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CREATING AN EQUITABLE COMMUNITY

$2,171,569

Closing Academic Achievement and Opportunity Gaps

$1,497,191

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

- The Avenue Blackbox Theatre: Children’s Theatre Project, $10,500*
- Baden Street Settlement’s Metro Council for Teen Potential: Unintended Pregnancy Prevention, $15,000
- Best Buddies New York: School Friendship and Inclusion, $15,000**
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Rochester
  - Sports Buddies Pilot Program, $10,000*
  - Youth Mentoring and Family Support, $15,000**
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Rochester: Weekend Free Play Zone, $25,000*
- Canandaigua Kiwanis Foundation: Dream Big Inclusion in Motion, $25,000*

Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes:  
- Childhood Counseling & Intervention Program (CCIP), $112,500**
- College Bound, $35,000**

Center for Disability Rights: Rochester Rookies, $12,815*

The Center for Teen Empowerment:  
- Citywide Youth Peace Conference Process, $7,450*
- Neighborhood-based Youth Organizing Initiative, $15,000**

The Center for Youth: Community Navigator Support for Homeless Youth, $20,000**

The Children’s Agenda:  
- Advocacy to Support Successful Outcomes, $20,000**
- General Support 2022, $60,000

Children’s Institute:  
- Behavioral Supports for Children, $50,000
- Early Childhood Education Quality Council, $25,000
- Rochester Early Childhood Assessment Partnership, $30,000
- Rochester Area Parent Program, $20,000
- Rochester International Children’s Film Festival, $5,000

Community Resource Collaborative:  
- Build Educate Rise and Restore (B.E.R.R.) - Infinite Mindz Summer Enrichment, $10,000

- Marvelous Mind Bridge Care Program, $10,000
- Saving AJ Youth Tech Academy, $5,000

Congregation Beth Sholom: Youth Initiative, $16,000

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Rochester: Making a Connection Academy, a Youth Financial Empowerment Program, $10,000**

Disability EmpowHer Network: EmpowHer ROC for Girls with Disabilities, $10,000

Eastman Community Music School: Play It Forward, $10,000*

EnCompass: Resources for Learning, $15,000**

Family Counseling Service of the Finger Lakes: You Are Not Alone Youth Program, $5,000*

Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library:  
- Library Extension, $3,000*
- Safe to be Smart, $10,000**

Friends of Roc City Skatepark: ROC Rolling Friends, Mentors & Guides Project, $25,000*

Garth Fagan Dance: School Dance Floors, $17,866*

Genesee-Orleans Youth Bureau: Youth Outreach, $2,500

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**Capacity-Building, $10,000**

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

**Conference and Training, $1,400**

**Nazareth University:** Global Citizenship Conference and Training, $1,400

**New York Kitchen:** Junior Chef Initiative, $5,000*

**New York Stage Network for Youth Success:** After-School and Summer Capacity-Building, $10,000

**ORA Academy:** Support for Torah Education for Women, $5,000

**Partners in Restorative Initiatives:** Training Youth, $8,000**

**Player 1 Academy:** Summer Enrichment Program, $10,000

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

**Reach Out and Read:** Rx for Early Literacy Rochester, $25,000

**The Research Foundation for SUNY:**
   - Brockport Summer Learning, $8,100**
   - Soaring Stars Program at SUNY Geneseo, $20,000**

**RMG Elites:** Youth Football and Cheer, $10,000

**Roberts Wesleyan University:** Summer Camp, $9,900*

**Roc E6:** Increase Youth Sports Participation, $25,000*

**Rochester Childfirst Network:** Family Child Care Satellites, $30,000

**Rochester City Ballet:** Kids on the Move, $6,500*

**Rochester City School District:** Engineering/Optics Program, $47,000

**Rochester Education Foundation:** Urban Education Fund, $8,000

**Rochester Hearing & Speech Center:** Learning Through Language and Movement, $20,000**

**Rochester Regional Health:** Scrubs Club, $12,711

**Rochester Rookies Wheelchair & Ambulatory Track & Field Program:** Adaptive Sports Program, $10,000

**Rochester's Child:** Support for Early Childhood Efforts, $37,171

**SewGreen@Rochester:** 2023 Internship Program, $12,567*

**Sodus Bay Junior Sailing Association:** Access for All Sailing Program, $5,000*

**Spirit NYS:** Helping Homeless Students Graduate, $10,000*

**Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach:** Family Reunification Program, $11,000**

**St. Phillip Missionary Baptist Church:** Express Yourself, $25,000

**Starbridge Services:** Family and Youth Education and Advocacy Services, $5,000**

**Third Presbyterian Church:** Great Schools for All, $21,500

**Vertus Charter School:**
   - Career Exploration for At-Risk Youth, $10,000*
   - Services for Students with Learning Disabilities, $9,000

