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Yates Community Endowment Distributes \$31,300 to 12 Nonprofits Serving Yates County

The Yates Community Endowment awarded \$31,300 in grants to a dozen organizations that are serving Yates County residents.

Since its founding in 2011, the Yates Community Endowment has awarded more than \$700,000 to support projects and programs in Yates County.

The 2020 grants awarded by the Endowment and several of its affiliate funds went to the following nonprofit organizations:

Arts Center of Yates County: To support the Rebooting Art program that allows for county residents to take part in the Arts Center workshops at a discounted price and in socially distanced space. \$1,700

Center for Disability Rights: For the Rochester Rookies Wheelchair and Ambulatory Track & Field Program to provide a structured character-building experience for youth diagnosed with physical, learning, and developmental disabilities through participation in athletic training and tournament competition. \$500

Dundee Library: To support the Girls Who Code program, which will engage 20 to 30 girls in grades 3 to 12 in computer science programming and hands-on skills, and develop a supportive community. \$6,000

Family Counseling Service of the Finger Lakes: For the LGBTQ Advocacy Program, which serves as the main source for education, resources, and support of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning community in the region. \$1,500

Finger Lakes Horizon Economic Development Corporation: To support the Yates County Be Local, Buy Local gift certificate program that promotes Yates County retail businesses through the trying times of the pandemic. \$2,500



Manor Crest Foundation: The Communication With A Twist project is designed to increase and expand communication during the pandemic for residents of Penn Yan Manor Nursing Home and Clinton Crest Manor using electronic devices. \$5,000 (*Fully funded by the Robert F. Flickinger Memorial Fund*)

Our Town Rocks: This program encourages neighborhood self-reliance and furnishes continued support to promote and provide opportunities for Dundee residents of all ages to cultivate an active, healthy mind and become life-long learners. \$3,500

Penn Yan Central School District: For the Family Support Center, which provides free, solution-focused grief therapy to students and their families to address issues that become barriers to the functioning of a successful family. \$1,500 (*Fully funded by the Spring Hill Fund*)

Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes, Inc.: For the Kids Rights to Personal Safety program, which educates Yates County children about their rights to be safe, to be heard, and to be believed. \$4,000

Thrive to Survive: The Building Cancer Support Services initiative focuses on improving support services for cancer patients in rural communities, with an expansion into Yates County. \$500

Yates County History Center: For help covering the museum's operating expenses, which are continuing to be paid while it remains closed, so that it can be a resource for the community in the future. \$2,900

YMCA of Greater Rochester: Supports scholarships for Yates County youth to attend Camp Cory and participate in day-long, interactive educational curricula, including STEM and leadership-infused learning for youth ages 3 to 15. \$1,700

In May, the Yates Community Endowment Advisory Board established the **Yates Emergency Relief Fund** to support nonprofits during the pandemic. More than \$141,000 has been raised from local donors along with a generous match from the Nord Family Foundation. By early November, 28 grants totaling \$131,527 had been awarded to the following 21 nonprofits serving Yates County:

- Arts Center of Yates County, \$5,000
- Catholic Charities Community Services, \$5,000
- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Yates County, \$5,000
- Dundee Central School, \$12,000 (2 grants)
- Dundee Children's Center, \$5,000
- Dundee Library, \$1,935
- EZ Kids Creativity Shell, \$2,500



- Finger Lakes Cultural and Natural History Museum, \$5,000
- Finger Lakes Health Foundation, Inc., \$3,000
- Finger Lakes Horizon Economic Development Corporation, \$2,500
- Friendship House, Middlesex, \$10,000 (3 grants)
- Legal Assistance of Western New York, \$5,000
- Mozaic (a merger of Arc of Yates and Arc of Seneca/Cayuga), \$10,000 (2 grants)
- Penn Yan Central School District, \$5,000
- Penn Yan Public Library, \$6,100
- Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc., \$12,500 (3 grants)
- Rainbow Junction, Ltd, \$5,000
- Rochester Folk Art Guild, \$5,000
- The Living Well/Penn Yan UMC, \$15,000 (2 grants)
- Yates Cultural & Recreational Resources, Inc., \$5,000
- YMCA of Greater Rochester's Camp Cory, \$5,992

If you are interested in seeing which of your neighbors and friends who donate to the Yates Community Endowment and the Yates Emergency Relief Fund, visit racf.org/YatesDonors.

For more information on the Yates Community Endowment, visit racf.org/Yates or call Jonathan Hoose at 585.341.4363. If you are interested in making a contribution to the Endowment, you can mail a check payable to Yates Community Endowment, 500 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607, or make an online donation at racf.org/SupportYates.