

TAKING CHARGE OF CHANGE



2022 BIENNIAL REPORT



THE
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

CHANGE IS THE ONLY CONSTANT.

We were built with that in mind. On September 18, 1972, a diverse group of civic activists filed founding documents for a Greater Rochester Community Foundation of the Genesee Valley. Modeled on similar efforts across the country, the ambitious new nonprofit aimed to help people *take charge of change* — creating a better community and more vibrant future.

Local journalist John Rumsey wrote in the *Times-Union* that the Foundation linked “people who want to give away money and the worthy causes that seek donations.” The new group welcomed lifetime gifts as well as bequests, which prior to the 1969 Tax Reform Act “would have been used to establish private foundations or trusts.”

The message took hold, and the new venture held \$1 million in assets by 1980. Donor interest grew as the Foundation developed charitable initiatives and giving circles to amplify impact while engaging more people. Generous individuals and families participated through a variety of tax-efficient donor-advised funds.

Together with its donors and partners, the Foundation went on to tackle early childhood development, performing arts, clean waterways, civic engagement, out-of-school-time programs, educational disparities, racial equity, concentrated poverty, economic development, and more.

The Community Foundation has worked for the last decade to raise more than \$325 million in new and planned endowment gifts — the “community capital” that makes this work possible by generating grants to meet changing community needs for generations to come.

Today, the Foundation’s family of named funds for giving — over 1,500 so far — has grown to almost \$600 million in assets. Since 1972, these funds have awarded that same amount in grants — nearly \$600 million so far.

Our Board of Directors is committed to leading boldly to help our communities transition to a vital metropolitan region that equitably prepares and engages all of its citizens for productive, healthy, and happy lives — in this century and those to come.

Thank you so much for your commitment to help take charge of our community’s future. We can’t do it without you!

Thomas S. Richards
Chair, Board of Directors

Jennifer Leonard
President & CEO until 9/30/22

Simeon Banister
President & CEO as of 10/1/22



OUR MISSION

We empower donors and community partners to strengthen our region through philanthropy.

OUR VISION

We lead boldly to realize a more equitable, inclusive, and vital region by:

- Encouraging generosity and civic unity;
- Addressing urgent and persistent challenges;
- Engaging donors, nonprofits, and other advocates;
- Escalating strategic responses and resources;
- Elevating broad community voice; and
- Inspiring positive, enduring community change.

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SCRAPPY FROM THE START



Board Chair Bud Rusitzky with Linda Shapiro Weinstein in 1987

When Linda Shapiro Weinstein started as Rochester Area Foundation’s executive director in 1977, she was the sole employee. The Foundation had \$92,000 in assets and was located in donated office space with second-hand furniture.

One board member even helped to buy paper for the copier. “We tried to make a little bit of money go a long way,” Weinstein recalls.

Through creativity and sheer tenacity, Weinstein’s work paid off. Over the next 17 years, she helped to grow the Foundation’s assets to \$32 million and establish the fledgling organization as a force in the region’s philanthropy.

From the start, she recognized that raising the Foundation’s profile was a top priority, focusing her efforts on donor engagement and community leadership. Weinstein started with the board, encouraging them to become ambassadors and fundraisers. Together, they engaged attorneys and bankers to introduce the Foundation to potential donors. By 1979, the Foundation’s assets topped \$1 million.

To reach a wider audience in a more festive way, Weinstein worked with the Foundation’s PR committee to create An Evening Out at Home. The first event in 1982 brought more than 100 guests together for dinner in homes of 11 Foundation supporters. Over the years, it has been the organization’s premiere awareness-raising event. “We attracted a lot of people who wouldn’t have known about the Foundation otherwise,” Weinstein says. “That kept us from becoming the best-kept secret.”

In addition to donor-engagement efforts, Weinstein leveraged opportunities for community leadership. One of the early projects was the creation of the Rochester Grantmakers Forum that allowed local funders and grantmakers to network and share ideas. Today, known as the NY Funders Alliance, it promotes philanthropy statewide and connects and convenes funders.

Another pivotal project that she counts among her biggest accomplishments was the Early Childhood Education initiative. With input from

the community and a \$1 million grant from the Ford Foundation in 1987, it addressed gaps in early childhood education. “We decided what else could be more important than giving kids the right start,” Weinstein says. The initiative, which started with a focus on informal daycare, has since grown into a county-wide collaboration dedicated to high-quality care, education, and support for children through age 8.

The Ford Foundation grant helped propel the Community Foundation into sustainability and more significant grantmaking. Within two years, assets reached \$20 million with gifts from the sales of Lawyers Cooperative Publishing and Champion Products.

Throughout her tenure, and during her most challenging times, Weinstein found support from board members and mentors. Her husband, Sid, and their three children — affectionately known as the “Coat Brigade” for checking coats at Foundation events — also provided steadfast support and encouragement.

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— LINDA WEINSTEIN

Weinstein says that one of the best parts of her time at the Foundation was getting to know different kinds of people. “It opened up the world in a way a suburban mom wouldn’t have otherwise had,” she says.

— Lydia Fernandez

1970s



Greater Rochester Community Foundation of the Genesee Valley established Sept. 18, 1972, by Joe U. Posner and other founding volunteers



1972

Received first gifts totaling \$67,960, mostly from Rite Aid purchase of Daw Drug stores

1974

Name shortened to Rochester Area Foundation



Hired Linda Shapiro Weinstein as second executive director

1978-79

Together with other funders, incubated Rochester Grantmakers Forum (now NY Funders Alliance)



Received first Forever Fund (unrestricted), donor-advised fund, and private foundation transfer



\$1M

ASSETS REACHED

\$67,813

CUMULATIVE GRANTS

1980s

1981

The estate of Nettie Bullis created the first of several funds for Wayne County



1982

Inaugural An Evening Out At Home event with 11 homes hosting 100 guests



1984

First field of interest funds created, including Wayne County Community Endowment



Volunteer Jim Littwitz’s Nonprofits Advisory Service aided nonprofits for 18 years

1986

Exceeded \$100,000 National Endowment for the Arts challenge to form Community Arts Fund



Feinbloom Supporting Foundation established

1989



Private foundation transfer creates John F. Wegman Fund

\$15.6M

ASSETS REACHED

\$4.5M

CUMULATIVE GRANTS

1990s

1990

Started current investment portfolio: 8.5% average annual earnings (net of fees)



1991

Donors stepped in to launch Rochester’s Child



1991

First Philanthropy Awards Luncheon



1992

Ruth H. Scott became first African American board chair



1993

Jennifer Leonard hired as third executive director



1994

Launched Arts Tomorrow initiative



21st Century Club formed to boost endowment

1998

Received school librarian Roxanne Marshall’s \$7 million bequest to support Genesee County older adults



Genesee










\$98.5M

ASSETS REACHED

\$41.4M

CUMULATIVE GRANTS

2000s

2000  Lloyd Klos estate created first historic preservation fund 	2001  Ron and Donna Fielding made a record \$14M gift (made public in 2012)
2003 Took in Rochester Education Foundation until it received 501(c)(3) status in 2005 	2004  Began focusing on K-12 education with Gates, Ford, and Wallace foundation support
2005 Margaret Sánchez became the first Latina board chair 	2006  Elizabeth Holahan estate gift focused on preservation and city children
2007 Rochester Women's Giving Circle created 	2009  NextGen Rochester giving circle started
ACT Rochester Community indicators initiative, ACT Rochester, launched	

\$208M
ASSETS REACHED

\$238.4M
CUMULATIVE GRANTS






2010s

2010 Added Seneca and Yates counties to service area 	2011  Yates Community Endowment, LGBT+ Giving Circle and African American Giving Initiative started
2012  Started Monroe County Aging Alliance	2013  \$200,000 grant brought race exhibit to RMSC Published first of three poverty reports, inspiring anti-poverty initiatives
2014 Introduced Equity & Vitality grantmaking framework Developmental Disabilities Giving Circle formed 	2016  \$61 million from Sands family, largest gift in our history
2018  21 st Century Club renamed Catalysts for Change	2017 Released first Hard Facts report on racial/ethnic disparities 

\$477M
ASSETS REACHED

\$478.9M
CUMULATIVE GRANTS

2020s

2020 In response to pandemic, launched Community Crisis Fund with United Way 	2021  Established North Star Coalition to promote inclusive recovery
2022  Added Environmental Justice and Sustainability to grantmaking framework  Helped build ROC the Future Awarded \$296,730 in arts grants through NY State Council on the Arts Simeon Banister became Foundation's fourth CEO	
\$598M ASSETS REACHED	\$595.8M CUMULATIVE GRANTS

BOLD IDEAS KICK OFF A 30-YEAR COMMITMENT

While working as a consultant, Jennifer Leonard theorized that successful community foundations share three features that ensure growth: grantmaking from permanent “community capital;” a focus on donors who make those grants possible; and community leadership.

As she considered the position of executive director in Rochester, Leonard saw a donor-centered

foundation that had taken on its first community leadership effort — early childhood education — and great opportunity to expand the Foundation’s grantmaking and \$32 million in assets.

“I looked the search committee in the eyes and said with a straight face that this could be a \$100 million foundation within 10 years,” Leonard recalls. After six years under her leadership, the Foundation did indeed exceed that projected goal and has continued to grow in assets and influence ever since.

With solid strategic planning and a disciplined investment approach, Leonard has led the Foundation through three economic recessions and a global pandemic. When she retires in September 2022 after nearly 30 years, the Foundation will have reached nearly \$600 million in assets and become a driving force in addressing disparities throughout the Rochester region.

“I have the best job in the community,” Leonard says. “I get to work with a lot of generous people and a lot of very smart people. We’re trying to make things better by putting them together.”

Central to Leonard’s success has been her emphasis on greater connection to the community and

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— JENNIFER LEONARD

cultivating a culture of curiosity and compassion among the staff and board. With these priorities, the Foundation diversified its workforce and volunteers, and began looking at key indicators of community well-being to determine how best to serve the region.

This work began in 2000 with a Social Capital Benchmark Survey, which revealed deep rifts across the community, and led to grantmaking with an emphasis on civic engagement. Over a decade, the Foundation broadly funded efforts to connect people across differences, including the Biracial Partnerships Program; interdenominational community conversations after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks; and programs to connect urban and suburban students.

By 2009, the Foundation launched ACT Rochester, a community indicators project, with added start-up funding from United Way of Greater Rochester and the Finger Lakes.

Using census and other public data on issues such as poverty, education, housing, public safety and health, this project showed stark disparities related to race and ethnicity across the region. It became the basis of the Foundation’s first poverty report in 2013.

“We took one look at the content and said, ‘We need to publish this. This is too important to just use to inform ourselves,’” Leonard recalls.

The findings led to action and collaboration in various sectors of the community. The Foundation sponsored lectures, interpersonal training, and an exhibit on race at the Rochester Museum & Science Center that was seen by more

than 48,000 people. It also supported local media exploring the impact of racial disparities, as well as the formation of a community-wide coalition. These efforts have evolved and now include the Interrupt Racism initiative at the Urban League of Rochester.



Linda Weinstein and Jennifer Leonard in June 2022
—Photo by Christopher Washington

Looking back, Leonard is most proud of spurring this kind of environment for change and collective impact. As she looks forward to a year-long sabbatical after retirement, Leonard is grateful for the expertise and commitment of her teams over the years and excited for the leadership that is in place.

“We are blessed with big thinkers who are also generous and humble individually and good team players, both within the Foundation and in the community,” she says. “The Foundation is on the right trajectory. We have an ear to the community in deeper ways than ever before and we are committed to going forward.”

— Lydia Fernandez



If substance abuse has derailed your life, help can find its way to you when outreach workers with the Father Laurence Tracy Advocacy Center meet you on the street.

If you're going to be released from jail but don't have a place to live, getting a job might not be the highest priority. Figuring out the basics of housing, food, and transportation is just part of the HOPE Works project, developed by Hope Initiatives CDC.

In July 2021, these two grassroots organizations serving Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) each received a \$50,000 "social innovation" grant for creative and nontraditional approaches to address academic achievement, racial equity, or poverty.

"Fortunately, RACF was willing to invest in new ideas," said V. Dale Sedgwick, CEO of Hope Initiatives. "(The grant) literally helped us to take something from a concept and make it real."

"This grant validated what we have been saying all along and what we're delivering every day, and that is that we are the masters of street outreach and we

have a beautiful relationship with the streets," said Rudy Rivera, CEO of the Advocacy Center.

A year later, the organizations are assessing lessons learned.

Placing Hope in Successful Transitions

HOPE Works is a 12-week program for people coming out of jail, receiving county assistance, or

who are between the ages of 18 and 24 and at risk for gun violence.