**Wayne Action for Racial Equity:** Glow Up Girl Equestrian Camp, $2,500

**Wayne County Action Program:**
   - Resiliency and Equity Developed Through Sports, $25,000◊
   - Wayne Arts for All, $5,000

**Wilson Commencement Park at PathStone:** Youth Program, $10,000*

**Writers & Books:** Junior Apprenticeship Opportunity, $6,450**

**Yates Cultural & Recreational Resources:** Raise the State of Play, $25,000◊

**Young Women's College Prep Foundation:** uAspire Advising Program, $4,750*

**$161,000**

Fostering Racial and Ethnic Understanding and Equity

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

**540WMain:** Support for Programming to Dismantle Racism, $50,000

**Center for Teen Empowerment:** Neighborhood-Based Youth Organizing, $60,000

**PathStone Foundation:** Video Modules for Antiracist Curriculum Project, $51,000

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**Partnering Against Poverty**

$513,378

Creating community awareness and understanding and encouraging collaborative efforts to increase prosperity and reduce the effects of poverty. The total includes grants for Holiday Toys and Summer Mini Meals (at right), as well as Wayne County food pantries (page 6).

- **Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation:** Healthy Homes for Very Low-Income Seniors, $7,500*
- **Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes:** Community Clothing Center, $5,000°
- **City Roots Community Land Trust:** Transforming Derelict Properties, $50,000
- **Community Action of Orleans and Genesee:** Financial Assistance Grant Program, $15,000
- **Community Food Cupboard of Rochester:** Replenish Food Supply, $2,500
- **Community Resource Collaborative:** Imprinting Lives, $10,000
- **Empire Justice Center:** C.A.S.H. Program’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, $75,000
- **Family Promise of Greater Rochester:** Financial Assistance Grant Program, $4,500
- **Foodlink:** Summer Meals Ambassadors Project, $1,600
- **Goodwill of the Finger Lakes:** Community Connections Desk Pilot Project, $74,000
- **Greater Rochester Enterprise Foundation:** 2023 Economic Gardening, $40,000
- **Ibero-American Action League:** Operational Support, $150,000
- **Keuka Housing Council:** Hope Center (Phase 2), $13,100
- **North Rose United Methodist Church:** Food Pantry, $2,500°
- **The Salvation Army:** Assistance with Affordable Housing Application Fees for Shelter Residents, $3,778

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**Survivor Advocacy Center of the Finger Lakes:** Financial Assistance Grant Program, $17,000
- **Wayne County Rural Ministry Community Center:** Heat and Rental Assistance, $5,000°

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**STRENGTHENING REGIONAL VITALITY**

$1,982,563

**Supporting Arts and Culture**

$813,369

Encouraging vibrant and diverse arts and cultural offerings and improving the capacity of local arts organizations. Total also includes grants from the New York State Council on the Arts (page 7).

- **BioDance:** Taking New Dance Works Into the Community, $5,000
- **Blackfriars Theatre:** “Once On This Island” Creative Collaboration, $5,000
- **Center for Teen Empowerment:** Clarissa Uprooted’s Pythodub Tribute Mural, $5,000
- **The Center for Youth:** Strings for Success, $5,000
- **DEEP Arts:** Finding Home, $5,000
- **The Dove Block Project:** Educate Community on Arthur Dove’s Connection to the Finger Lakes, $5,000
- **Flower City Arts Center:** Youth Photography and Writing Program, $12,000**
- **Friendly Senior Living:** Music Matters: Music Therapy, $5,000
- **Garth Fagan Dance:**
  - Summer Movement Institute, $15,000**
  - Introduction to StageCraft Careers Training, $5,000
- **Gateways Music Festival:** 2023 Festival Includes Performances in Rochester, New York City, and Chicago, $50,000

