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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