For those returning to the community, making the connection ahead of time is key. "Ideally, by meeting



A program participant assembles furniture panels at the HOPE Works workshop on West Broad Street. —Photo by Erich Camping

with them before they get released, you're beginning to develop some trust and some relationship with them," said Sedgwick. "So that there's a higher likelihood that they will actually come and participate in the program when they get out versus yielding to temptations to do other things."

The program focuses on job readiness, physical and behavioral job skills, how to look for and keep a job, and the tools to help them live in society on society's terms and meet an employer's general expectations.



Agency partners gather to assist neighbors with drug addictions in the North Clinton Avenue neighborhood. —Photo by Erich Camping

A six-month pilot launched in March 2022 with the goal of expanding the number of participants in September. As of July, 16 people were enrolled. Of the three who had been interviewed by local businesses, two received job offers. For those who became employed, HOPE Works plans to stay in touch for 24 months to support job retention and development of life skills.

But only about 25 percent of people who have been referred to the program by the Monroe County Department of Human Services and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office have enrolled. "It's easy to get distracted and easy to get lost," Sedgwick said.

"We are scratching our heads in terms of how do we minimize that." The pilot phase is allowing the program to iron out those wrinkles.

Sedgwick, whose organization is located on West Broad Street just west of downtown Rochester, has been seeking grants to provide stipends for participants who've yet to receive any financial assistance for which they qualify.

Transportation also can be an issue, she said. "We think we're a convenient location because you're on the bus line. That doesn't work for individuals who may be gang affiliated because they are at risk. And so we need to figure out different modes of transportation for individuals who can't just safely hop on a bus."

Outreach from the Street

Staff from the Father Tracy Advocacy Center, along with others from partner agencies, help support the physical, spiritual, and emotional health of people on the street and improve their access to social services.

"The challenge on Clinton Avenue is not about the drugs and guns and that," Rivera said. "It's about the human condition, and the human condition contains all those things." Instead of waiting for people to come to the center, the outreach workers seek out those individuals.

The \$50,000 grant provided resources for what Rivera called self-empowerment. "We didn't go in with this grand idea, we're going to solve all things now. We're going to start with this block. And as things progress, we will continue to expand."

Currently, teams of outreach workers walk along Clinton and Joseph avenues between Upper Falls Boulevard and Norton Street on Thursdays and Fridays. Each time they walk their usual routes, they meet about 30 people, distribute clothes, hygiene kits, information about the center, water and food — and have conversations.

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Rivera monitors the quality of interactions rather than the quantity. "It's not about randomly walking by people. It's a very gifted art, not just 'I walked for two

hours and gave out 100 sandwiches,' " he said. "Do you know the people who you're talking to? Can you empathize with their condition and have compassion for them? These are the elements that science cannot measure."

— Patti Singer

How These Grants Were Selected

HOPE Initiatives and the Father Tracy Advocacy Center were among 25 organizations competing for a single \$100,000 grant that ultimately was divided evenly at the request of a panel of five BIPOC community members who reviewed the applications.

Just a few years ago, BIPOC organizations may not have had opportunities to compete for major funding like this, said Orlando Ortiz, president of the Puerto Rican Festival and a member of the selection committee.

"One thing is when you're an organization and you just say, 'Hey, our mission is this and we want to focus on that.' On paper, it's one thing. Then actually doing the work, it's a different topic," he said.

Ortiz said winnowing the field was difficult because of the quality of applications and the outcomes projected by the organizations. The two grant recipients also scored high on their existing partnerships.

"We don't want to reinvent the wheel. If somebody already is doing something well, let's try to bring their expertise into that," Ortiz said.

A GAME CHANGER FOR GRANTMAKING

Philip Wehrheim has committed \$20 million to Rochester Area Community Foundation solely to support grants that directly benefit our region — with no restrictions or strings attached.

This unrestricted gift, the largest in the Foundation’s 50-year history, will come from Wehrheim’s estate. At that time, his gift will be invested and start providing an additional \$1 million annually for grantmaking, an amount that likely will increase over time.

“I’ve had a whole lifetime to think about this,” said Wehrheim, who was Tom Golisano’s first partner in the

launch of Paychex. “I like to make an investment that is going to survive long after me.”

Unrestricted means the gift is not designated for a specific cause or purpose. The Foundation staff and board determine how it will be used based on community needs at the time.

“This gift is truly transformational,” said Jennifer Leonard, the Foundation’s president and CEO, who met with Wehrheim over the years as he was shaping his philanthropic legacy. “With more flexible dollars available for grantmaking, we will be able to have more of an impact in the future.”

Wehrheim spent time getting to know the Foundation. He and his late wife, Marilyn, established an endowed donor-advised fund in 1986. Over time, he learned how the Foundation works and watched its investment performance — all the while making grants to the couple’s favorite nonprofit organizations.

“What better hands could I put this money into rather than turning it over to a family foundation. ... The Wehrheim name will go on because of this,” he said.

Ten years ahead of its 50th anniversary, the Community Foundation set its sights on growing endowment dollars that provide ongoing support for the Greater Rochester-Finger Lakes region. Part of that effort included significantly increasing discretionary gifts (unrestricted or broad purpose), allowing the Foundation to more nimbly address critical community needs as they arise. More than

\$162.5 million in discretionary commitments has been raised, mostly in estate gifts like Wehrheim’s.

Wehrheim’s former Paychex colleague Tom Clark and his wife, Barbara, were among the first to make a substantial commitment to this quiet 50th anniversary campaign.

The Clarks, who over time created four endowed funds at the Foundation, also witnessed the value of endowment during their 40-plus years of involvement with School of the Holy Childhood in Henrietta. “The endowment provided the school with a cushion and allowed it to venture into new areas, offer new programs, and take some risks,” said Tom Clark.

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While Wehrheim has long had a list of nonprofits he supports with annual grants from his fund, he and Anne, his wife of five years, do some giving in tandem. He gave a gift to Anne’s church in Canandaigua to finish the steeple after she made a donation — in honor of her late husband — to install lights.

With gifts like those, Wehrheim has seen results right away, particularly with many of his larger gifts to places such as the Wilmot Cancer Institute at the University of Rochester Medical Center and Genesee Country Village & Museum.

But as he looks ahead to the future and what our community really needs, he’s decided that “if you give money, the best kind is unencumbered.”



Anne Frost Wehrheim and Philip Wehrheim at their home in Pittsford —Photo by Erich Camping

SHINING STARS FOR INCLUSIVE RECOVERY

The approval of federal pandemic recovery legislation meant trillions of dollars in COVID-19 relief funds and other programs were going to be invested in communities at a level not seen since the New Deal.

Concerns about how this windfall would be allocated were the genesis for the North Star Coalition, which launched in November 2021. Comprised of leaders in local, state, and federal government, philanthropy, labor, community, and business — along with others interested in reimagining a new economic future for the region — this coalition is focused on ensuring

that the money is deployed assertively to reverse decades of economic inequities.

“We want to be that voice behind the scenes when the county executive or the mayor or the school board or whoever is having a conversation about a new project and the new funds coming in ... to ask, ‘Are we spending this in an equitable manner? Is this money getting into the hands of people who have been on the economic sidelines?’” said Paul Hypolite, founder and CEO of Leading With Our Values and a consultant who oversees the coalition’s activities.

The coalition kept the phrase “inclusive recovery” front and center on its website (northstaroc.com), in frequent e-newsletters, and in meetings with government leaders.

“There is no doubt that conversations that are being held right now at the city level, the county level, the regional level — everyone is talking about that,” said Hypolite. The goal is for those discussions to turn into action. Experts from Urban Institute and Brookings Institution have been retained to provide research, share grant opportunities as they arise, and help make funding applications the best they can be.

Hinge Neighbors is one group that approached the North Star Coalition for help creating a cohesive neighborhood, now separated by the Inner Loop, with input from residents and businesses.

“We also want to find ways to ensure that smaller Black and Brown developers are not excluded from bidding on Inner Loop North parcels in the future,”

said Suzanne Mayer, an organizational change expert who is working with several others including artist Shawn Dunwoody, who grew up in the neighborhood.

Having access to national consultants for free has been immensely helpful. Urban Institute, for example, has provided Mayer and Dunwoody with its research and contacts, helped review grant proposals, and coached the group on where to go for help. “They are our unpaid best friend,” said Mayer.

For the Rochester-Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative, being part of the coalition and having access to the hired think tanks also has proved invaluable. RMAPI has been focused on one metric — reducing the poverty rate — and was looking for new, more effective measures. An Urban Institute article about boosting upward mobility “completely became the basis for our thinking and for how we might shift our community’s common agenda away from reducing poverty to boosting mobility,” said Aqua Porter, RMAPI’s executive director.

“WE WANT TO BE THAT VOICE ... TO ASK, ‘ARE WE SPENDING THIS IN AN EQUITABLE MANNER?’” — PAUL HYPOLITE

Urban Institute was able to share conclusions of the Gates Foundation-funded U.S. Partnership on Mobility from Poverty and a playbook it developed for eight cities. With coaching, RMAPI is customizing that playbook for Rochester and will develop a common agenda with metrics that will be used to measure success here. The hope is to make an announcement in the Fall of 2022.



Shawn Dunwoody and Suzanne Mayer —Photo by Erich Camping

GRANTMAKING FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

Two overarching goals drive our grantmaking — creating an equitable community and strengthening our region’s vitality — so we and our partners can focus on education, race and ethnicity, poverty, arts and culture, historic preservation, environmental justice, and aging.

From April 1, 2020, to March 31, 2022, the Community Foundation’s board of directors approved the following competitive grants, made possible by Forever (unrestricted) and field of interest funds.

In the lists that follow, a number in parentheses after the grant amount indicates multiple grants for the same project or program. Symbols in the key below indicate grants from field of interest funds with volunteer advisory committees.

CREATING AN EQUITABLE COMMUNITY: \$5,383,570

Closing Academic Achievement and Opportunity Gaps: \$3,782,771

Making a significant and sustainable reduction in these gaps as experienced by many children, with emphasis on children living in the City of Rochester.

441 Ministries: New City Cafe Apprenticeship Program, \$8,250*

540WMain: 4-H at 540WMain, \$7,500*

A Magical Journey Thru Stages: Theatre Immersion for Our Youngest Participants, \$9,000**

Agri-Business Child Development: Remote Services and Virtual Learning Initiative, \$4,710°

Allendale Columbia School: *summer*LEAP Program, \$15,000**

Arc of Wayne: Curriculum Enhancements at Roosevelt Children’s Center, \$4,868°

The Avenue Blackbox Theatre: Youth Fellowship and Friends, \$15,000**

Best Buddies New York: School Friendship Program, \$15,000**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Rochester

- MentorU, \$15,000**
- Mentoring Youth for Educational Success, \$15,000**
- Yates County Youth Mentoring Program, \$5,700°°

Cameron Community Ministries: Freedom School at Cameron, \$10,000*

Catholic Charities of Livingston County: HOPE Youth Mentoring, \$7,855**

Catholic Charities of Wayne County

- Childhood Counseling and Intervention Program, \$225,000 (2)^{°°}
- College Bound, \$70,000 (2)^{°°}

Celebration of Life Community: Help Me Read One-on-One Tutoring, \$31,550 (3)* **

Center for Teen Empowerment

- Intergenerational History Ambassadors Exhibit, \$7,500*

- Neighborhood Youth Organizing Initiative, \$135,000 (3)**

The Center for Youth: Restorative Practices in Action Project, \$25,000**

The Children’s Agenda

- Advancing Outcomes for Children Through Advocacy, \$150,000 (4)**
- ROC the Future, \$40,250

Children’s Institute

- Behavioral Supports for Children, \$100,000 (2)
- ROC the Future Operational Support, \$55,000
- Rochester Area Parent Program, \$20,000
- Rochester Early Childhood Assessment Project (RECAP), \$60,000 (2)
- Support of Pre-K Families in Response to COVID-19 Safety Needs, \$99,670
- Youth Program Quality Improvement Initiative, \$23,000

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Rochester: Go for Gold Youth Financial Education Program, \$8,000*

Coordinated Care Services, Inc.: Capacity-Building Project for Youth Program Quality Improvement Initiative, \$25,000

EZ Kids Creativity Shell: Summer of Learning, Enrichment, Growth and Creativity, \$5,000°

Flower City Arts Center: Youth Photography and Writing Program, \$24,000 (2)**

Freedom Scholars Learning Center: Learning Pods, \$10,000

Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library: Safe to be Smart, \$25,000 (2)**

Garth Fagan Dance

- Dance2B Program, \$10,000**
- Summer Movement Institute for Youth Ages 13-20, \$15,000**

Generation Two: School Re-Entry, \$10,000*

Geva Theatre Center: Performance = Literature + Art + You (P.L.A.Y.) Program, \$30,000 (2)**

Girl Scouts of Western New York: Creating Women Leaders of Tomorrow Out-of-School-Time Program, \$7,500**