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**Holiday Toys**

$6,600

Since 1999, 298 grants totaling more than $155,000 have been distributed from the *Hubertus and Helmi Behrla Endowment Fund* to nonprofits in our region to help make the holidays brighter for children they serve. The following organizations each received grants of $825 for the 2022 holidays:

- **Ark of the Covenant Church of God By Faith**
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Rochester**
- **Champions of Change**
- **The Hub585**
- **Roc Royal Foundation**
- **Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach**
- **Trinity Inter-Faith Church**
- **Wayne Arc**

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**Summer Meals Mini-Grants**

$18,000

This capacity-building grant program seeks to increase the number of children and youth in the City of Rochester receiving summer meals and the number of days meals are served.

- **441 Ministries:** Kids Camp Summer Meals Program, $1,211
- **Agape Haven of Abundance:** Summer Enrichment Program, $1,500
- **Ark of The Covenant Church of God By Faith:** Summer Meals Program, $1,250
- **Dreamteam Universal LLC:** Feed the Dreamers, $5,000
- **Creative Kids Zone Childcare Center:** Breakfast & Lunch Program, $2,500
- **Research Foundation for SUNY Brockport:** Summer Learning, $2,500
- **Roc Royal Foundation:** DREAM 585 Youth Summer Program, $1,500
- **Salvation Army Rochester:** Summer Adventure Program, $1,250
- **YMCA of Greater Rochester:** Meal Delivery, $2,189

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

Genesee Valley Council on the Arts:
Creative Artists Migrant Program Services, $5,000

Geneva Music Festival:
• Website Redesign and Implementation, $5,000
• 2023 Festival, $7,500

George Eastman Museum: The Art of Movie Music, $5,000

Greece Community Broadcasting: Jazz 90.1 FM Cultural Programming, $5,000

Grupo Cultural Latinos En Rochester:
Los Del Mambo, $5,000

The Hochstein School: Making Music, Making Strides, $5,000

Livingston County Historical Society:
Anti-Slavery Society Digital Display, $5,000

Louisville Visual Arts Association:
Constance Mitchell, Minister Franklin Florence and Malcolm X Mural at East High, $5,000

Magical Journey Thru Stages: Summer Youth Theatre Programs, $5,000

Main Street Arts: Exhibition Programming, $5,000

Mary Cariola Children’s Center: Art Therapy, $5,000

Pegasus Early Music: Old and New: Collaboration with fivebyfive, $5,000

Pennsylvania Yankee Theatre Company:
Youth Summer Camp in Penn Yan, $5,000

Publick Musick: Professional Period-Instrument Concerts, $4,000

PUSH Physical Theatre: FLUSH: Your Future Self Will Thank You, $8,000

Rochester City Ballet: Emerging Choreographers’ Initiative, $7,000

Rochester Fringe Festival: 2023 Festival, $50,000

Rochester International Jazz Festival: 2022 Jazz Street Stage Sponsorship, $30,000

Rochester Oratorio Society: Arts Connexions, $7,200

Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra:
• 2022-23 Education Programming, $5,000
• 2022 Access to Educational Programming, $20,000**

Smith Center for the Arts: Establishing Streaming Capacity, $5,000

Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach: Family Reunification: Arts & Nature Project, $5,000

St. Peter’s Community Arts Academy: Success of the Next Generation, $13,650**

The Strong: 2022 Juneteenth Activities and Support for Free Admission, $12,500

Student Arts Foundation: Access to the Arts, $5,000

Timothy M. Draper Center for Dance Education: Ballet Jump-Start!, $5,000

Vertus Charter School: Music Education, $9,000

Village of Brockport: “Macbeth” at the Morgan-Manning House, $5,000

Visual Studies Workshop:
• Pressure Gradient, $15,000
• ROC Arts United Rochester Arts Convenings, $1,869

Preserving Historical Assets

**$226,860**

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

540WMain: Gentrification Conference 2023, $15,000

Brockport First Baptist Church: Repair of Stained Glass, $5,000

Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association: Underwater Shipwreck Preserve on Canandaigua Lake, $10,000

