



YATES COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT



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2024 Annual Report

This past year, the Yates Community Endowment of Rochester Area Community Foundation awarded 23 grants totaling \$160,850 to support nonprofits that serve Yates County residents.

2024 Grant Recipients

Arts Center of Yates County: To provide funding for elementary students to attend the Sunny Point visual arts day camp. \$5,550

Black Brown and Diverse Plant-Based People for Equity: To expand plant-based food education, distribution, and collaboration with organizations addressing food insecurity in Yates County. \$1,000

Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes: To respond to immediate, basic housing needs, and meet long-term stability goals of families in Yates County. \$5,000

Cornell Cooperative Extension: To expand current family life skills programming and continue youth outreach efforts. \$5,000

Court Appointed Special Advocates of the Southern Tier, Inc.: Supports this advocacy program for children, birth to age 21, who are involved in the Family Court System due to a neglect or abuse situation by a parental figure. Assigned volunteers remain with the child(ren) until a safe-stable nurturing home is secured. \$7,500

Dundee Fresh Grocery: Supports the increase of access to fresh produce for food insecure residents in Yates County. \$40,000

Keuka Housing Council, Inc.: To expand the affordable housing program supporting home ownership and independent living. \$15,000

Literacy Volunteers Ontario Yates: To allow the organization to expand and improve its one-on-one tutoring services by supporting the redesign and purchasing of new furniture to better meet the learners' needs. \$5,000

The Living Well: Provides operating support for the agency's food insecurity programming. \$1,000

Manor Crest Foundation: To lease an aquarium to create a tranquil sensory experience for individuals experiencing anxiety, agitation, memory loss, and/or depression. \$2,500

Milly's Pantry: For a pilot youth cooking and nutrition education program to help reduce food insecurity and improve academic readiness. \$11,500

Our Town Rocks: Supports ongoing operational costs to continue to preserve and improve the physical, social, and economic health of the Barrington/Starkey/Dundee neighborhood. \$4,500

Pennsylvania Yankee Theatre Company: Provides operational support for the Summer Youth Camp, which provides a safe and educational summer activity for area youth. \$3,500

Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc.: Supports the Hope Center Keuka Food Pantry, which is located within walking distance of many low-income housing units and offers case managers who help with customer referrals to wraparound services. \$8,800

Rochester Folk Art Guild: Provides operational support to strengthen the guild's community outreach and cultural programming. \$5,000

Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes: Supports the "Kids Right to Personal Safety" educational program for pre-K to 6th grade students in Yates County schools. \$1,500

Saunders Finger Lakes Museum: Provides gap funding for the Wetland and Wildlife Enhancement Project, expanding access to wetlands and adding picnic areas and a permanent dock for non-motorized boat usage. \$8,000

St. Mark's Episcopal Church: Supports this Penn Yan church's 24/7 emergency food and supplies program that provides non-perishable goods to those in need. \$3,000

Sweet Farm Foundation: Supports the Healthy Vegetables Program by providing fresh produce for food-insecure residents of Yates County. \$5,000

Yates Christmas Program: Provides operating support for year-round emergency supply provision to Yates County residents. \$5,000

Yates County History Center: Provides operating support for the center to continue to provide free admission and educational programs at a low cost to the community. \$2,500

Yates Cultural & Recreational Resources: Supports operations at the Yates Community Center, particularly for county residents who cannot afford memberships and/or programming. \$5,000

YMCA of Greater Rochester: For scholarships for Yates County youth ages 3 to 15 to attend the YMCA's Camp Cory day camp. \$10,000

These grants are made possible through the Yates Community Endowment Fund and affiliate funds, which include the Robert F. Flickinger Memorial Fund, McMullen Family Fund, Spring Hill Fund, and Willie Taaffe Memorial Fund. This year, additional funding came from Rochester Area Community Foundation's Community Impact Fund, along with the Rachel Susan Beimler Campership Fund, Children's Fund, Mary Elizabeth Conlon Fund, Kathleen E. and Thomas S. D'Antonio Charitable Fund, Jonathan D. Foster Fund, Miles and Lizzie Houck Fund, Gerald P. and Karen S. Kral Fund, Winona E. Moore Fund, and Simmons Family Fund.

About Us

The Yates Community Endowment is a permanent endowment fund at Rochester Area Community Foundation. Since its beginning in 2011, the Endowment has made it a goal to consistently support local nonprofits that are on the front lines dealing with the county's evolving needs. By doing that, neighbors are helping neighbors.

Yates Community Endowment has distributed nearly \$900,000 in grants to nonprofit organizations serving Yates County.

Donor Spotlight



"My wife, Susan, and I have deep, long-standing family ties to Yates County. We have been blessed to live here and strike a balance between raising a family, our careers, having fun, and contributing time and money with multiple organizations over the years. I guess we came by that naturally. Both of our parents instilled in us a work ethic to help local organizations. We have passed that along to the next generation.

Carrying on the tradition, I currently serve on the Yates Community Center fundraising committee to generate support for the new multi-generational fieldhouse. Susan serves on the board of directors for UR Medicine, Finger Lakes Health, and the Penn Yan Academy Athletic Hall of Fame.

The Yates Community Endowment has a great tradition of supporting multiple Yates County organizations. Let's continue that Yates tradition of helping others by contributing to the Yates Community Endowment."

—Steve Stork

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Questions about grantmaking and the work of the Advisory Committee



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Please donate and co-invest in Yates County today!

The volunteers of Yates Community Endowment and staff of Rochester Area Community Foundation recognize that rural communities are often less likely to apply for and receive funding to address inequities. To remedy the "rural blind spot," we have partnered to increase our investment in Yates County. With your help, we can do more to empower outstanding nonprofits that serve the places you live, work, and love.