Greater Rochester Afterschool & Summer Alliance: Operating Support for Out-of-School-Time Coordination, \$565,000 (3)

Greater Rochester Parent Leadership Training Institute: Civics and Leadership Training Program, \$75,000 (3)

Greater Rochester Summer Learning Association:

- *summer*LEAP Early Pre-K to 3rd Grade Initiative, \$15,000*
- *summer*LEAP into Kindergarten, \$25,000

Greentopia: Green Visions: Growing Healthy Futures, \$10,000**

Hillside Children’s Foundation: Parents as Teachers Program for Providers, \$50,000 (2)

Hope Hall: Career Development and Occupational Studies, \$10,000*

Horizons at Harley

- Program Expansion, \$10,000**
- Middle School Career Exploration Curriculum, \$10,000**

Jewish Family Services of Rochester: Pencils & Paper, \$7,855**

Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester: Israel Scholarship Program, \$22,900

Joseph Avenue Arts and Culture Alliance: Young Artist Series and ROCStarz, \$4,500*

Macedon Public Library Fund: For an Endowment to Support the Library, \$100,000°°

Mary Cariola Children’s Center: ECHO Program, \$5,000*

National Audubon Society: Virtual Montezuma STEM Series, \$5,000°

Nativity Preparatory Academy of Rochester: Graduate Support Program, \$8,500*

Nazareth Elementary School: Conflict Resolution, Resilience, and Mental Health, \$7,000*

New York State Network for Youth Success

- Professional Development and Regional Network Support, \$20,000 (2)
- Wayne Maximizing Out-of-School Time, \$5,000°

Palmyra-Macedon Central School District: Trauma-Informed Schools Initiative, \$55,000 (2)^{°°}

Partners in Restorative Initiatives: Empowering Youth Through Restorative Practices, \$4,500*

The Partnership for Ontario

- Epic Zone, A Youth Clubhouse, \$14,633**
- Ontario County Youth Court, \$15,000**

Penn Yan Central School District: Family Support Counseling Center, \$1,500°°

Pittsford Youth Services: Peer Counseling Program, \$3,000

Prosper Rochester: Teaching Entrepreneurship and Job Readiness, \$8,000*

PUSH Physical Theatre: Artist in Residence at Villa of Hope, \$15,000**

Reach Out and Read: Rx for Early Literacy in Rochester, \$50,000 (2)

Research Foundation for SUNY: The Soaring Stars Program at State University College at Geneseo, \$30,000 (2)**

Roc City Learning Pods: Supervised Virtual Learning in Libraries During the Pandemic, \$55,000

Rochester Childfirst Network: Family Child Care Satellites of Greater Rochester, \$50,000 (2)

Rochester City School District: Technology and Internet Access for its Students During the Pandemic, \$795,500 (2)

Rochester Education Foundation

- College Access and Empowerment, \$40,000 (2)
- Resources and Programs for Rochester Students, \$13,800 (2)

Rochester Hearing & Speech Center

- Learning through Language and Movement, \$20,000**
- Teaching Age-Appropriate Language for Kids, \$15,000**

Rochester Oratorio Society: Suffrage Songs to Inspire All Children, \$4,930*

Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra: Education Programs, \$15,000**

Rochester’s Child: Support for Early Childhood Development Initiative (ECDI), \$75,000 (2)

ROCmusic Collaborative: Bringing Music to Rochester Youth, \$4,000**

Sodus Central School District: COVID Education Equity Initiative, \$30,000

Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach: Family Reunification Program, \$17,500 (2)* **

St. Michael’s Woodshop: Financial Literacy and Job Readiness for Inner-City Teens, \$10,000*

St. Peter’s Community Arts Academy: Arts For All, \$15,000**

Starbridge Services

- Family and Youth Education and Advocacy Services, \$7,500**
- Prevocational Employment Transition Services, \$7,500*

True North Rochester Preparatory Charter School: COVID-19 Technological Support for Remote Learning, \$20,000

University of Rochester

- Department of Pediatrics Hoekelman Center: Joy of Literacy, \$20,000
- Newman Community: Building Relationships Between College Students and Rochester Youth, \$10,000*
- Warner Graduate School of Education: Horizons Summer Opportunities for Older Students, \$12,600**

Vertus Charter School: Career Development and Workforce Readiness, \$10,000*

Wayne County Action Program: STEADY Work — Out of the Box Creations, \$5,000°

Writers & Books: Junior Apprenticeship Opportunity, \$12,000 (2)* **

YMCA of Greater Rochester

- Camp Cory Day Camp Scholarships, \$5,700 (2)^{°°}
- Dreamseeds: Building Life Skills Through the Arts and Mentorship, \$15,000**

Fostering Racial and Ethnic Understanding and Equity: \$683,567

Creating community awareness of racial and ethnic inequities and building sustained, community-based collaborative initiatives that remediate and prevent such inequities.

BreatheDeep: Changing Our Narrative About Mental Health, \$20,000

Causewave Community Partners: Race and Media Project, \$25,925

Center for Governmental Research: Expanding the Capacity of AutismUp to Serve Families of Color, \$39,000

Commission on Racial and Structural Equity: Structural Racism Report for Monroe County and City of Rochester, \$30,000

Coordinated Care Services: Racial Equity Audit Tool, \$60,000

Court Appointed Special Advocates: Establishing Equity for Abused and Neglected Children, \$12,467**

Democrat and Chronicle and Ground Truth: Diversifying the Staff and Reframing the Rochester Narrative, \$39,175

Father Laurence Tracy Advocacy Center: The Outreach Zone Project, \$50,000

Hope Initiatives: Job Readiness and Retention Program, \$50,000

The Hub585: Foster Family Satisfaction and Retention Study, \$5,000

Measures for Justice Institute: Community Transparency Portal, \$50,000

Moore Legacy Foundation: Leadership Pathway: Black and LatinX Professionals, \$75,000

PathStone Foundation: Antiracist Curriculum Project, \$100,000 (2)

Siena College: Public Opinion Study: Monroe County Race Relations, \$27,000

Urban League of Rochester: Interrupt Racism Initiative, \$100,000

Partnering Against Poverty: \$917,232

Creating community awareness and understanding and encouraging collaborative efforts to increase prosperity and reduce the effects of poverty. The total also includes \$17,580 in grants from the Hubertus and Helmi Behrla Endowment Fund to 13 organizations to purchase holiday toys.

Agape Haven of Abundance: Summer Meals Outreach Program, \$2,500

Arc of Wayne: Commercial Laundry Business, \$5,000°

Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation: Together We Make the Difference, \$10,000°°

Bivona Child Advocacy Center: Community Closet, \$8,772*

Cameron Community Ministries: Summer Meals Program, \$5,350 (2)

Catholic Charities of Wayne County: Community Clothing Center, \$10,000 (2)°

Common Ground Health: Summer Meals Partnership Coordinator, \$75,000

Community Action of Orleans and Genesee: Financial Assistance Grant Program, \$30,000 (2)

Connected Communities: Neighborhood-Focused Systems Change, \$65,000

Coordinated Care Services, Inc.: Trauma-Informed Care Learning Collaborative, \$5,000

Cracker Box Palace: STEADY Work Program, \$5,000°

Daily Bread Food Pantry: Operating Support, \$1,000°

Empire Justice Center: C.A.S.H. Program's Free Income Tax Preparation Program, \$130,000 (2)

EnCompass: Resources for Learning: Building Capacity to Expand the Summer Meals Program, \$5,000

Family Promise of Greater Rochester (formerly RAIHN)

• Financial Assistance Grant Program, \$9,000 (2)

• Prevention, Diversion, and Rehousing Program, \$1,500

Family Promise of Wayne County: Southwest Wayne County Homeless Prevention, \$50,000°°

Flower City Noire Collective: Summer Meals Program, \$5,000

Foodlink: Summer Meals “Ice Cream Truck” Delivery Model, \$5,000

Gananda Education Foundation: Backpack Program, \$2,100°

Greater Rochester Enterprise Foundation: Economic Gardening, \$60,000 (2)

Greentopia: Green Visions Sustainable Revenue Employment Project, \$10,000*

Greyston: Center for Open Hiring Rochester, \$75,000 (2)

House of Mercy: Operating Support, \$1,000*

Legacy Makers: Program Evaluation, \$57,040

Legal Assistance of Western New York: WIC Services, \$5,000°

Mercy Flight Central

• Cardiac Monitors, \$5,000°°

• Operating Support, \$1,000°

Newark Food Closet: Operating Support, \$1,000°

Palmyra-Macedon Food Pantry: Operating Support, \$1,000°

Pro Action of Steuben and Yates: Hope Center Keuka Food Pantry, \$7,500°°

RESOLVE of Greater Rochester: Survivor Transition Program, \$20,000 (2)*

Rochester Energy Efficiency and Weatherization (RENEW): Home Energy Efficiency Program with Community Partners, \$50,000

Rochester Museum & Science Center: Curiosity Camp Summer Meals Program, \$2,000

Rural & Migrant Ministry: Rural Youth Leadership Development Day Program, \$5,000°

The Shore Foundation: Laptops for Rochester City Neighborhood Organizations, \$3,000

Sodus Point United Methodist Church: Food Pantry, \$1,000°

St. Joseph’s Neighborhood Center: Financial Assistance Grant Program, \$13,500

Survivor Advocacy Center of the Finger Lakes: Financial Assistance Grant Program, \$17,000

Trillium Health: COVID-19 Screening, Prevention, and Treatment Project, \$75,033

Tyre Reformed Church: Food Pantry, \$1,000°

United Way of Greater Rochester and the Finger Lakes: Rochester-Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative Backbone Support, \$25,000

Wayne County Action Program: The Lived Experience: Peers Assisting Peers, \$4,941°

Wayne County Rural Ministry Come-Unity Center: Heat + Rental Assistance, \$7,500 (2)°

Broadly Aligned Strategic Grants: \$757,786

Supporting positive, enduring change through information-sharing, asset-building, and leadership.

ACT Rochester: Community Indicators for the Greater Rochester Region and Website Updates, \$472,500 (2)

Causewave Community Partners

• Catchafire Outreach and Engagement: Connecting Professional Volunteers and Nonprofits, \$10,684

• Census Media Campaign, \$165,000 (3)

Center for Teen Empowerment: Ames-Amzalak Award for Nonprofit Excellence, \$10,000

Climate Solutions Accelerator: Support for Local Efforts to Address Effects of Climate Change, \$69,000

Lifespan of Greater Rochester: Assistance for Seniors Taking the Census, \$5,000

New York Funders Alliance Initiatives Fund: Using Catchafire to Connect Professional Volunteers and Nonprofits, \$15,120

Refugees Helping Refugees: Census Outreach to Immigrant and Refugee Populations, \$10,482

Other Regional Grants: \$1,197,423

Supporting a wide array of interests throughout our eight-county region. Total includes NeighborGood Grants listed in the breakout box on page 19, as well as grants awarded through our five giving circles (\$534,175) and Joseph E. Brown Fund for hospice grants (\$25,500). For complete grant details, visit racf.org/2022Grants.

Alzheimer’s Association, Rochester & Finger Lakes Region: Enhancing Care and Support for Early-Stage Dementia, \$7,000*

Arc of Wayne

• Deck Replacement, \$50,000°°

• Free Activities and Sports Trailer Program, \$25,000^A

AutismUp:

• Multisensory Learning, \$10,000^A

• Sports Skills Series, \$10,000^A

Boys & Girls Club of Geneva: Physical Activities and Healthy Food Access for Toddlers, \$25,000^A

Brighton Baseball: Little League Safety Equipment, \$12,000^A

Canandaigua Kiwanis Foundation: Dream Big Inclusive Playground, \$30,000 (2)^A

Center for Disability Rights: Rochester Rookies Wheelchair and Ambulatory Track & Field Program, \$10,910 (2)°°^A

Children’s Institute: Social-Emotional Learning for Sports Coaches Webinar Series: \$15,937^A

Community Crisis Fund: Emergency Pandemic Relief Funding for Greater Rochester Region, \$64,000*

Cracker Box Palace

• Rescue and Care of Farm Animals, \$17,000 (2)

• Strengthening Our Community Farm to Benefit Area Youth, \$5,000°

Dansville Central School District: School Pickleball Program, \$8,505^A

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Vaccine Education Grants: \$22,916

When COVID-19 vaccines first became widely available in 2021, Rochester residents living in low-income ZIP codes initially had a vaccination rate slightly above 3 percent, while the average for the rest of Monroe County was four to seven times higher.

To address this troubling inequity, the Foundation initiated a Community Vaccine Education Grant program to help neighborhood and community-based groups in low-vaccine areas develop creative tactics and events to inform their residents about the importance of vaccination and ongoing testing for COVID.