The Center for Youth: Bridge to Peace — a Historical Site, $15,000

The Cobblestone Society: Building Restoration and Electrical Upgrades, $12,000

The Dove Block Project: Building an Arts Center, $10,000

Wayne County Food Pantries

**$11,400**

With support from the Bullis Fund, the Wayne County Community Endowment awarded grants to food pantry programs, with more money going to those located in areas with poverty rates higher than 15 percent. The following food-distribution programs received grants of $1,425:

Clyde United Methodist Church Food Pantry

Cougar Cupboard in Wolcott

Daily Bread Food Pantry in Williamson

Macedon Center United Methodist Church Food Pantry

Newark Food Closet

Palmyra-Macedon Food Pantry

Sodus Point United Methodist Church Food Pantry

Wayne County Action Program Success Center in Sodus

Friends of Ganondagan: Haudenosaunee Traditions, $13,008

Friends of Parrott Hall: Restoration of Historic Building in Geneva, $10,000

Galen Historical Society: Technology and Building Improvements, $2,500*

George Eastman Museum: Transforming Our Visitors’ Experience Phase II, $15,000

Harriet Tubman Bicentennial Committee: Research on African Americans’ Contributions, $10,000

Joseph Avenue Arts and Culture Alliance: Stained Glass Windows, $15,000

Landmark Society of Western New York:
• Landmark Society/Rochester Historical Society Collection Assessment, $19,912
• Window Workforce Pilot Training Program, $20,000

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New York State Council on the Arts Regranting:
$296,150

In Spring 2022, New York State Council on the Arts awarded a grant to Rochester Area Community Foundation Initiatives to distribute one-time grants for arts projects by nonprofit and public organizations in the Foundation’s eight-county region. Grants to 61 organizations were intended to increase audience reach, organizational capacity, and equitable access to program support. At NYSCA’s request, funding was set aside for a report on the creative economy in upstate New York. Compiled by the Center for an Urban Future, find it at racf.org/reports. All grants were $5,000 unless noted below.

540WMain: Anna Murray Douglass and Rosetta Douglass Public Murals
Agape Haven of Abundance: Urban Youth Empowerment Program
Cheshire Community Action Team: Summer Arts
City Roots Community Land Trust: Art on the Avenue
Community Resource Collaborative: HEAL Project
Cornell Cooperative Extension-Yates: 4-H Fine Arts and Crafts Project Kits for Youth and Families
Educational Success Foundation: Our Voices Mural Project
EnCompass: Resources for Learning: Summer of the Arts
EZ Kids Creativity Shell: Sewing/Textile Arts Education for Mental Health
Finger Lakes Area Counseling and Recovery: Exploring Cultures Through Art
Finger Lakes Community Band: Working with an Underserved Community, $2,600
First Universalist Society of Rochester: Honorarium for Musicians Performing at Washington Square Concerts
Friends of the Three Bears: Cultural Community Connections
Genesee Valley Orchestra and Chorus: Honoring Florence Price, Nathaniel Dett, and Margaret Bonds Through Music and Community
GiGi’s Playhouse: Music in Motion
Greentopia: The Symbol
Hinge Neighbors: Composers Crossing
Ibero-American Action League: Dia Dominicano at the International Plaza
Irondequoit Community Orchestra: Amplifying Local Voices
Isaiah House: Flower City Arts Documentary “Terminal”
Jazz 90.1 FM/Greece Community Broadcasting: Community Concert Series
Jewish Family Service of Rochester, Inc.: Pencils & Paper Program
Kids That Roc: GENERATION Z
Linwood: “Macbeth” at Linwood Gardens, $4,000
Literacy Volunteers of Wayne County: Literacy Through the Arts
Lyons Community Center: The Youth Art Council
M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence: Mural Restoration
Madrigalia: 2022-23 Season Programming
Mary Cariola Children’s Center: Creative Arts Therapy
Mentors Inspiring Boys & Girls: Breaking the School-to-Prison Pipeline Stage Play
Metro Council for Teen Potential: Mighty Librarians
Monroe County Family Coalition: L.O.V.E. is the Answer Mural Arts Project, $2,600
Nativity Preparatory Academy of Rochester: Student Art Lessons with Flower City Arts Center
New York Kitchen: Tasteful Creations
New York State Network for Youth Success: Opening the Door to the Arts for High-Needs Rural Children
Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension: 4-H Family and Consumer Sciences Identity and Belonging Fashion Project, $2,500
Our Lady of Mercy School for Young Women: Children’s Theatre
Puerto Rican Festival: Support for the Annual Festival
Rainbow Junction, Ltd: Updated and Specialized Art Supplies
Roc Royal Foundation: 585 DREAM After-School Arts and Entertainment Program
Rochester Academy Charter School: STEAM Family Nights and School Assemblies
Rochester Childfirst Network: Summer Adventures 2022
Rochester Community Players: Shakespeare’s “Antony and Cleopatra” at the Highland Bowl in Summer 2022
Rochester Institute of Technology: Planning Meeting for Deaf/Blind Children’s Play
St. Michael’s Woodshop: Summer Program 2022
St. Peter’s Community Arts Academy: The Success of the Next Generation … A Community Partnership
Saunders Finger Lakes Museum: Mural Project
Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park: Community Conversation Programs
South Wedge Planning Committee: Arts in the Market
Southwest Area Neighborhood Association: Concerts & Crafts at Montgomery Neighborhood Center, $4,830
Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach: Family Reunification: Arts & Nature Project
Student Arts Foundation: Arts Day
Swillburg Neighborhood Association: Life and Legacy of Blanche Calloway
Trillium Health: MOCHA Center Power Mural
United Youth Music and Arts: Drumline and Martial Arts
Veterans Outreach Center: Artistic Expressions From Those Who Have Served Our Nation
Villa of Hope: Arts Reaching and Teaching
Wayne Action for Racial Equity: Artists as Historians — Empowering Wayne County Youth to Overcome the Whitewashing of Local History
Wayne County Action Program: Opening the Door to the Arts for High-Needs Rural Children
Wayne County Historical Society: Wayne County Memories Book
YWCA-Rochester & Monroe County: Activists and Allies, $4,620
Pennsylvania Yankee Theatre Company: Renovation of Sampson Theatre in Penny Yan, $19,440

