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Wayne County Community Endowment Awards \$105,223 in Grants to Local Nonprofits

Sodus, NY — The Wayne County Community Endowment has awarded \$80,223 in grants to 20 nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving the quality of life for Wayne County residents. An additional \$25,000 in grants to 23 food pantries throughout the county also was distributed.

The grants were announced October 19 at the Endowment’s donor and grantee reception at Sodus Bay Heights Golf Club.

This annual event’s 2017 theme, “Harvesting Promise,” also recognized 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 20 grant recipients include:

American Red Cross, Finger Lakes Chapter: Provides critical life-saving alarms and evacuation education to vulnerable populations in an effort to reduce fatalities and injuries caused by home fires. \$3,700

Blessings In A Backpack, Inc.: Supports the distribution of food to low-income children in Newark and surrounding towns who may not have access to food on the weekends and school holidays. \$3,700

Candy Apple Pre-School Center: Supports the costs associated with technology purchases and upgrades at this Newark school. \$3,000

Catholic Charities of Wayne County: Supports the operation of the community clothing center, which provides free clothing and related items to families, children, older adults, and farm workers in Wayne County. \$5,000

Cracker Box Palace: Addresses generational rural poverty by providing meaningful work experiences to low-income young adults (ages 18-25) and help them develop soft skills through one-to-one mentoring. \$3,700



Family Counseling Service/Finger Lakes: Supports outreach education and support to Wayne County's school districts and providers to increase advocacy and services to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning community. \$3,700

Foodlink, Inc.: Supports the distribution of food to low-income children in Central and Western Wayne County who are at risk of not having access to food on the weekends and school holidays. \$5,000

Home Meal Service, Inc.: Supports Meals-On-Wheels home delivery program for homebound individuals. \$5,000

Literacy Volunteers of Wayne County, Inc.: Supports the purchase of laptops to create a mobile computer lab that will provide computer and internet instruction to meet individuals' personal and professional goals. \$3,000

Lyons Community Center, Inc.: Provides older adults with increased access and opportunity to local activities and events of interest to them. \$4,000

Lyons Public Library: Supports the purchase of new and more durable medical equipment to enhance the current inventory of items, such as crutches, walkers, and shower seats, that are loaned to people in need. \$2,123

Mercy Flight Central, Inc.: Supports the purchase of a simulator that helps train the air medical crew to care for critically ill or injured children. \$500

Montezuma Audubon Center: Provides outdoor recreation and environmental education programs to Wayne County youth, families, and adults. \$3,700

Palmyra Community Center: Supports summer camp opportunities for at-risk, school-age children, providing them with a safe, fun, and enriching environment. \$5,000

Sodus Bay Historical Society: Supports 10 outdoor concerts that showcase a wide range of musical styles, genres, and instruments. \$3,700

Victim Resource Center of the Finger Lakes, Inc.: Supports the Teen Dating Violence and Sexual Assault program in three Wayne County schools. \$3,700

Village of Clyde: Supports the installation costs of a new playground at Lauraville Landing Park. \$10,000



Wayne ARC: Supports the purchase of industrial shredders to help ensure proper disposal of the agency’s confidential documents. \$3,700

Wayne Behavioral Health Network: Supports the development of a county-wide coalition to address suicide prevention in Wayne County. \$3,000

Wayne County Rural Ministry Come-Unity Center Inc: Provides individuals and families in need with emergency financial assistance through the Heat/Rent Program. \$5,000

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

Client Choice Emergency Food Pantry,
Lyons

Clyde United Methodist Church Food Pantry

Come-Unity Center, Williamson

Covenant Life Fellowship Food Pantry,
Ontario

Daily Bread Food Pantry, Williamson

Fairville Food Pantry

God’s Store House, Williamson

Lyons Community Food Pantry

Macedon Food Pantry

Newark Food Closet

North Rose Cougar Cupboard

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Ontario Food Pantry

Pal-Mac 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, Clyde

Tyre Food Pantry

Wayne CAP - Success Center, Lyons

Williamson Food Pantry

Wolcott Food Pantry