Because education was a key component

of this effort, groups seeking a grant had to collaborate with a COVID resource organization such as the Black Physicians Network, Interdenominational Health Ministry Coalition, the Rochester Black Nurses Association, and Monroe County Health Department. Together, neighborhood and community groups along with their local COVID expert determined the best and most innovative ways to reach residents:

Church of Love Faith Center: COVID-19 Vaccine Education, \$3,000

Connected Communities: Vaccination Pop UP, \$3,000

Deaf Refugee Advocacy: Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Vaccine Equity Pod Pop-Up, \$2,916

Fifth Street Block Club: COVID-19 Vaccine Education, \$3,000

Rochester Black Nurses Association: Community Fighting COVID, \$2,000

Rotary Club of Rochester Southwest: Barber Shots: A Vaccine Education and Administration Series, \$3,000

Theta Omega Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority: COVID-19 Vaccination Education, \$3,000

True Light COGIC: COVID-19 Vaccination Education, \$3,000

In June 2021, BarberShots took place at Visions Barber Shop in the 19th Ward to offer vaccinations with free food and a haircut. —Photo by Rachel Wyche



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STRENGTHENING REGIONAL VITALITY: \$2,177,287

Supporting Arts and Culture: \$426,786

Encouraging vibrant and diverse arts and cultural offerings and improving the capacity of local arts organizations. Total also includes grants from the Arts Prevail Fund (breakout below).

A Magical Journey Thru Stages: Bridges: Youth Theatre for All, \$9,000 (2)

Arts Center of Yates County: Rebooting Art, \$1,700^{oo}

The Avenue Blackbox Theatre

- Children’s Theatre Summer Program, \$7,400*
- Virtual Arts and A.F.T.E.R. School Program, \$5,000

Blackfriars Theatre: Surely Goodness and Mercy Creative Collaboration, \$5,000

BOA Editions, Ltd: Expanding the BOA Audiobook Series, \$4,000

Borinquen Dance Theatre: Self-Development & Dance Program, \$5,000

The Center for Youth Services: Strings for Success, \$14,000 (3)

DEEP Arts: LIKAH!, \$5,000

Eastman Community Music School: Play It Forward, \$5,000

Finger Lakes Opera

- Bringing More Opera to More People, \$5,000
- Strengthening Community Connections, \$7,500

Flower City Arts Center: Pathway for High School Students of Color in the Visual Arts, \$5,000

Friends of Bristol Valley Playhouse Foundation: 2022 Summer Season, \$5,000

Garth Fagan Dance

- Online Youth Programs, \$5,000
- Safely and Fully Reopening the School, \$4,824

Gateways Music Festival: Support for 2021 and 2022 Festivals Featuring Classical Musicians of African American Descent, \$45,000 (2)

Genesee Valley Council on the Arts: CAMPS Migrant Arts Program, \$10,000 (2)

Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council: Explore Art!, \$5,000

Geneva Music Festival: 2022 New Beginnings Festival, \$5,000

Grupo Cultural Latinos en Rochester: Time to Dance Showcase, \$5,000

The Hochstein School: Making Music, Making Strides (Ages 3-4), \$9,000 (2)

Joseph Avenue Arts and Culture Alliance

- Drum and Strum, \$3,500
- Programs Engaging Underserved Youth and Families, \$4,000

Pegasus Early Music: Echoes of Orpheus, \$4,000

Pennsylvania Yankee Theatre Company: Sampson Theatre Renovation, \$7,500^{oo}

Publick Musick: Outdoor Pop-Up Concerts, \$4,000

PUSH Physical Theatre

- Artist-in-Residence with Villa of Hope, \$7,000*
- Generic White Male Workshop on Racial and Gender Equity, \$5,000
- Someone No One Can See, \$8,000

Rochester City Ballet: Women’s Choreography Initiative, \$5,000

Rochester Contemporary Art Center: Support for 2021 Exhibition Season, \$5,000

Rochester Fringe Festival: Festival Support 2021 and 2022, \$50,000 (2)

Rochester Oratorio Society: The Ordering of Moses, \$3,500

Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra: Youth Education Programs, \$12,500 (2)

ROCmusic Collaborative: Bringing Music to Rochester Youth, \$10,000 (2)

St. Peter’s Community Arts Academy: Arts Education Prevails, \$5,000

Teaching Artists ROC

- Afro/Latino Percussion, \$4,000
- AV Assistant Stipend, \$4,000

Village of Brockport: Summer Serenades with the RPO, \$2,000

Visual Studies Workshop

- Black Lives Matter Project, \$39,900
- Community Curator, \$4,000

Writers & Books: Theater and Literary Arts Residency Program, \$4,000

Arts Prevail: \$62,462

The following nonprofit organizations received grants from the Arts Prevail Fund to advance racial justice and support technology solutions in response to issues that arose as a result of the pandemic:

Fivebyfive: Composer Chats, \$4,500

Flower City Arts Center: Clarissa Street History Project, \$6,000

Garth Fagan Dance: Technology and Safety Equipment, \$4,500

Pennsylvania Yankee Theatre Company: Technical Assistance, \$5,012

Rochester Broadway Theatre League: Improvements to Auditorium Air Ventilation System, \$5,000

Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra: Truth Is Of No Color: Concerts for Social Justice, \$7,500

Rural & Migrant Ministry: Rural Youth Summer Day Program Film Project, \$5,000

Teaching Artists ROC: AV Assistant Stipend, \$4,000

The Strong: Celebrating Juneteenth 2021, \$10,000

Visual Studies Workshop

- Documenting the Black Lives Matter Movement, \$6,600 (plus additional funding from the Robertson Family Fund and unrestricted funds)
- In this Moment: Revolution, Reckoning, Reparation, \$4,350

Preserving Historical Assets: \$484,000

Preserving our region’s rich historical assets and promoting educational efforts that build on them.

Center for Teen Empowerment: Clarissa Assets for Digital Generations, \$20,000

The Cobblestone Society: Building Restoration, \$25,000 (2)

Cracker Box Palace: Shaker First House Roof Project, \$15,000

Frederick Douglass Family Foundation: Memorials for Anna Murray Douglass and Annie Douglass, \$15,000

Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library: Black History Collections Project, \$20,000

Friends of Ganondagan: Haudenosaunee Healthy Roots, Culture, and Traditions, \$27,400 (2)

Friends of Mount Hope Cemetery: Frederick Douglass Section T Restoration Project, \$15,000

Friends of Parrott Hall: Restoration of Landmark in Geneva, Ontario County, \$15,000

Genesee Country Village & Museum: Brooks Grove Church Restoration, \$12,700

Greece Historical Society: Cultural Resources Survey of Architecture of Thomas W. Boyde Jr., \$15,000

Historic Palmyra: Updates to Palmyra Historical Museum, Erie Canal Depot, and Alling Coverlet Museum, \$15,000^o

The Hochstein School: Performance Hall Renovation – Phase 1, \$20,000

Ibero-American Action League: Los Pioneros Project: Telling our History, \$10,000

Landmark Society of Western New York: Genesee Valley Rural Revitalization Grant Program, \$60,000 (2)^o

Macedon Historical Society: Making Macedon Academy Accessible, \$10,000^o

Memorial Art Gallery: Up Against the Wall: Art, Activism, and the AIDS Poster, \$15,000

Naples Historical Society: National Register Historic District Initiative, \$10,000

National Women’s Hall of Fame: Repair and Preservation of 1844 Mill Stairwell, \$15,000

New Bethel CME Church: Exterior Tuck Pointing Bricks and Masonry, \$15,000

Rochester Community TV: Black Radio Rochester: Howard “King” Coles, \$15,000

Rochester Historical Society: Explore Merger, \$6,000

Rochester Museum & Science Center: Preserving and Sharing Local History Through Inclusive Story Mosaics, \$15,000

Saint Peter’s Episcopal Church: Preservation of Historic Geneva Church, \$10,000

Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park: Vinery Greenhouse Restoration Project, \$10,000

South East Area Coalition: Highland Park Area Historic Districts, \$10,000

South Farmington Friends Cemetery Association: Historic Chapel Interior Rehabilitation, \$10,000

Susan B. Anthony Neighborhood Association: Neighborhood Preservation Services and Grant Program, \$10,000

Urban League of Rochester: Mapping Black History in Rochester, \$10,000

Wheatland Historical Association: Still Standing: The Barns of J.T. Wells & Sons, \$20,000

Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society: Gates Hall Roof Project, \$15,000

Yates County History Center: Making Events Virtual, \$2,900^{oo}

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Dundee Library: Girls Who Code Computer Programming Skills Program, \$6,000^{oo}

Endless Highway: Wheelchair Sports Expansion, \$21,500 (2)*^a

EquiCenter: Horseplay: Nature-Inspired Recreation, \$20,000^a

Family Counseling Service of the Finger Lakes

- LGBTQ Youth Advocacy Program – Wayne County, \$7,500 (2)*^o
- LGBTQ Youth Advocacy Program – Yates County, \$4,500 (2)*^{oo}

Finger Lakes Health Foundation: Developmentally Appropriate Playground at Jim Dooley Center for Early Learning, \$25,000^a

Finger Lakes Horizon Economic Development Corporation: Be Local, Buy Local Gift Certificate Program, \$2,500^{oo}

First Tee of Western New York: Tee It Up – Monroe County Youth Swing to Success, \$25,000^a

Geneva Athletic Booster Club: Geneva Youth Sports, \$14,300^a

Geneva Community Projects: Geneva Playground Access, \$25,000^a

Girl Scouts of Western New York: Girls’ Sports at Camp Piperwood, \$20,000^a

Girls on the Run of Greater Rochester: Health and Fitness Program, \$7,200*

Heritage Christian Services: Springdale Farm Animal Welfare, \$10,000 (2)

Hillel Community Day School: Alliance Partnership, \$54,000

Historic Palmyra

- Dig Camp, \$1,200^o
- Palmyra Macedon Lions Club Operating Support, \$20,000^{oo}

Home Meal Service Meals-on-Wheels: Emergency Meals and Delivery Equipment, \$5,000^o

House of John: Carpet Replacement, \$2,500^o

Humane Society of Yates County: The Hope Fund for Companion Animals, \$1,500^{oo}

Ibero-American Action League: Healthcare Business Academy Fellowship, \$5,000

James R. Hickey Post 120: New Post Roof and Kitchen/Dining Room Floor, \$15,000^{oo}

Jewish Family Services of Rochester: Kosher Meals for Monroe County Food Cupboards, \$16,000*

Living Word Temple of Restoration: Generation Impact Multisport Program, \$45,287 (2)^a

Lollypop Farm, the Humane Society of Greater Rochester

- Beyond the Shelter: Anti-Bullying, \$5,000*
- Farm Animal Rescue & Adoption Program, \$10,000 (2)

Lyons Community Center:

- Revitalizing Basketball Leagues, \$20,000^a
- Safe, Clean, and Fed, \$5,000^o

Mary Cariola Children’s Center: Easy Stand Equipment, \$3,720

Medical Motor Service of Rochester and Monroe County: IT Equipment Upgrade Project, \$10,000*

Mercy Flight Central: COVID-19 Response, \$1,000^o

Nativity Preparatory Academy of Rochester: Gymnasium-Physical Education Safety, \$10,400^a

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Advancing Environmental Justice and Sustainability: \$195,845

Addressing the threats of climate change, prompting individual and collective action, and ensuring that everyone in greater Rochester has equitable access to an inclusive green economy.

Climate Solutions Accelerator: Backbone Support, \$70,000

IDEA Collective: Eco-Friendly Maker Kits for Kids, \$10,000

Inclusive Woods & Us: Day Hike Program, \$10,000

Rochester Ecology Partners: Landscape Analysis, \$20,000

Rochester ENergy Efficiency and Weatherization (RENEW): Operating Support, \$50,000

Taproot Collective: Strengthening our Roots: Protecting Green Spaces through Community Control, \$35,845

APPLYING FOR GRANTS

The Community Foundation connects donor resources to the needs of the community through a variety of grants and scholarships. Grant recipients are principally 501(c)(3) organizations that serve the greater Rochester region of Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates counties.

COMPETITIVE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Our competitive grantmaking program focuses on two main goals: **Creating an equitable community** (addressing education, race and ethnicity, and poverty) and **Strengthening our region’s vitality** (supporting arts and culture, historic preservation, environmental justice, and successful aging).

We also accept applications for Foundation-affiliated funds tailored to specific interest areas:

- Arts and culture
- Children, youth, and character-building opportunities
- City of Rochester neighborhoods
- Improved labor/management relations
- Older adults
- Scholarships (details at racf.org/Scholarships)
- Violence Prevention
- Wayne County
- Yates County
- Youth Sports

Our giving circles award competitive grants annually (racf.org/GivingCircles). Nonprofits in search of support for innovative projects outside the Foundation’s focus on equity and vitality or other announced opportunities may submit a one-page request to ProjectSupport@racf.org. These are shared with fundholders who may be interested.