St. John’s Episcopal Church Canandaigua: Bell Tower Restoration and Stabilization, $15,000

University of Rochester, River Campus Libraries, and Memorial Art Gallery: Archiving the Black Lives Matter Movement, $20,000

**Advancing Environmental Justice and Sustainability**

$186,080

*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 of the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region: 2023 Climate-Focused Collective Impact, $70,000

National Audubon Society: Youth Leadership Program, $2,500

Rochester ENEergy Efficiency and Weatherization: Support for Collective Impact Partnerships, $73,000

Taproot Collective: Strengthening Our Roots, $40,580

**Promoting Successful Aging**

$756,254

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

Catholic Charities Family and Community Services: Lifespan’s Gerontology Certificate Program, $1,199

Catholic Charities of Buffalo: Home Visitation Program, $65,000

Community Action of Orleans and Genesee: Door Through Door Transportation, $133,166

Genesee County Office for the Aging:
- Centralized Intake, $88,000
- Marketing Coordination, $16,225
- Got Groceries? Program, $14,464

Genesee Senior Foundation: Recreation Mini-Grant Program, $5,000

Greater Rochester Area Partnership for the Elderly: ElderPages Directory, $8,000

JustCause: Helping Elders Law Project, $10,000

Lifespan of Greater Rochester:
- Financial Management Volunteer Assistance Program, $45,000
- Healthcare Coordination for Individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, $60,000

Monroe County Aging Alliance: Operating Support, $95,000

PathStone Corp.: Genesee County Handyman Program, $72,000

Richmond Memorial Library: Library Visits Program, $60,000

T. Franklin Williams, MD Foundation: Enhancing Resident Independence and Connectivity, $7,200

United Way of Greater Rochester and the Finger Lakes: Aging Alliance/Livable Community Initiative, $76,000

Broadly Aligned Strategic Grants

$214,312

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

ACT Rochester: Support for Community Indicators Project, $202,612

Center for Governmental Research: Latino Community Profile, $11,700

**Other Regional Grants**

$169,750

*Supporting a wide array of interests throughout our eight-county region. Includes grants awarded through the Bullis Fund, one of our geographic affiliates. Total also includes hospice grants from the Joseph E. Brown Fund (listed in breakout on next page).*

