This past year, the Wayne County Community Endowment awarded 14 grants totaling $83,812 to support nonprofits that serve Wayne County residents.

**2023 Grant Recipients**

**Arc of Wayne:** Supports purchase of equipment for the day habilitation program in Newark. $4,400

**Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation, Inc.:** Provides funding for home repairs and modifications to ensure families can be safe and remain in their homes. $2,250

**Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes:** Supports the Community Clothing Center’s distribution of tens of thousands of articles of clothing and related items from the Wolcott location to Wayne County residents in need. $8,000

**Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways, Inc.:** For the kindergarten readiness program for Wayne County’s youngest learners. $1,000

**Glow Up Girl, Inc.:** Supports programming that empowers and nurtures girls in grades 3-12 in Wayne County to become strong, self-confident leaders in their communities. $8,491

**Cornell Cooperative Extension:** The “Instant Post for Cooking Education Project” enables educators of SNAP beneficiaries to partner with community agencies to teach healthy eating habits and cooking techniques across multiple agencies and sites in Wayne County. $10,998

**Ibero Business Center of The Finger Lakes:** This division of the Ibero-American Action League plans to expand in Wayne County by introducing a six-week business training program for women and minority entrepreneurs starting or growing a business. $10,000

**Lyons Community Center:** Supports the center’s after-school program to provide weekly enrichment field trips to participating students. $5,000

**New York State Network for Youth Success:** Supports bringing together community partners to pursue a sustainable and high-quality after-school and summer system for children and youth in Newark. $5,000

**Red Cross/Western & Central New York Region:** Provides funding for ongoing and future disaster relief efforts in Wayne County. $2,500

**Scarlet Thread Ministries:** Supports the improvement of after-school youth center facilities in seven Wayne County districts and one performing arts center, increases access for more youth, and helps retain staff. $7,500

**Sodus Bay Junior Sailing Association, Inc.:** To make sailing and boating education more affordable for all county residents and change the perception of the sport by introducing adults to sailing, paddle boarding, kayaking, and safe powerboating as well as the need for stewardship of Sodus Bay. $6,000

**Wayne County Action Program, Inc.:** Provides funding for STEADY Work’s paid work-study program for at-risk 14- to 24-year-olds by re-engaging them with school and their community and providing them with the skills and support to maintain long-term employment in a career of their choosing. The goal is to double the number of young adults served in three years. $5,000

**Western New York Rural Area Health Education Center, Inc.:** Supports opportunities for Wayne County students to identify their skills and talents and explore personal interests and possible careers in the medical field through hands-on activities, videos, virtual experiences, guest speakers, field trips, simulated education training, and games. $7,673

Wayne County Community Endowment also distributed $12,000 evenly across food pantries in Wayne County.
About Us

The Wayne County Community Endowment is a permanent endowment fund at Rochester Area Community Foundation. It was created in 1984 with charitable gifts from the estate of Jeanette “Nettie” Bullis. This lifelong resident of Wayne County believed strongly in her community, education, and projects that improve quality of life.

An advisory committee of local residents ensures faithful compliance with Bullis’ wishes by identifying pressing and changing needs of communities in Wayne County and determining funding priorities and possibilities that are responsive to those needs. The Endowment has distributed more than $1.4 million in grants since its inception.

Donor Spotlight

“We have considered how we might make a positive impact in Wayne County today and also far into the future. The Wayne County Community Endowment offers that opportunity. Our family started a scholarship fund through the Endowment. We are now considering a fund in a specific interest area or pooling our giving with other donors. These are just a few of the options that the Wayne County Community Endowment gives donors and assures there will be funds to meet needs in Wayne County now and for future generations.”

—Bob and Judy Oaks

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