GET UPDATES ON GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Current grant opportunities can be found at racf.org/Schedule, where you can also sign up for our quarterly “Grant Opportunities” e-newsletter. Learn more about recently approved competitive grants at racf.org/RecentGrants.



SCAN TO SEARCH

Promoting Successful Aging: \$1,070,656

Fostering successful aging by helping to create more age-friendly communities.

Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation: Healthy Housing for Low-Income Senior Households, \$7,500*

Catholic Charities Family and Community Services (a merger of Catholic Charities Community Services and Catholic Family Center)

- Gerontology Certificate Program Scholarship, \$560
- Renovations of Gavitt House for Aging Residents, \$17,875^{oo}

Catholic Charities of Buffalo: Home Visitation Program, \$127,000 (2)^o

Charles Settlement House: Gerontology Certificate Program Scholarship, \$1,120

Community Action of Orleans and Genesee: Assisted Transportation for Genesee County Older Adults, \$267,500 (3)^o

Community Food Cupboard of Rochester: Feeding the Hungry During the Pandemic, \$10,000*

Empire Justice Center: Gerontology Certificate Program Scholarship, \$1,120

Genesee County Office for the Aging

- CallHub, \$11,100^o
- Marketing Coordination, \$31,725 (2)^o
- Service Coordination for Marshall-Funded Programs, \$176,000 (2)^o

Genesee Senior Foundation

- Got Groceries?, \$16,775^o
- Recreation Mini-Grant Program, \$14,454^o
- Social Transportation Program, \$6,590^o

Home Meal Service: Meals-on-Wheels, \$5,000^o

Kirkhaven: Music Therapy for Seniors, \$7,360*

Lifespan of Greater Rochester

- Financial Management Program, \$45,000^o
- Two-Year Support for Community Healthcare Coordinator for Older Adults with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, \$30,000

Manor Crest Foundation: Technology for Enhanced Communication, \$5,000^{oo}

PathStone Corporation: Handyman Program for Older Adults in Genesee County, \$125,554 (2)^o

Recovery Options Made Easy: Overcoming the Digital Divide for Older Individuals with Mental Illness, \$9,373*

Richmond Memorial Library

- Gratitude Journal Program, \$450^o
- The Library Visits Program, \$114,000 (2)^o

Rochester Friendly Home: Music Matters: Music Therapy, \$10,000*

St. John’s Foundation: Simple Music Players for Residents with Dementia, \$4,800*

University of Rochester Medicine Home Care: Meals on Wheels Equipment, \$7,000*

University of Rochester Medicine Noyes Health: Home Safe Home, \$2,000

Veterans Outreach Center: Senior Veterans Program, \$10,000*

Volunteers of America of Western New York: Cobblestone Senior Connection, \$5,800*

NeighborGood: \$44,521

The NeighborGood Grants Program, established in 1993 to help stabilize and strengthen City of Rochester neighborhoods, provides small grants to resident-led associations and block clubs. More than \$865,000 has been awarded in the program’s 28-year history.

19th Ward Community Association: Skating and Summer Membership Drive, \$2,500

Azalea Neighborhood Association: Community Building with Consistency and Inclusion, \$625

Charlotte Community Association: Promotional Materials to Grow Membership and Sponsorship, \$2,500

Charlotte Community Development Corporation: Community Directory 2022, \$2,000

Fien Street Block Club: Street Spruce Up, \$750

Genesee Corridor Business Association: Youth Flowering Planting Project, \$2,000

Hamilton Tenant Association: Programs and Special Events, \$1,000

Ibero-American Development Corporation: Keeler Park Adventures, \$1,996

Lilac Neighbors: Community Celebrations and Welcome Bags, \$1,000

Lyell Otis Community Association: Corner Connection/Walk and Talk Engagement Project, \$2,000

Maplewood Neighborhood Association: Newsletter Outreach, \$2,500

Marketview Heights Collective Action Project: Children’s Garden Support and Outreach Program, \$2,000

North Clinton Avenue Business Association: La Avenida Flowers and Gateway Improvements, \$2,000

North Winton Village Neighborhood Association: Refurnishing and Refreshing After/Through COVID-19, \$2,500

NOTA Neighborhood Association: Doing Our Part for the Neighborhood of the Arts, \$2,500

Pearl-Meigs-Monroe Neighborhood Association: Community Engagement and Beautification, \$2,500

PLEX Neighborhood Association: Neighborhood Garden, \$2,500

Portland Avenue Business Association: Annual Festival, \$2,000

Scrantom Street Block Club: Neighbor to Neighbor, \$750

South East Area Coalition/Swillburg Neighborhood Association: Swillburg Blooms, \$1,400

The Lefrois Street Block Club: Neighborhood Communication Plan, \$1,000

Thurston Brooks Merchants Association: Business and Community Engagement, \$2,000

Washington Square Park Community Association: Movies with a Downtown View and Skate Night, \$2,500

Westside Farmers Market: Growth and Enhancement of the Market, \$2,000

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New Hope Assistance Dogs: Support for Assistance Dog, \$8,000

Ora Academy: Support for Jewish Education, \$18,500

Our Town Rocks: Literacy Program, \$3,500^{oo}

Palmyra Community Center: Busing Support for Summer Camps, \$8,000^{oo}

Palmyra-Macedon Rotary Foundation: Operating Support, \$20,000^{oo}

Roc City Sailing: Rochester Urban Youth Sailing Program, \$17,000^A

Rochester Accessible Adventures: Inclusive Youth Wheelchair Basketball, \$20,000^A

Rochester City Soccer League: Rochester City Soccer League, \$25,000^A

Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes: Child Abuse Prevention Education, \$9,000 (2)^{oo}

Saint John Bosco Schools: Athletic Department Safety and Equipment Update, \$3,983^A

Seneca Sailing Academy: Splash, Paddle & Sail for All, \$18,000^A

Sodus Bay Junior Sailing Association

- Partnerships to benefit Wayne County Youth, \$5,000^o
- Upgrades to Staff Instruction Boats, \$5,000^o

South Presbyterian Church: Monroe Milers Youth Running Program, \$4,000*

St. Peter’s Community Arts Academy: Dance Floor Upgrades, \$11,400^A

Thrive to Survive

- Building Cancer Support Services in Yates County, \$500^{oo}
- Growing Cancer Support Network in Wayne County, \$5,000^o

Town of Greece Department of Parks and Recreation: Trail Improvements=Healthier Youth, \$20,000^A

University of Rochester Medicine Home Care: Annual Caregiver Conference, \$1,500

University of Rochester: Cancer Research, \$16,500 (2)

Victory Sports Global Outreach: Play Packs and Equipment Grants, \$14,960^A

Village of Phelps: Outdoor Basketball Court, \$25,000^A

Wayne County Community Endowment Fund: Fundraising Match Challenge, \$30,000^{oo}

Wayne County Emergency Management: PPE and COVID-19 Testing, \$30,000^{oo}

Wayne Economic Development Corporation: Career Development and Job Readiness Program, \$33,000^{oo}

Wayne Emergency Relief Fund: COVID-19 Emergency Relief for Wayne County, \$17,600^o

Western New York Pop Warner: Equipment Enhancement and Coaches Training Project, \$20,000^A

Yates Cultural & Recreational Resources: Community Programming for Youth and Adults, \$5,000^{oo}

YMCA of Greater Rochester: Love-15 Urban Youth Tennis Program, \$20,500^A

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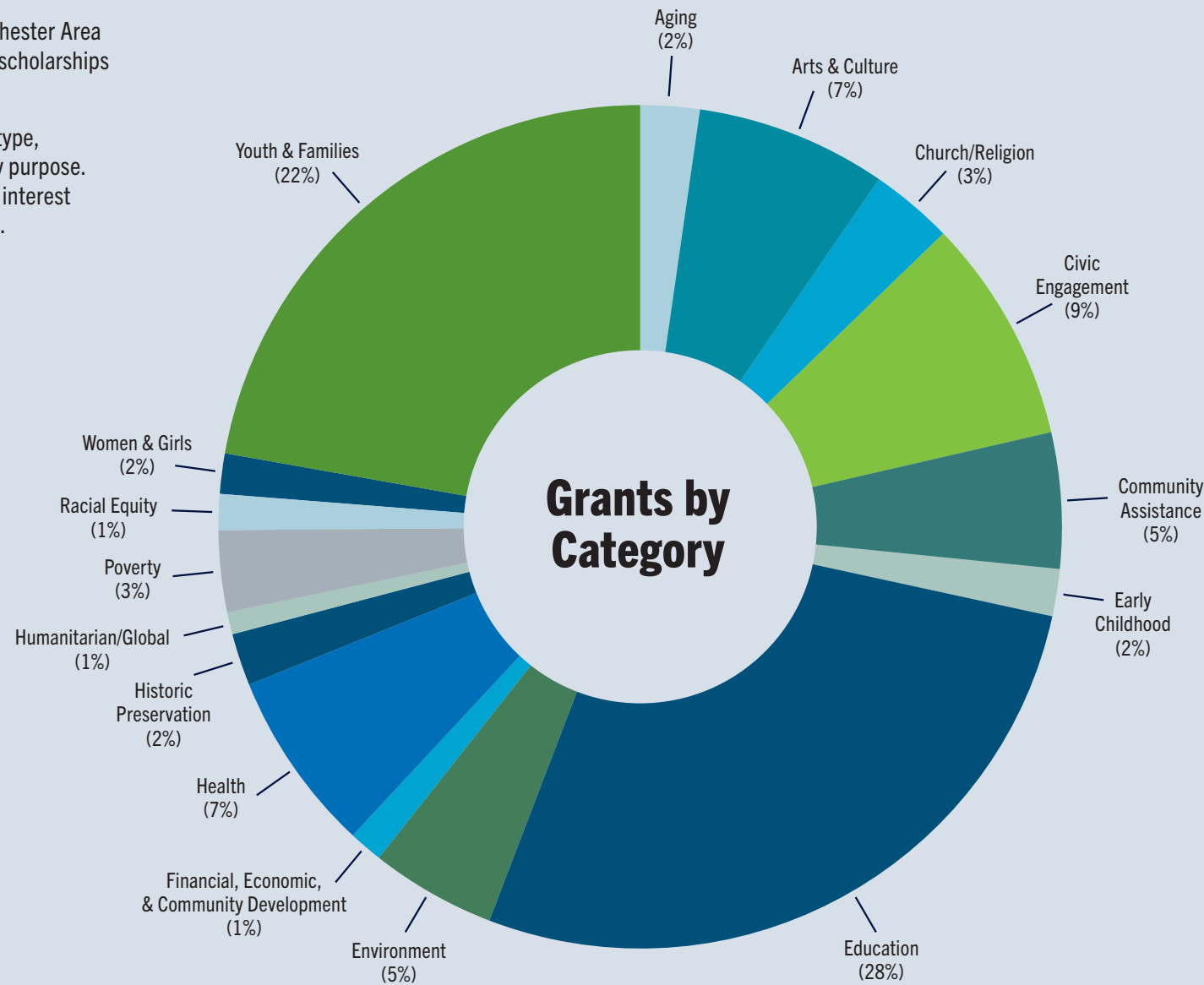
TOTAL GRANT DISTRIBUTIONS

From April 1, 2020, to March 31, 2022, Rochester Area Community Foundation awarded grants and scholarships totaling \$82 million.

The table below allocates all grants by fund type, while the pie chart describes these grants by purpose. Competitive grants from Forever and field of interest funds are further detailed on pages 12 to 19.

Grants and Distributions Summary

Amount	Grants, payments, or distributions from:
\$6,169,398	Charitable Checking Accounts SM
\$53,166,006	Donor-Advised and Designated Funds
\$13,214,734	Forever and Field of Interest Funds
\$3,346,000	Gannett Foundation Fund
\$2,256,932	RACF Initiatives
\$1,512,631	Scholarship Funds
\$2,811,500	Tegna (formerly Gannett Co., Inc.)
\$82,477,201	Total



CLIMATE JUSTICE CREATES HEALTHY HOMES

For homeowners who live on a fixed income, trying to address problems that plague their homes isn't always a priority — or something they can afford.

Cynthia, who lives in a home she bought 25 years ago in Northeast Rochester, knows that all too well. When the roof leaked in the garage attached to her 1950s home, it caused extensive damage that eventually extended into the dining and living rooms.

That leak also allowed a raccoon to enter the garage and eventually her home. She nailed a piece of particle board across the doorway to the dining room to keep this unwanted guest from getting into the rest of the house. Floor-to-ceiling two-by-fours kept the waterlogged dining room ceiling from collapsing.

"I worked hard all my life and never imagined I would be here," said Cynthia, a retiree who lives on Social Security benefits and asked to use only her first name.

