of Oral Placement Therapy (OPT). OPT is used to help individuals overcome feeding and speech obstacles. $4,722

Wayne County Rural Ministry: Provides assistance to individuals and families who need to maintain or acquire stable housing, functioning heat and electricity in winter, or emergency shelter when displaced by disasters such as fire. $5,000

For the benefit of Williamson American Legion: Helps to address food needs for Wayne County’s veterans and their families by providing special food boxes during four major holidays during the year. $5,000

Grants totaling $25,000 were also distributed to the following Wayne County food pantries to help support operation costs, food purchases, and Foodlink memberships:

- Clyde United Methodist Church Food Pantry
- Come-Unity Center in Williamson
- Covenant Life Fellowship Food Pantry in Ontario
- Daily Bread Food Pantry in Williamson
- Fairville Food Pantry
- Lyons Community Food Pantry
- Macedon Food Pantry
- Marion Food Pantry
- Newark Food Pantry
- North Rose Cougar Cupboard
- North Rose Food Pantry
- Ontario Food Pantry
- Palmyra-Macedon Food Pantry, Inc.
- Red Creek Community Food Cupboard
- Rose Emergency Food Pantry
- Savannah Community Food Pantry
- Sodus Point United Methodist Church Food Pantry
- St. John’s Food Pantry in Clyde
- Tyre Food Pantry
- Wayne County Action Program, Inc., serving northern Wayne County
- Williamson United Methodist Church Food Pantry
- Wolcott Food Pantry