

BOARD-APPROVED GRANTS: June 2023  
**GOAL: CREATE AN EQUITABLE COMMUNITY**  
*Education Action Area*

Recommendations are supported by:

- *Ann and Irving Norry Fund*: Life insurance proceeds established this fund for educational needs of inner-city youth.
- *Elizabeth Gibson Holahan Children's Fund*: A prominent decorator and preservationist bequeathed her historic East Boulevard home and residual estate to the Community Foundation, particularly to benefit city children.
- *Greater Rochester Women's Fund*
- *Joan and Harold Feinbloom Fund*: A local family created this fund to carry on their philanthropic legacy of supporting youth and families, including arts and culture programming and violence prevention initiatives.
- *Louis P. and Betty A. Iacona Youth Success Fund*: An endowment fund, established by this Pittsford couple, supports after-school and summer enrichment programs for low-income youth.
- *Philip and Dolores Neivert "Fun Fund"*: Longtime friends of the Community Foundation used a gift of Rite Aid stock to establish this fund to support recreational activities for those who might not have the opportunity.
- *Youth Impact Grants Fund*

**Community Programs: \$150,000**

Out-of-School-Time summer learning opportunities in the Greater Rochester area increase safe places, positive relationships, and enriching activities for youth.

**Allendale Columbia School: \$25,000**

AC Summer LEAP is a five-week summer enrichment program that aims to provide engaging and accessible evidence-based summer learning for Rochester students from low-income families in grades K through 8.

**Celebration of Life Community Inc.: \$10,000**

The Help Me Read (HMR) program is a one-on-one tutoring program that works to address poor literacy rates in the Rochester City School District by pairing 250 elementary students with committed adult tutors for the school year. The program, which operates weekly during the school day, is housed in the school library.

**Frederick Douglass Family Foundation Inc.: \$10,000**

The demand for Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives' (FDI) Anna Murray Douglass Curriculum is growing. This curriculum educates middle school students on the history of the Douglass family and teaches students how to develop research skills, culminating in a self-discovery project where they research their own family's history.

**Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library: \$15,000**

Safe to be Smart provides at-risk youth with a path out of poverty and violence by offering social and emotional support and career exploration in a safe space with trusted adult mentors. The program serves youth at the Central Library in downtown Rochester and at five neighborhood branch libraries, located on Joseph, Webster and Dewey avenues, Arnett Boulevard and Dr. Samuel McCree Way.

**Pearl Resources Inc: \$10,000**

The “Talented Tenth” program recruits 50 male high school students from the Rochester City School Districts to provide them with mentorship, leadership development, skill-building, and employment opportunities. The program is based on the philosophy of training and influencing the “Tenth” to pass their influence, skills, and talent to the next, creating legacy and hope.

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***Poverty Action Area***

Recommendations are supported by:

- *Community Impact Fund*: Unrestricted fund for general charitable and educational purposes.
- *Deanne Molinari Fund*: A Fairport resident created this fund to help youth overcome issues of poverty, limited education, health needs, and violence.
- *Donald and Elizabeth Cohn Fund*: This fund remembers the Cohn family by supporting anti-poverty programs in Rochester.
- *James and Mary Palmer Fund for Children and Youth*: A former teacher created this fund to address systemic inequalities that greatly concerned her and her late husband. The fund seeks to focus on issues related to poverty and the education of the region's children and youth.
- *Joan and Harold Feinbloom Fund*: A local family created this fund to carry on their philanthropic legacy of supporting youth and families, including arts and culture programming and violence prevention initiatives.
- *Livingston County Endowment Fund*: The purpose of this fund is to support myriad community needs and initiatives across a wide spectrum of interest areas in Livingston County.
- *Louis P. and Betty A. Iacona Youth Success Fund*: An endowment fund, established by this Pittsford couple, supports after-school and summer enrichment programs for low-income youth.
- *Mary Elizabeth Conlon Fund*: A generous bequest established this fund to provide food and shelter for children up to age 12. To distribute \$25,000 in capacity building mini grants

**Arc Foundation of Monroe, Inc.: \$9,683**

The Sharing and Sustaining Customized Employment (SSCE) project will expand the impact of Customized Employment (CE) by sharing information and disseminating CE best practices among a wider audience of stakeholders in the field of supported employment for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD).

**Common Ground Health: \$60,000**

The Summer Meals Partnership of Rochester aims to increase and sustain collaboration among summer meals sponsors and providers to increase meal participation and provide quality meals to children in the City of Rochester over the summer months.