She was connected to PathStone's Empower Program and qualified for grants totaling \$57,661 that covered replacing the roof, abating mold issues, and increasing her home's overall energy efficiency.

Cynthia is one of 421 income-qualified homeowners throughout Monroe County whose homes have received new roofs or had sewer lines, windows, or electrical panels replaced, chimneys repaired, or high-efficiency and/or heat pump hot water heaters and furnaces or insulation installed.

These improvements are possible through the collective impact of community partners comprised of city, town, and county governments and more than a dozen nonprofits with expertise in housing,

public health, environmental justice, clean HVAC technologies, data analytics, and more — all coordinated by Rochester ENergy Efficiency and Weatherization (RENEW), a Community Foundation initiative.

The initial \$1 million, along with investments from partners and more recent funders, has leveraged more than \$6 million in renovations in Rochester and several suburbs. Of that, RENEW has contributed \$1.8 million.

"... WE SEE INTER-AGENCY COLLABORATION THAT NO ONE AGENCY CAN ACHIEVE ON ITS OWN."
— ELIZABETH MCDADE

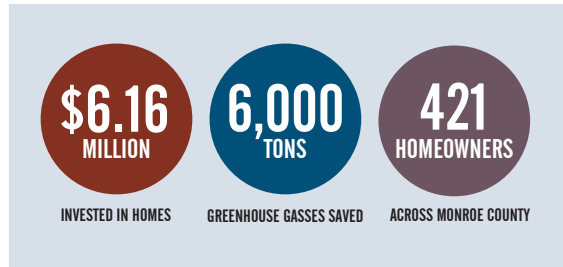
Funding for this work began in 2015 with a \$1 million award from the state Attorney General following a \$9.5 million court-ordered settlement for violations of the federal Clean Air Act. The program initially targeted Rochester homes; after four years, partners expressed eagerness to expand beyond city borders.

"At our monthly meetings, we see inter-agency collaboration to solve problems that no one agency can achieve on its own," said RENEW Program Director Elizabeth McDade.

Here's how this cooperation works: A qualified homeowner working with a local housing improvement nonprofit gets approved for a new furnace and a tankless water heater, but an inspection reveals problems with the chimney, and funding available from that nonprofit doesn't cover this safety intervention. Without the chimney repairs, the entire project will be scrapped. The problem is shared with RENEW partners, which work together to identify possible grants to complete the project.

"We are making a real difference in the lives of homeowners and their families with a relatively small investment that is, on average, tripled by partner contributions," said McDade.

Learn more about RENEW at racf.org/RENEW.



NEW FUNDS TO INVEST IN CHANGE

Generous donors made it possible for the Community Foundation to distribute record grants and scholarships totaling \$82 million between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2022. In the pages that follow, you'll find **new funds** established during that time, as well as those that converted to Forever Funds.

The Foundation loves partnering with donors at any point of their philanthropic journey. See the Guide to Giving on page 26.

Fund balances are current as of March 31, 2022. At the request of some donors, fund names or balances have been omitted.

FUNDS THAT SUPPORT THE CHANGING COMMUNITY

Forever Funds

Forever Funds support the community and the Community Foundation's role as a catalyst for positive, enduring change. The flexibility of Forever Funds provides an effective means to match donor generosity with the dynamic nature of our region's ever-changing needs.

Anna R. Bundschuh Community Impact Fund, 2020: A bequest from a Penfield resident, passionate about her community and involved in many local organizations, established this fund to support changing needs in the Rochester-Finger Lakes region. \$27,747

Tom and Barbara Clark Forever Fund, 2021: Established by a philanthropic couple to support the changing needs of the community.

Marion and Harry Fulbright Fund, 2021: At the donors' passing and at their request, this fund converted to support general community purposes. \$722,714

Marvin and Nancy Hoffman Forever Fund, 2021: Established by a retired professor emeritus of medicine at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry to support changing needs in the community and region. \$23,774

Kate and Sol Karch Fund, 2020: A bequest from a Pittsford resident established this fund in memory of her parents to benefit the always-changing needs of the Greater Rochester community. \$105,528

David B. Lederer Fund, 2020: A bequest from a supporter of the Community Foundation established this fund to address the changing needs of the community. \$137,894

James S. and Ruth A. Moser Fund, 2021: A bequest from a Pittsford couple established this fund to address poverty and its root causes by seeking input from individuals who live in poverty. \$197,294

Dolores and Philip Neivert Fund, 2021: Created by a Community Foundation founding board member and his wife, this former donor-advised fund now supports the ever-changing needs of the community forever. \$714,053

☰ For a complete list of all of our funds (including new funds listed here), visit racf.org/2022Funds.

FUNDS THAT SUPPORT BROAD OR SPECIFIC CAUSES

People who have a passion for making a difference in broad or specific areas of interest know they can rely on the Community Foundation's expertise to evaluate and select appropriate local nonprofit organizations to receive grants from their funds.

Field of Interest Funds

A field of interest fund ensures permanent support for your favorite charitable interests.

Arts Prevail Fund, 2020: Established by the Community Foundation, with contributions from many donors, to promote racial equity in the arts and provide adaptive equipment that arts organizations need, such as personal protective equipment and technological support, to continue virtual programming.

Brockport Arts Fund, 2021: A former SUNY professor established this fund to support community arts events and installations in Brockport for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. \$48,911

COVID Recovery and Response Fund, 2020: Established to support a regional effort by the Community Foundation and United Way of Greater Rochester and the Finger Lakes to help nonprofits meet needs driven by the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID Education Fund, 2020: Established by the Community Foundation during the pandemic to ensure that students had access to essential technology for online learning, initially when schools were closed. Many donors joined the Foundation in contributing to this effort.

Elizabeth Farnham Fund for Refugee Populations, 2021: A native Rochesterian, who has been exploring the world since high school and returned home, established this fund to support her concerns about refugee populations everywhere and all things local.

Inclusive Recovery Fund, 2021: This fund was established to help overcome economic distress and provide opportunity for historically excluded residents to benefit from and contribute to economic prosperity.

Edward R. Lane Fund, 2021: A bequest from a retired assistant director of the former Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency (now Common Ground Health) established this fund to support health, social services, and educational needs of underserved populations. \$477,831

David and Carol Laniak Family Fund, 2021: A bequest from two avid community volunteers and leaders established this fund to support youth organizations and animal welfare, as well as health-related organizations and research on diseases like arthritis, Alzheimer's disease, and supranuclear palsy. \$390,598

Reifsteck Family Fund, 2020: At the donor's passing, this fund (originally established in 2002) converted to one that assists African-American teenagers in Rochester who graduate from city high schools to adjust and adapt to the college environment. \$504,636

Dr. Burton Spiller Health Fund, 2021: A prominent Rochester orthodontist's bequest established this fund to provide services and support to people with Alzheimer's, AIDS, or glaucoma, increase access to care for those unable to afford it, or for research into quality of care. \$131,219

Scholarship Funds

From April 1, 2020, to March 31, 2022, these new funds and existing funds collectively awarded 1,118 scholarships totaling nearly \$1.4 million to help students pursuing college, trade school, advanced degrees, or special enrichment opportunities.

Bullis Loan Repayment Scholarship, 2021: For Palmyra-Macedon High School alumni who received the Bullis Family Scholarship and obtained their undergraduate degree to help repay their student loans from banks and credit unions.

Dr. Marlene Caroselli Excellence-in-Communication Scholarship, 2020: A bequest from this teacher, author, writer, and artist created a fund to support students with linguistic talents who want to pursue a related career in college. \$1,904,673

Patrick Caroselli Scholarship Award, 2020: A bequest from a teacher, author, writer, and artist established this fund, named for her father, to support graduating

David and Grace Strong Family Fund, 2020: A Rochester native established this fund to reflect his interests and those of his late wife by supporting efforts to involve city youth in neighborhood projects that enhance the city's natural environment.

Wayne County Community Schools Fund, 2020: This fund, established by the Wayne County Community Endowment, will support schools throughout the county and organizations that work with local youth. \$35,955

seniors in Monroe County whose parents immigrated to the United States and became citizens. \$1,399,090

Rochester LGBTQ Scholarship Fund, 2021: Created through a community effort to help lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning individuals.

Martin Zemel and Laura Fulton Scholarship Fund, 2021: A Brighton couple, both retired high school chemistry teachers, established this fund to help make a college degree possible for students who appreciate the value of an education and have financial need.

RACF Initiatives

Rochester Area Community Foundation Initiatives, Inc., is a separately incorporated nonprofit organization affiliated with the Community Foundation. Established in 2001, it provides fiscal and program sponsorship for charitable projects that further the purposes of the Foundation, benefit the local community, and meet certain application criteria.

RASE Commission Fund, 2021: Established at the request of Monroe County Executive Adam Bello and then-Rochester Mayor

Lovely Warren to support the work of the Commission on Racial and Structural Equity.

A VISION FOR ENDOWMENT, AND AN ENDOWED FUND FOR VISION

In April 2001, Lorma Gardner signed paperwork to establish the **Lorma E. Gardner Endowment Fund 1** with a gift from her estate once she and her husband passed away. Lorma died in 2003 and her husband, Allan, 10 years later.

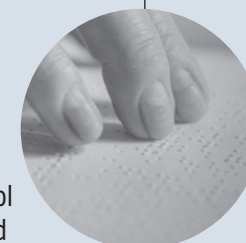
Two-thirds of their estate gift seeded the fund in 2014 to start providing annual grants to First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford, the Gardners' faith community, and the National Braille Association, Inc. For 30-plus years, Lorma transcribed more than 70,000 pages of high school and college textbooks into Braille in Rochester and Savannah, Ga.

The remaining third of their gift created the **Lorma E. Gardner Endowment Fund II**, a field of interest fund to carry out the Gardners' wishes to support programs for local children. Since 2014, these permanent funds have distributed grants totaling \$256,000 for the purposes they intended — and will continue to do so forever.

ALL IN THE FUND FAMILY

During the Depression, it was not uncommon for Angela Iacona to answer the door and find strangers asking for food. She would ask them to wait while she went to heat up leftovers. Her kindness often came at times when her young family didn't have much, especially after her husband died, but she never turned anyone away.

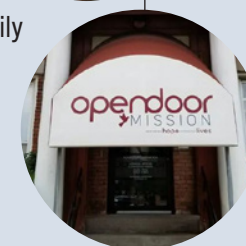
In honor of his mother, Lou Iacona and his late wife, Betty, established the **Louis & Betty Iacona Open Door Mission Fund** in 2014 to provide support to the Open Door Mission — specifically for food, clothing, and blankets. This ongoing gift allows the downtown Rochester nonprofit to plan nutritious menus and incorporate more protein so that individuals and families in need can have a filling meal.



Stock photo courtesy of Nataliya Vaitkevich



Betty and Lou Iacona



FUNDS THAT SUPPORT CHARITIES

People who want to help their favorite nonprofit organizations can turn to the Community Foundation to achieve their goals.

Designated Funds

Individuals or organizations created these new funds in the past two years to benefit specific charitable organizations. The Community Foundation ensures that these funds continue to be useful through the years. Typically, grants are distributed annually to the named organization(s).

A & B Associates, 2021: A graduate of Cranston High School East in Rhode Island established this fund to provide an annual award to a graduating senior who plans to attend Brown University in Providence and live on campus.

Aldridge Tinker Fund, 2020: At the donor’s passing and at her request, this fund established in 2002 converted to one that provides annual and ongoing support to the arts, aging, and environmental organizations she loved. \$120,673

Jacqueline and Richard Archer Fund for The Little Theatre, 2021: A bequest from an advocate of the arts will support ongoing efforts at Rochester’s independent arts movie theater. \$130,217

Boys & Girls Club of Geneva Endowment, 2022: This fund was established by the Fred L. Emerson Foundation with a challenge grant to support building the organization’s permanent endowment for the future. \$38,707

Gregory Allen Burkett Memorial Scholarship Fund, 2020: Established in memory of a dear friend to provide assistance to Rochester City School District students through the Urban League of Rochester’s Black Scholars program. \$54,344

Cunningham Memorial Scholarship Fund, 2021: A bequest established this fund to honor Elmer Jacob Cunningham, the first principal of Lincoln School in Newark, Wayne County, to support a graduating senior from Newark High School who attended Lincoln School and has the highest grade point average. \$183,285

Enslein Designated Fund, 2020: A terminated pooled life income gift established this fund to provide ongoing support to Temple B’rith Kodesh. \$135,147

Shashi Gholkar Memorial Scholarship Fund, 2020: The widow and daughters of a longtime Rochester resident and businessman established this fund to honor his memory by providing financial support to local college-bound students from low-income households. \$38,623

David Giordano Memorial Fund, 2021: Family and friends of a Palmyra-Macedon Central School District teacher and soccer coach established this fund to honor his legacy and benefit the district and its students.