Causewave Community Partners: Capacity Building, $3,000

Cracker Box Palace:
- Animal Shelter and Historic Farm, $10,000
- Strengthening our Community Farm, $2,250

Heritage Christian Services: Springdale Farm Animal Care, $5,000

Historic Palmyra: Windows and Painting for the Erie Canal Depot, $25,000

Humane Society of Greater Rochester: Farm Animal Rescue and Adoption Program, $5,000

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Generous donors made it possible for the Community Foundation to distribute grants and scholarships totaling $39.2 million between April 1, 2022, and March 31, 2023. In the pages that follow, you’ll find only the new funds established during that time, as well as those that converted to Forever Funds.

Fund balances are current as of March 31, 2023. At the request of some donors, fund names and/or balances are omitted.

Funds That Support Changing Needs

Forever Funds
These 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.

Shirley A. King Pay It Forward Fund, 2022: A single mom, who relocated to Rochester because of its livability, created this fund to give back to the community that has given so much to her.

Ann M. Mayer Fund, 2022: A bequest from a retired Churchville-Chili Central School District elementary school teacher and librarian and co-author of nonfiction children’s books, established this fund to support the community. $67,403

Nathan Robfogel Discretionary Fund, 2022: A Community Foundation founding board member used proceeds from an insurance policy to create this fund to support the changing needs of the community. $55,169

John B. Rumsey, 2023: A longtime journalist for Rochester’s former Times-Union requested that this advised fund convert to one that will support the ever-changing needs of our community forever. $88,591

Field of Interest Funds
This type of fund ensures permanent support for a donor’s favorite charitable interests.

Joan and Harold Feinbloom Fund, 2022: A local family converted a supporting foundation to this type of fund to carry on its philanthropic legacy by supporting youth and families, including arts and culture programming and violence prevention initiatives. $5,734,991

Latino Giving Circle Fund, 2022: Created by community members, this fund for annual giving and endowment will provide support for nonprofit organizations addressing ongoing issues important to the Latino community. $25,724

Scholarship Funds
These new funds and existing scholarship funds help students pursuing college, trade school, advanced degrees, or special enrichment opportunities. Check out more at racf.org/Scholarships.

Savin Engineers, P.C. Scholarship Fund, 2022: This Westchester County-based firm, which is administering Phase II of the Rochester City School District’s school modernization project, established this fund to support RCSD graduates pursuing college degrees. $102,700

Chuck Tuttle Scholarship Fund, 2022: A bequest from a retired Rochester City School District science teacher established this fund to assist motivated students who have financial need and plan to attend the State University of New York at Brockport for an associate’s or bachelor’s degree. $235,916

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.

Aging Alliance Initiative Fund, 2022: Supports a joint initiative of Rochester Area Community Foundation and United Way of Greater Rochester and the Finger Lakes that provides guidance and focus to promote the value and well-being of older adults.

NYSCA Regrant Fund, 2022: Supports a partnership with New York State Council on the Arts to award one-time grants for art projects to increase audience reach, organizational capacity, or equitable access to program support. (List of grantees on page 7)

Funds That Support Specific Charities

Designated Funds
Individuals or organizations created these funds 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).

Fred C. Beyer Memorial Scholarship Fund, 2023: This fund was established to honor a father’s lifelong commitment to public education and educational leadership. Benefits students at the Fred C. Beyer High School in Modesto, CA. $68,698

Funds that Support Broad 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.
John and Carol Condezi Fund, 2022: A donor-advised fund established by a local doctor who made advancements in allergies, asthma, immunology, and rheumatology, converted at his death to one that will provide ongoing support for Geva Theatre Center. $50,815

Laurel Gibbs Memorial Fund, 2022: A bequest from a retired nurse established this fund to support Blue Star Mothers of America, Victor Farmington Library, Finger Lakes Land Trust, and The Friends of Ganondagan. $1,313,697

The James Vernard Leenhouts Memorial Scholarship Fund, 2022: Established by the family of a young man who was tragically killed by a drunk driver in 1968, this fund provides aid to graduates of Marion Jr.-Senior High School in Wayne County who plan to attend a two- or four-year college or trade school.