**Connected Communities: \$75,000**

To dramatically shift the economic trajectories of underserved communities, collaboration among businesses, government, nonprofits, anchor institutions, and other community actors is required to confront and dismantle systemic barriers to economic mobility, with the end goal of creating resilient, thriving neighborhoods where all residents can prosper in place.

**President's Office: \$10,000**

Rochester Area Community Foundation is serving as the headline sponsor for the 2023 United Way Nonprofit Summit where nonprofit professionals and community leaders across our region come together to learn, network, and collaborate. They will also gain tools and skills to meet growing needs and deliver services that make a lasting impact.

**Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Rochester (CCCS of Rochester): \$15,000**

The Go for Gold Match Savings Program's (Go for Gold) goal is to help low-to-moderate income youth develop healthy financial habits early on in life that will lead to economic self-sufficiency. Utilizing a peer-to-peer education model, the Go for Gold program combines financial concepts with hands-on learning to impart professional skills in public speaking, leadership, conflict resolution and confidence-building. Peer educators receive a stipend for each presentation they conduct and are coached about the benefits of savings.

**Hillside Children's Foundation: \$15,000**

The Hillside Children's Foundation's Community Service program prevents and/or reduces out of home placement by providing an alternative for youth who have been designated as persons in need of supervision (PINS) or juvenile delinquents.

**Wayne County Action Program: \$15,000**

STEADY Work provides paid internship opportunities, coaching and case management for youth who have been identified as at-risk in Wayne County.

**Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes: \$8,000**

The Community Clothing Center has been in operation for many years and continues through the efforts of their volunteer team, grants, and donations. The center coordinates the distribution of clothing and related items to underserved populations in Wayne County and is a crucial asset in the community.

**Cornell Cooperative Extension Wayne County: \$10,998**

The Instant Pots for Cooking Education Project enables SNAP-Ed educators to partner with community agencies in teaching healthy eating habits and cooking methods and techniques, as well as provide practice and experience to program participants. This project will improve cooking skills and enhance participants' drive to cook healthy meals for their family through education and by building positive relationships and positive experiences with food and cooking.

**Hearts for the Homeless of Western New York, Inc.: \$50,000**

This grant will support the pilot phase of a mobile food pantry for individuals and families facing food insecurity in Livingston County. Hearts Food Pantry Express brings a client-choice food pantry into communities in need that have been identified in partnership with community business organizations. This grant will be the first distributed to Livingston County through the Livingston County Endowment Fund (Broad Field-of-Interest Fund), made possible by a \$50,000 donation into the fund by a donor who has interest in supporting grantmaking in Livingston County.

**Ibero Business Center: \$15,000**

The Ibero Business Center (IBC) is a division of the Ibero American Action League. IBC supports aspiring entrepreneurs or existing businesses throughout Western NY and the Finger Lakes. This grant will support the expansion of services in Wayne County.

**Keuka Housing Council, Inc.: \$15,000**

Keuka Housing Council, Inc. is beginning a new program called Firm Roots to be held at The Hope Center. This program will allow any child up to age 17 to enjoy a fresh cooked meal at any time during the normal operational hours of the Center and creates opportunity to learn different life skills such as how to prepare meals, budgeting, and job readiness.

**The Living Well Mission, Inc.: \$20,000**

The Living Well is a community hub fighting food insecurity in Yates County. It also serves as a safe space for youth in the county to participate in after-school programming. This grant will support the expansion of after-school programming to Dundee, which is a high need, underserved area of Yates County.

**New York State Network for Youth Success: \$5,000**

This specific project is focused on bringing a set of community partners together to fund an after-school program for elementary children in Newark, NY.

**Rainbow Junction, Ltd.: \$45,000**

Rainbow Junction is the only daycare center serving the Penn Yan community. The Dundee Children's Center closed in 2022, and Rainbow Junction is acquiring that center to fully reopen. This grant supports the needed updates to both centers to function at full capacity.

**Scarlet Thread Ministries: \$5,000**

Scarlet Thread Ministries currently operates afterschool youth centers in seven districts of Wayne County and one performing arts venue in Williamson. This grant would help to improve facilities, increase access to more youth and support long term staff retention.

**Western New York Rural Area Health Education Center, Inc.: \$7,673**

Wayne County students will be given the opportunity to identify their skills and talents and explore their personal interests and possible careers in the medical field through hands-on activities, videos, virtual experiences, guest speakers, field trips, simulation education training, and games.