The Dr. Agnes E. Griffith Award, 2021: A native of Palmyra, who holds a PhD in early childhood education and a master’s degree in counseling, established this fund to provide support to Palmyra-Macedon Central School District students from her hometown who plan to attend college.

The Carolyn Griffith Hall Award, 2021: A member of the McLouth and Griffith families established this fund to provide a scholarship to local students in memory of her sister.

Hillside Children’s Foundation General Endowment Fund, 2021: Harry Lang Jr. established this fund with a gift from his estate to provide ongoing support to the agency where he spent 42 years ensuring high-quality services were offered to children and families. \$51,827

Louis P. and Betty A. Iacona Foodlink Fund, 2020: Established by a community philanthropist interested in helping those in need, this fund will help defray the organization’s costs related to food acquisition and distribution throughout the region.

Louis P. and Betty A. Iacona Youth Camp Fund, 2022: A Pittsford philanthropist established this fund to provide disadvantaged youth with overnight camp experiences.

Macedon Public Library Fund, 2020: A generous gift from the Bullis Fund established this fund to provide ongoing support to the local library. \$118,934

Mary’s Legacy Fund for Cracker Box Palace, 2022: A bequest from a local attorney established this fund to support her love of animals. \$27,314

Robert and Jeanne Sandholzer Endowment Fund, 2021: This fund was established to begin this couple’s legacy now by supporting their favorite organizations and causes forever.

Dr. Burton Spiller Opera Enrichment Fund, 2021: A bequest by a prominent Rochester orthodontist created this fund to support undergraduate or graduate opera students at the Eastman School of Music and the Samuel B. and Ann R. Spiller Memorial Creative Writing Award at LeRoy High School in Genesee County. \$81,543

Martin L. and Suzanne S. Suter Legacy Fund, 2020: A bequest from a Pittsford couple created this fund to support small organizations providing services in health, aging, education, workforce development, and other areas of interest.

The Van Haneghan Fund for Palmyra, New York, 2020: A couple who graduated from the Palmyra-Macedon Central School District, and later taught there, established this fund to fulfill their philanthropic goals by supporting the needs of students and the Wayne County community they once called home.

Organization Endowments

Nonprofit organizations that place their endowments with the Community Foundation enjoy professional stewardship, access to planned giving tools, and the benefit of participating in a multimillion-dollar investment pool. These are new funds established between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2022.

Aurora House Fund, 2020: To support the comfort care/hospice home in Spencerport and sustain its vital work for years to come.

Camp Stella Maris — Aiden J. Mike Memorial Campership, 2022: Supports expenses at the Livingston County camp for two youth each year in memory of a lifelong camper. \$24,453

Finger Lakes Museum Endowment Fund, 2021: Established by this cultural and natural history museum in Yates County to support its ongoing fundraising and operational goals, maintain its buildings, and use outdoor spaces that showcase and celebrate the Finger Lakes region. \$47,682

Mount Hope Cemetery — Earl & Rhonda Gurell Fund, 2021: Supports maintenance, repair, and restoration within Jewish sections of the cemetery. \$24,494

MuCCC Endowment Fund, 2022: This fund was established to support the Multi-use Community Cultural Center in Rochester by covering unanticipated expenses so that the performance space continues to operate. \$77,651

Palmyra-Macedon Dollars for Scholars — Brockhuizen Fund, 2021: This organization endowment fund, established to honor the memories of Herman, Patricia, and Margaret Brockhuizen, provides scholarships to Palmyra-Macedon High School graduating seniors. \$631,690

Partnership Endowment Fund, 2021: This organization endowment fund supports the sustainability of the Partnership for Ontario County. \$96,432

- PathStone Corp.**
- **Farmworker Education Fund**, 2021: This endowed fund was established to support scholarships for farmworkers and their families served by PathStone. \$50,159
 - **Foundation Growth Fund**, 2022: This fund will support administration of the foundation while building family and individual self-sufficiency through PathStone Corporation. \$28,516

The Perkins Mansion Fund, 2022: This organization endowment fund supports the historic house at 494 East Avenue in Rochester. \$193,134

Rochester Gay Men’s Chorus Endowment Fund, 2021: Established to help the chorus continue its mission of creating social change through excellence in the choral arts. \$28,435

Rochester SAR Regal Memorial Fund, 2021: A bequest from Dr. Ronald E. Regal, a descendant of an American Revolutionary War patriot, will support the Sons of the American Revolution’s ability to preserve and propagate the history, artifacts, and documents of the American Revolution primarily in the Greater Rochester region. \$853,752

Seneca Falls Education Foundation — Michael F. Praul Student Athlete Award, 2022: This organization endowment was established to provide a scholarship annually to a senior with the highest GPA who also earned three varsity sports letters in the last year of high school.

Wadsworth Library — Children’s Building Fund, 2021: This endowment fund will provide support for the development and building of a children’s library in Genesee, Livingston County. \$55,200

A SIMPLE BUT POWERFUL BEQUEST

When Mary Elizabeth Conlon died in 2004, she was two months shy of her 90th birthday. She had lived a very full life.

A graduate of East High School, she had gone to business school and later supervised payroll for Wollensak Optical. She was laid off in the 1970s when the company fell on hard times, but she took it in stride, making plans to travel and buy a condo in Florida — and she did!

Although she never married, she had a soft spot in her heart for children. Assisted by her attorney, the late David Pettig, she left the bulk of her estate — \$3 million — to the Community Foundation to establish the **Mary Elizabeth Conlon Fund**. Her will listed the fund purpose in very specific and simple terms: “To provide food and shelter to children up to age 12.”

After receiving this wonderful bequest, the Community Foundation met with children’s agencies and advocates to plan the highest-impact use for the funds. Children’s hunger (also called food insecurity) during the summer months was identified as a critical issue.

Accordingly, the Conlon Fund has worked with Foodlink and other partners to distribute \$2.1 million in grants since 2005 to strengthen food quality, quantity, and accessibility for city children. And because the fund is endowed, it will provide grants to benefit children forever.



Mary Elizabeth Conlon



Foodlink meal preparation and serving sites between 2016 and 2022



Advised Funds

Individuals, families, and businesses may recommend grants from their funds to nonprofit organizations in our eight-county region and beyond. The Community Foundation provides grant suggestions, information on community needs, administration, and investment management. For a list of donor-advised Charitable Checking AccountsSM, visit racf.org/CCA.

Marty and Jill Birmingham Family Fund, 2021: Lifelong residents of Greater Rochester established this fund to support the changing needs of the community and to fulfill their philanthropic goals.

The Brummett Family Charitable Fund, 2021: A Geneseo couple established this fund to support the region’s changing needs and to fulfill their philanthropic goals.

Sharon and Philip Burke Donor-Advised Fund, 2021: A Penfield couple, with long-standing interests in the health of our region, established this fund to help achieve their philanthropic goals, address issues related to poverty, and support local arts and culture.

James Cerone and Sharon Bidwell-Cerone Fund, 2021: A Brighton couple established this fund to fulfill their philanthropic goals.

Christine and Barbara Colucci Fund, 2021: Twin sisters created this fund to support their current and future philanthropic goals.

Stephen Craxton Family Fund, 2020: Established by a Rochester resident to support humanitarian work in underdeveloped and developing countries that provides tangible benefits to individuals and communities.

Gallina Family Foundation Fund, 2021: Created to support a Rochester family’s philanthropic goals and many community interests.

Glick and Stiles Family Fund, 2021: A Brighton couple established this fund to help fulfill their philanthropic goals.

Mary Kay Hayes Charitable Fund, 2020: Family and friends established this fund to honor the legacy of a woman who cared deeply about the educational, emotional, and physical needs of children, young adults, and those with developmental disabilities. She was also committed to helping animals in need. \$96,846

Healthy Food Rochester Fund, 2021: A community philanthropist, who is passionate about access to healthy food, created this fund to increase the ability of food pantries and emergency feeding programs to serve people with special dietary needs. \$213,712

Improving Tomorrow Fund, 2021: A Pittsford family created this fund to support efforts that help make this world a better place to live, especially for our children.

Albert P. Jones and Djusmin Adi Fund, 2021: Created by a grateful Rochester transplant who wants to give back to the community that has given so much to him.

Max Kamin-Cross Positive Social Action Fund, 2021: Established to honor a local advocate who was passionate about positive change and social justice. \$32,405

Dane Leclair AlphaHeart Fund, 2021: This fund honors the memory of a McQuaid Jesuit High School graduate and Loyola University-Chicago star volleyball player who died tragically at the age of 22 in 2019. AlphaHeart provides grants to community and sports organizations whose missions parallel Dane’s life values and his passion for team-building.

Mark and Marianne Lockerby Fund, 2021: A couple established this fund to support their philanthropy and legacy planning. \$45,782

Love, Lorenzo Fund, 2020: A Hilton family, who experienced the devastating and unexpected loss of their son at 7 weeks old, established this fund to help other families memorialize the lives of their children.

Judy Lynd Fund for Disability Access, 2021: Established by a Rochester resident to enhance the potential for individuals with physical disabilities to move from poverty to financial independence by removing barriers such as housing, community mobility, and employment.

The Madison Grace Memorial Fund, 2020: Family members established this fund to support children in LeRoy, Genesee County, pursuing their goals in athletics or other extracurricular activities, and honor the exceptional life of 17-year-old Madison Grace Masters. \$17,368

The Malik Family Fund, 2022: Social entrepreneurs and thought leaders Dr. Salahuddin Malik and the late Dr. Sarwat Malik, along with their daughters Nadia Malik and Sumaiya Wood, have worked to form a better world through charitable giving.

David and Mara P. Metzger Family Fund, 2021: This fund was established by members of a Brighton family to support their strong belief in philanthropy and the importance of giving back to their community.

Joe Moran Endowment Fund, 2022: Established by a native of Avon, Livingston County, to support the family’s charitable pursuits to help the least, the last, and the lost in that county.

Muench Family Fund, 2021: A young Perinton family established this fund to help children in need from Greater Rochester.

Narang Family Charitable Fund, 2020: A Pittsford family established this fund to support their philanthropic goals.

Jeffrey M. Newland Memorial Fund, 2020: Established in memory of this community mentoring advocate to help uplift mentorship, fatherhood, and families navigating trauma and loss in the Rochester community.

Osborne Family Fund, 2021: A Rochester family established this fund to give others the foundation for success and the opportunity to thrive as they develop, grow, and learn.

Purple Light Project, 2021: The Gillan family established this fund in honor and memory of their daughter, Maisie Lucienne, to enable joy in children’s lives and support poison prevention. \$37,320

Jerry and Janice Rachfal Charitable Fund, 2020: A local couple established this fund as a continuation of their commitment to give back to the community that has been their home for 51 years. \$92,940

Reaching Out & Building Up Fund, 2021: Established by a Greece couple, this fund will support nonprofits that address the needs of high-risk, underserved, or disadvantaged communities.

Rosenberg Family Fund, 2021: A fourth-generation Rochesterian established this fund to continue the family’s philanthropic interests.

Samloff Family Fund II, 2021: Supports the charitable interests of the fund founder.

Dr. Valenti Community Health Fund, 2021: A local physician and Rochester native established this fund to address the community’s health and well-being, with an emphasis on health, sexual health, and LGBT health, along with the environment and historic preservation.

Michael J. Valentine Charitable Fund, 2020: Established in memory of Michael, who was a respected inventor and trademark author, and beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, cousin, and friend, to support charitable organizations that reflect his values and memories.

Lilly von Bucher Fund, 2022: A Rochester native who lives in Massachusetts converted this fund to one that is endowed to support causes that include the environment, animals, children, women, and families. \$26,217

Peter von Bucher Fund, 2021: A Rochester native who lives in California converted this fund to one that is endowed to support his family’s philanthropic goals. \$52,031

Wayne Emergency Relief Fund, 2020: Established by the Wayne County Community Endowment to support pandemic-related community needs throughout the county.

Yates Emergency Relief Fund, 2020: Established by the Yates Community Endowment to provide emergency, recovery, and resiliency funding to address pandemic-related community needs throughout the county.



IF YOU’D PREFER TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS

If a donor makes a contribution or sets up a fund and asks if they can remain anonymous, the answer is yes! And the Foundation is committed to maintaining that anonymity as long as the donor wants it. In our list of donors from the past two years (*starting on page 28*), you’ll see Anonymous and a number representing those who made that request.

Some donors who open funds have come up with clever names to shield their identities. Take the **Corvette Fund**. Those donors said they took money they would have used to buy the high-end sports car to open the fund and support the community instead. The **Tin Mountain Fund** was created to expand access to health care. The **Do It 4 Ur Kidz Fund** (no, that’s not a typo) is a scholarship fund to support single parents in their quest for higher education.