McMath Family Fund, 2022: A bequest from a former Community Foundation board member, who also assisted early organizers of the Yates Community Endowment, established this fund to annually support the Blessed Sacrament Church Supper Program and the Foundation’s general endowment. $66,299

Pat and Tom Mitchell Fund, 2022: A Webster couple established this endowed fund to provide ongoing support to the Center for Youth, St. Joseph’s Neighborhood Center, and University of Rochester Golisano’s Children’s Hospital. $24,847

Organization Endowment
Nonprofit organizations that place their endowments with the Community Foundation enjoy permanent stewardship, access to planned giving tools, and the benefit of participating in a multimillion-dollar investment pool.

Brighter Futures Endowment Supporting The Children’s Agenda, 2023: This fund supports efforts to advocate for effective policies and drive evidenced-based solutions for the health, education, and success of children. $50,178

Community Place of Greater Rochester

• Board-Designated Fund, 2022: Supports the operations of a neighborhood-based community center serving northeast Rochester.

• Reserve Fund, 2022: Provides for long-term financial needs of this organization.

The Mark Cuddy Fund for Artistic Excellence, 2022: Geva Theatre Center established this fund to honor the legacy of its 27-year artistic director. $51,074

The Henderson Harrison and Alston Foundation Fund, 2022: The roots of the Henderson Foundation began in the early 2000s as a way to pool contributions from local African American-owned automobile dealers to help youth and faith-based causes. This effort is being continued by the Henderson, Harrison, and Alston families to support and address needs in the community.

Livingston County Cares Endowment Fund, 2022: This organization endowment fund supports local, national, and international humanitarian projects, including disaster relief and recovery efforts.

Rochester Education Foundation

• Edward Wilson Scholarship Fund, 2022: This fund was created to honor the memory of a beloved Rochester City School District social studies and history teacher who served for more than 30 years.

• Peg Witmer Memorial Fund, 2022: This fund supports programs and initiatives at Rochester’s School 4 in memory of a longtime teacher who worked there.

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.

Jeff Alicandro Memorial Fund, 2022: Established by the family of a dedicated and beloved agriculturist who worked hard to support educational opportunities for young adults interested in life sciences.

Clairebear Fund, 2022: An Ontario County family established this fund in memory of their four-year-old daughter to help parents with sick children who are far from home.

Karen M. Duguid, MD and Wallace E. Johnson, MD Fund, 2022: A local couple created this fund to further their philanthropic interests, particularly to support those from the Greater Rochester region who are ill, elderly, disabled, or destitute.

Florence Fund, 2022: Longtime Monroe County Family Court Judge Joan Kohout established this fund, named for her mother, to advance her philanthropic goals.

Handy Charitable Fund, 2022: A Pittsford couple’s bequest established this endowed donor-advised fund for their son and daughter to continue the family’s charitable giving by supporting the areas of health, education and youth, historic preservation, the arts, and Monroe County. $1,183,974

Max Kamin-Cross Positive Social Action Fund, 2022: This fund was established through the contributions of many to honor a local advocate who was passionate about positive change and social justice.

Gian Xavier Ortiz Memorial Fund, 2022: Established by Gian’s parents, Denishe and Orlando, and his brother, Esaias, this fund honors the life of a graduate of the Golisano Children’s Hospital NICU and a resilient two-year-old who developed an admiration for books, “folding” bibs, and playing cars. The fund will support education and special health care initiatives for City of Rochester children. $25,889

Bruce Popper Memorial Fund, 2022: Friends and colleagues of a local labor leader established this fund to honor him and his contributions to our community. $17,065

Rochester Downtown Vitality Fund, 2022: Established by Rochester Downtown Development Corporation to honor longtime leader Heidi Zimmer-Meyer, this fund will support initiatives within the future Business Improvement District boundaries.

Louise and Bob Slaughter Fund, 2022: The family of the Rochester area’s longtime U.S. Congressional representative and her husband created this fund to honor Louise and Bob’s service and dedication to the community. $248,540

Simmons Family Fund, 2022: An Ontario County family established this fund to help fulfill their philanthropic goals locally and their interest in historical and land conservation and preservation.