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***Racial Equity Action Area***

Recommendations are supported by:

- *Community Impact Fund*: Unrestricted fund for general charitable and educational purposes.
- *Donald and Elizabeth Cohn Fund*: This fund remembers the Cohn family by supporting anti-poverty programs in Rochester.
- *Joan and Harold Feinbloom Fund*: A local family created this fund to carry on their philanthropic legacy of supporting youth and families, including arts and culture programming and violence prevention initiatives.
- *Plumb-Miller Fund*: To benefit youth and preserve the dignity of the elderly.
- *Rogerson Fund for Handicapped Children*: This former private foundation addresses the needs of physically, mentally, socially, and economically disadvantaged children.

**Best Buddies New York: \$15,000**

The Best Buddies School Friendship and Inclusion project will foster one-to-one friendships between students with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) in schools across Western New York.

**Center for Teen Empowerment: \$15,000**

The Center for Teen Empowerment creates an effective space for youth to develop the leadership, professional, and organizing skills that are necessary to navigate challenges in our community.

**Rural & Migrant Ministries: \$65,000**

The Justice Organization of Youth (JOY) utilizes the arts to assist rural, immigrant, and migrant youth in identifying, confronting, and eliminating barriers to their success through leadership development and community-building.

**Spiritus Christi Mental Health Center: \$8,000**

The Spiritus Christi Urban Youth Outreach provides community-based, trauma-informed mental health counseling and clinical case management services to youth, ages 16-25 years, whose lives have been adversely impacted by violence at home and in their community.

**Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach Inc.: \$12,000**

The Family Reunification program provides specialized support to individuals who have been released from incarceration and are seeking to rebuild relationships with their families. The program also works closely with clients and their families to address any underlying issues that may have contributed to their incarceration, and to provide ongoing support and guidance as they navigate the challenges of reentry.

**The Children's Agenda: \$25,000**

To eliminate the use of suspensions and put in place restorative practices in New York schools, The Children's Agenda (TCA) is working to pass the Solutions Not Suspensions bill in the 2023 state legislative session.

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**GOAL: STRENGTHEN REGIONAL VITALITY**  
*Arts Action Area*

Recommendations supported by:

- *Bernice Stauber Fund*: A bequest established this endowment fund to assist Monroe County children under 21 who suffer from a physical, mental, or medical disability.
- *Community Impact Fund*: Unrestricted fund for general charitable/educational purposes.
- *Joan and Harold Feinbloom Fund*: Supporting youth and families, including arts and culture programming and violence prevention initiatives.
- *Rogerson Fund for Handicapped Children*: This former private foundation addresses the needs of physically, mentally, socially, and economically disadvantaged children.
- *VJ Stanley Sr. Fund*: A bequest from the estate of an astute businessman created this fund for children's education, health, and veterans' causes.

**Finger Lakes Opera Inc.: \$28,000**

Finger Lakes Opera respectfully requests gap funding to ensure the continuation of its Young Artist Program, which in turn, will allow the company to provide year-round engagement throughout Rochester and the Finger Lakes region.

**Garth Fagan Dance: \$20,000**

Garth Fagan Dance School will offer its Summer Movement Institute for 40 youth, ages 12-22, with beginner and intermediate levels.

**Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council: \$15,000**

GO ART! will further develop the Explore Art! program to provide diverse and inclusive workshops, classes, events, and opportunities for the residents of Genesee and Orleans counties to experience and interact with the arts in meaningful, enriching, and positive ways.

**Geva Theatre Center: \$15,000**

The P.L.A.Y. Program serves nearly 10,000 students annually in grades K-12 from more than 100 schools from urban, suburban, and rural districts and private schools located throughout nine counties.

**IDEA (Innovation, Design, Education, Art) Collective: \$15,000**

This program aims to improve children's learning abilities and decrease juvenile crime and violence in Yates County by providing STEAM-based learning opportunities through environmental education and arts and crafts kits.

**PUSH Physical Theatre: \$15,000**

The PUSH Artist-in-Residence program at Villa of Hope teaches skills to teens with complex emotional, behavioral, and educational needs that help them identify and cope with their emotions, control feelings of stress, and make positive choices regarding their actions towards themselves and others.

**Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra: \$20,000**

Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra Access to Education Programming will bring impactful, educational musical programming to 35,000 students in 2023.

**The Hochstein School: \$15,000**

Hochstein's Expressive Arts Department serves children and youth with developmental disabilities, and those with other mental, physical, and/or cognitive challenges and provides individual and group music, art, and dance therapy.

**The Research Foundation for SUNY: \$20,000**

This project will provide a STEAM-based summer curriculum in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.