Recent grants awarded by the Yates Community Endowment:

 **2020 Grant Recipients**

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

**Center for Disability Rights**, $500: 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.

**Dundee Library**, $6,000: To support the Girls Who Code program, which will engage 20 to 30 girls in grades 3 to12in computer science programming and hands-on skills, and develop a supportive community.

**Family Counseling Service of the Finger Lakes**, $1,500: 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.

**Finger Lakes Horizon Economic Development Corporation**, $2,500: 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.

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

**Our Town Rocks**, $3,500: 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.

**Penn Yan Central School District**, $1,500: 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. (*Fully funded by the Spring Hill Fund*)

**Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes, Inc.,** $4,000: 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.

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

**Yates County History Center**, $2,900: 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.

 **YMCA of Greater Rochester**, $1,700: 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.

**2020-21 Yates Emergency Relief Fund Recipients:**

Arc of Yates, $5,000

Arc of Yates/Keuka Lake School, $5,000

Arts Center of Yates County, $5,000

Catholic Charities Community Services, $5,000

Cornell Cooperative Extension

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

Penn Yan Public Library, $6,100

Penn Yan Theatre Company, $5,000

Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc., $5,000

ProAction of Steuben and Yates, Inc./Hope Center Keuka Food Pantry, $2,500

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

**2019 Grant Recipients**

**Family Counseling Service of the Finger Lakes**, $2,000: To support the LGBTQ Center Program, an existing effort that provides education and support to Yates County youth who identify as LGBTQ and their families to bolster feelings of inclusion and reduce the high rates of bullying, suicide, substance abuse, physical and emotional abuse.

**Finger Lakes Cultural and Natural History Museum**, $3,000: Outdoor Programming will include free programs that provide outdoor education training and inspire appreciation and stewardship of the cultural heritage and ecological evolution of the Finger Lakes region.

 **Keuka Housing Council**, $7,000: Supports HOPE Center renovations to add more office
space, two ADA-compliant bathrooms, two new entrances, and a community kitchen that will be connected with the Keuka Food Pantry. (*Fully funded by the McMullen Family Fund*)

**Our Town Rocks**, $3,500: The Rocks and Reads team will partner with the Dundee
School District to establish a Radiant Child Yoga study, with the goal to improve student behavior and mindfulness.

**Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc.**, $5,000: For ongoing support of the Keuka Food Pantry, which serves as the county’s main food distribution center and also provides basic needs and makes referrals to additional services within Pro Action and throughout Yates County.

**Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes**, $4,000: This program educates Yates County children in Pre-K to grade 6 on how to keep themselves safe from sexual and domestic violence. Each classroom discussion is age appropriate and school approved. *(Fully funded by the Spring Hill Fund)*

**Yates Cultural and Recreational Resources, Inc.,** $5,000: The ELEVATE Youth program will partner with the Penn Yan Central School District and sculptor Sam Castner for the IDEA Art Trail project, which will offer students knowledge of the arts and cultivate skills in construction, engineering, leadership, and communication. *(Includes $2,000 from the Robert H. Flickinger Memorial Fund and $1,500 from the Willie Taaffe Memorial Fund)*

YMCA of Greater Rochester, $5,000: Provides scholarships for Yates County youth to attend the Y’s Camp Cory during summer 2020. *(Includes $3,000 from the Robert H. Flickinger Memorial Fund)*

**2018 Grant Recipients**

**Arc of Yates, Inc.**, $3,038: Funding for age-appropriate playground equipment at Keuka Lake School to be used in the toddler daycare program for young children with developmental delays ages 18 months to 3 years old. *(Fully funded by the Robert F. Flickinger Fund)*

**Art Center of Yates County**, $1,800: The Teen Engagement in Art program will work with teens to paint descriptive murals on public picnic tables during the summer.

**Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Greater Rochester**, $5,000: The Mentoring Youth for Educational Success project focuses on enrolling youth who are chronically truant, at high risk of educational failure, or whose families are affected by poverty or incarceration. *(Includes $2,500 from the Spring Hill Fund)*

**Family Counseling Services of the Finger Lakes**, $2,100: Funding to the LGBTQ Center of the Finger Lakes will provide transportation for Yates County youth to attend You Are Not Alone meetings and LGBTQ community events and share materials to increase awareness and provide education and training to Yates County schools, businesses, and community providers.

 **Finger Lakes Health, Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital**, $4,000: For the staff to run Get Up and Going, a four-week exercise class within the hospital Rehab Department for

patients who have had an injury due to inactivity or improper body mechanics. Each participant will establish an appropriate exercise program and receive a three-month membership to the Yates Community Center. *(Includes $1,976 from the Willie Taaffe Memorial Fund)*

**Finger Lakes Museum & Aquarium**, $5,000: General support to advance the organization’s mission and goals and programming for the community.

**Penn Yan Area Council of Churches Community Action Program, Inc.**, $1,500: For the Yates Christmas program to purchase toys, electronics, gift cards, clothing, books, blankets, and food will be distributed to people in need.

**ProAction of Steuben and Yates, Inc.,** $17,500: Continued funding for the HOPE Center to assist individuals and families living in poverty by offering support in meeting basic needs as well as providing a full assessment to identify other individual/family needs. Funding also will be used to support the Personal Hygiene Initiative. *(Includes $2,500 from the Robert F. Flickinger Fund, $5,000 from the McMullen Family Fund, and $10,000 from Rochester Area Community Foundation)*

**Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes, Inc.,** $3,000: For the Kids’ Rights to Personal Safety program that provides personal safety presentations and follow-up to Yates County youth in pre-school through 6th grade on how to keep themselves safe from sexual and domestic violence.

**S2AY Rural Health Network, Inc.,** $2,500: For the Our Town Rocks and Reads program and the purchase of age-appropriate books. *(Fully funded by the Spring Hill Fund)*

**YMCA of Greater Rochester**, $6,215: Supports scholarships for 20 day-camp youth participants, ages 5 to 12, from Yates County to attend Camp Cory. *(Includes $1,500 from the McMullen Family Fund and $2,715 from the Spring Hill Fund)*