The purpose of the **Snowball’s Chance Fund** isn’t apparent by its name. The donor wants to support effective organizations that have a demonstrated positive impact on our community but do not have a large endowment or a leader earning a six-figure salary.

Others choose a fund name that signifies the fund’s purpose without identifying them as donors. Some examples include the **Housing Education Fund, Playground Fund, the Fund for Self-Esteem, Healthy Food Rochester Fund, Helping Our Neighbors Fund,** and the **Reaching Out & Building Up Fund**.

YOUR GUIDE TO GIVING

Since 1972, thousands of community philanthropists have fulfilled their charitable goals by partnering with the Community Foundation. Wherever your generosity leads you, the Community Foundation can help you — and your legal or financial advisor, if you wish — think through the best way to meet philanthropic goals and financial needs.

WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?

When you open a fund at the Community Foundation, the first step is to choose how you want to make a difference in your community. Would you prefer to support:

- The changing needs of the community, now and in the future;
- Broad causes or areas of interest; or
- Specific charities?

Our fund options can address any of these. They include funds that allow you to take the lead on recommending grants

(Donor-Advised); have the Foundation staff and board select grants that can have the greatest impact (Forever, Field of Interest, or Scholarship Funds); or provide annual and ongoing support to one or more of your favorite nonprofits.

MAKE A LASTING GIFT TODAY

You can establish a fund or contribute to an existing fund now or through your estate. The Foundation can accept cash and many other kinds of assets: homes or property; long-term appreciated securities, including closely held stock; or for a donor 70½ and older, a gift of up to \$100,000 a year from an individual retirement account (IRA). However, IRA gifts cannot be added to donor-advised funds, Charitable Checking AccountsSM or charitable gift annuities.

MAKE A GIFT IN THE FUTURE

Through Your Will: Supporting your community in this way is straightforward. You may leave a percentage share, a specific dollar amount, or make the Foundation a contingent beneficiary of your estate.

An IRA Gift: Name the Community Foundation as a beneficiary.

A Life Insurance Policy: Donate a paid-up policy or continue to make annual premium payments that may be tax deductible.

Donate Your Home: Receive an immediate income tax deduction while retaining the right to live there for the rest of your life. This gift avoids capital gains tax and exempts the property from estate taxes.

Income-producing options include a **Charitable Gift Annuity**, a gift to a **Pooled Life Income Fund**, and **Charitable Remainder or Lead Trusts**.

PLANNED GIVING OPTIONS



CURRENT GIVING OPTIONS



Corvette Fund
est. 1994



Tin Mountain
Fund est. 1996



Do It 4 Ur
Kidz Fund
est. 2016



Snowball’s
Chance Fund
est. 2016



PARTNERS IN PHILANTHROPY

Since 1972, generous people from all parts of our greater Rochester-Finger Lakes region have trusted Rochester Area Community Foundation to help achieve their philanthropic goals.

Gifts from the individuals, families, organizations, and businesses that follow reflect contributions totaling \$93 million between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2022. We thank each of them for their vision and commitment.

Philanthropists

We appreciate the generosity of all our supporters. Donors listed here gave \$2,000 or more to the Community Foundation and/or its initiatives between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2022.

\$5,000,000+

George and Kathleen Karpus

\$1,000,000 to \$4,999,999

Anonymous (3)
Bruce B. Bates*
Ray and Erika Hutch
Louis P. Iacona
Dr. Dawn Lipson
Sidney and Barbara Sobel

\$500,000 to \$999,999

Anonymous (4)
Marion Fulbright*
Jacqueline and Salvador Leccese
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Samloff
Louise Woerner and Don Kollmorgen

\$100,000 to \$499,999

Anonymous (16)
Abby and Doug Bennett
Nancy and Joe* Briggs
Janet Buchanan Smith
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JOSÉ CORONAS (Joe U. Posner Founders Award): His earliest connection to the Community Foundation was while he served on the board of Ibero-American Action League, which then established a scholarship fund at the Foundation to support Hispanic high school students going on to college. This entrepreneur and native of Cuba was a member of the Community Foundation board from 2008 to 2018, and was board chair for two years.

NANCY ROBBINS: Recruited by a headhunter in 1961 to be a buyer at the former Sibley's department store, this Pennsylvania native made Rochester her home. Throughout her life, she has volunteered on many local boards, but is best known for being the lead volunteer and fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House and its first board chair.

MARY-FRANCES WINTERS: Named by *Forbes* as one of 10 trailblazers in diversity and inclusion in 2019, she got her start in this important work when she launched The Winters Group in 1984 after she left Kodak. Mary-Frances served on the Community Foundation's board and is an author and sought-after speaker on the topics of diversity and inclusion.

TEEN EMPOWERMENT (Ames-Amzalak Award for Nonprofit Excellence): Founded in Boston in 1992, the local office opened in the Southwest Rochester neighborhood in 2003. For the past 19 years, TE has helped urban youth hone their understanding of the social problems they face and use their talents and skills to create change in their own lives and in their communities.

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Hanif Abdul-Wahid, Barbara Kelley and Tom Riley, and Mary Anne Palermo
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HANIF ABDUL-WAHID: The key to achieving positive community change is strong neighborhoods and working together. A 27-year career as a community liaison for Monroe County allowed this Rochester native to follow his passion and do just that. He served on the Foundation board for 10 years and stayed connected through his roles on advisory committees for ACT Rochester and NeighborGood.

TOM RILEY AND BARBARA KELLEY (Joe U. Posner Founders Award): For Tom and Barbara, living within a quarter-mile of the Genesee River constantly reminds them how important the quality of a community's environment needs to be for living and working. They have used their philanthropic funds at the Community Foundation to support this passion. Both have volunteered on many community boards and committees that align with their interests, including the Foundation, where they had overlapping terms.

MARY ANNE PALERMO: Philanthropy is simply about taking care of one another, a philosophy she has embraced throughout her life. Together with her late husband, Dick, they supported many projects with grants from funds they established at the Foundation. Mary Anne has expanded her family's philanthropy with two additional endowed funds — one for changing needs of the broader community and the other to support needs in Livingston County, where she lives.

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By remembering the community in your estate plans, you can make a real difference in our region’s future. This cumulative list of Legacy Society members recognizes individuals and couples who have named the Community Foundation in their wills or planned gifts. We thank them for their generosity and foresight.

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OUR FIRST DONORS

The Greater Rochester Community Foundation of the Genesee Valley became a reality on September 18, 1972. Finding donors to support this new initiative was the next big step, but it didn’t take long.

In 1973, the Foundation received its first gifts totaling \$67,960, with most coming from a very generous family whose gift of 858 shares of Rite Aid Corporation stock was the result of the sale of local Daw Drug stores.

In that family of donors were Alan Weinberg, vice president and secretary at Daw Drug, and his wife, Irene; Alan’s sister, Dolores Neivert, and her husband, Philip; and Mary Weinberg Bernstein, mother of Alan and Dolores, and her husband, Crawford Bernstein.

That initial gift allowed the Foundation to award its first grants — totaling \$12,785 — the very next year, and keep on making grants. To date, more than \$595 million in grants and scholarships has been distributed by the Foundation.

Members of this family continued to give to the Foundation to support the community they loved. They established several funds to support their personal charitable interests and the needs of the greater community, which have distributed more than \$4.6 million in grants — so far.



Irene and Alan Weinberg



1993 Philanthropy Award recipients Philip and Dolores Neivert at a Head Start carnival sponsored by their “Fun Fund”

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Among the Community Foundation's earliest supporters was a local couple in journalism, Paul and Louise Miller. The Millers created a donor-advised fund in 1979 that worked like a private foundation but simpler, allowing them to recommend gifts to their favorite causes while the Community Foundation took care of the paperwork and government reports.

The Millers also left their Pittsford home to the Foundation as part of a planned gift (called a life estate) that allowed them to remain in their house for life. Ultimately, the donor-advised fund received the sale proceeds from the house and, in 2001, became an unrestricted endowment fund to support changing community needs in the Millers' names.

This kind of "double gift" supports the donors' interests during lifetime, then forever helps the community. More than \$726,000 in grants thus far from the **Paul and Louise Miller Fund** have helped increase the number of:

- After-school staff with strong skills in youth development and social-emotional learning;
- Area youth who complete FAFSA forms and apply to college;
- Low-to-medium income homeowners with safe, healthy and energy-efficient places to live;
- Human service agency staff trained in trauma-informed care to more compassionately help their clients; and
- Opportunities for low-income individuals to find jobs and get the support services they and their families need.

As times and needs change, the Millers' fund will always be there to help.



Paul Miller



Louise Miller and her grandsons, Andrew and Stuart Miller, look over a brick wall constructed by children participating in the Landmark Society's Built Environment Awareness Program in the 1980s.

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“We wanted to honor Leah and use the fund to impact the community by providing opportunities to those in need,” said Todd, who served on the Community Foundation board from 1995 to 2001 and saw firsthand the overwhelming positive benefits and impact a charitable fund can have on the community.

The Bullards’ most recent grant from the fund — and the largest to date — is supporting the University of Rochester’s Flaum Eye Institute’s vision van, which made its debut in late 2021. It travels to schools to provide children from underserved communities with eye exams and, if needed, glasses.

Another grant is in the works to underwrite the costs of taking the bar exam for students of color who graduate from the University at Buffalo School of Law, Todd’s alma mater. He is a partner at Harris Beach PLLC.

“We are very pleased that Leah’s fund is enriching many lives, which reminds us of Leah’s determination,” said Todd.



Darnella and Todd Bullard at the 2019 Pioneer Awards



Vision Van and staff from the University of Rochester’s Flaum Eye Institute

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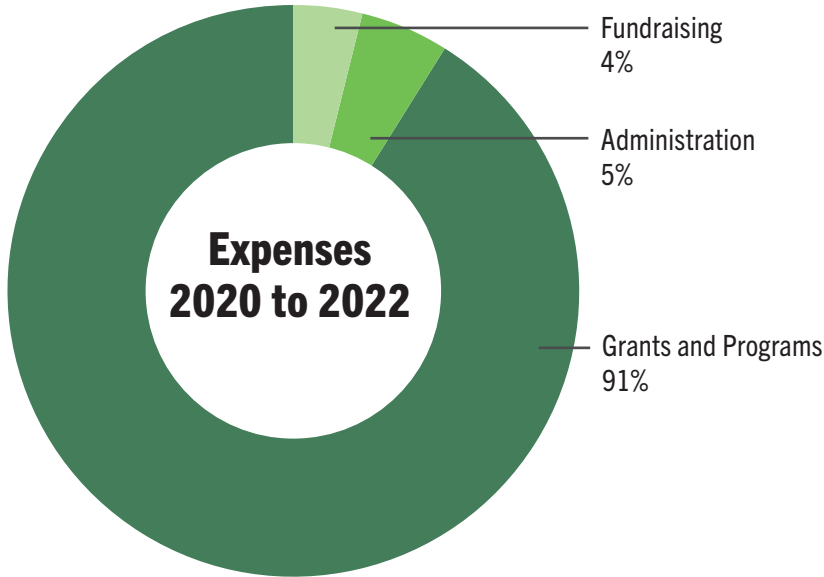
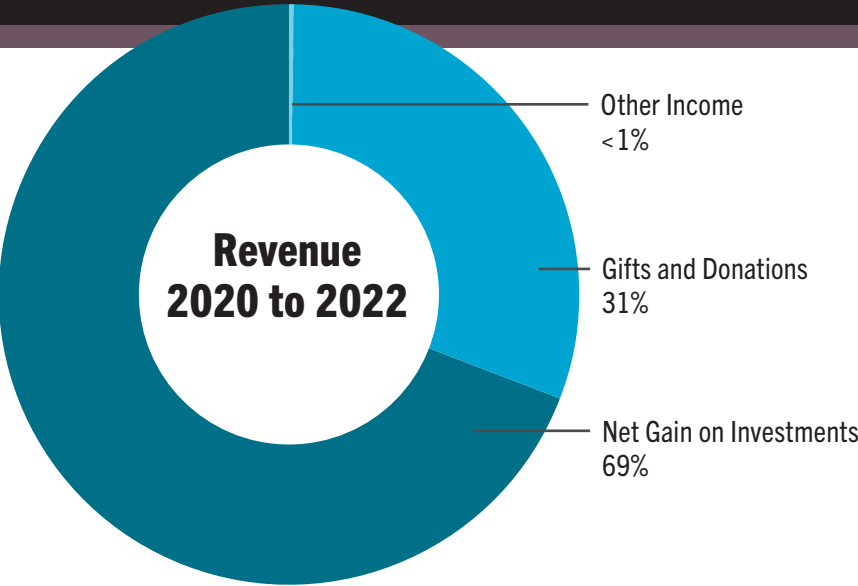
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