

2026 Annual Report

This past year, the Yates Community Endowment (YCE) Advisory Committee of Rochester Area Community Foundation awarded **18 grants totaling \$138,633** to nonprofits that support youth and families, arts and culture, education, childcare, and food access in Yates County.

The grants listed below 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, Rochester Area Community Foundation's generous donor advised fundholders provided an additional \$10,759 to put towards the YCE grantmaking in addition to support from the following permanent funds entrusted to the Community Foundation: W.R. and Dorothy Brogan Fund, Mary Elizabeth Conlon Fund, Maxon Family Charitable Fund, and Philip and Dolores Neivert Fund. An asterisk (*) indicates grant amounts that include this extra support.

2026 Grant Recipients

Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation, Inc.: For home repairs and modifications that ensure families can remain safe and independent in their residences. \$6,000

Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes: To respond to immediate, basic housing needs and utility assistance while working towards long-term stability for families in Yates County. \$7,500*

Cornell Cooperative Extension, Yates County: Support for Yates County youth 4-H programming, which is the only out-of-school youth organization in Yates County with a focus on animal science. \$5,000

Dundee Library: To create a small, accessible makerspace, designed for patrons of all ages, in response to a growing need in Dundee, NY for access to tools and experiential learning that support workforce development, STEM education, and creative expression. \$3,758*

Family Counseling Service of the Finger Lakes: The Domestic Violence Accountability Program uses a national, evidence-based model to help people who are causing harm in their intimate relationships decrease physical and psychological aggression. \$10,000*

Finger Lakes Horizon Economic Development Corporation: The 6-part leadership series helps current and potential leaders in Yates County develop the critical skills and vision needed to drive organizational success and lead with impact. \$5,000

Manor Crest Foundation: Support for a marketing and outreach strategy to increase occupancy at Clinton Crest Manor, an independent residence for adults. \$15,000*

Milly's Pantry: The Backpack Program provides a weekly variety of kid-friendly, easy-to-prepare, non-perishable food for families in Yates County's two school districts. The program also offers recipe cards, educational materials, and opportunities to assist families in becoming more self-sufficient. \$3,500*

Our Town Rocks: Support for the physical, social, and economic health of Barrington/Starkey/Dundee Neighborhood residents of

all ages, encouraging neighborhood self-reliance and providing opportunities to stay active, cultivate a healthy mind and body, and continue learning. \$5,000

Pennsylvania Yankee Theatre Company (PYTCO): Support for the PYTCO Youth Theatre Summer Program. \$3,900

Saint Mark's Terrace Dundee: Support for the Dundee Meal Program, which improves the quality of life for Yates County older adults by supplementing food costs and helping to purchase new equipment. \$10,000*

Saint Mark's Terrace Penn Yan: The Inclusion Program improves the quality of life for Yates County older adults by providing informational and engaging activities, dining and meal service, and monthly entertainment for residents. \$5,000

Saunders Finger Lakes Museum: Support for the operations and programming of the museum, which celebrates the cultures and ecology of the Finger Lakes Region. \$2,500

Sweet Farm Foundation: The Healthy Vegetables Program helps provide donated produce to Dundee area food insecurity organizations. \$5,000*

The Living Well: Non-perishable supplies for Yates County families living in poverty. \$2,500*

Thrive to Survive: Financial assistance for adults in treatment for cancer, as well as support services for cancer patients and their families. \$5,000

Yates Cultural & Recreational Resources: Cohort-based empowerment circles support youth, teens, and seniors by building confidence, communication skills, practical life readiness, and purposeful community engagement. \$4,000*

YMCA of Greater Rochester: To protect enrollment space for local Yates County residents and provide discounts and scholarships for them to attend YMCA Camp Cory Day Camp. \$8,000*

About Us

The Yates Community Endowment is a permanent endowment fund at Rochester Area Community Foundation. Since its beginning in 2011, YCE 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.

As of 2026, Yates Community Endowment has distributed just over \$1,000,000 in grants to nonprofit organizations serving Yates County.

Grantee Spotlight: Protecting Camp Spots for Local Kids in Need



If you visit Camp Cory during the summer, you'll see kids trying archery, swimming in Keuka Lake, building campfires, and testing their courage on the high ropes course. What parents see is something even more remarkable: children who are more vocal at home, show more interest in outdoor activities, and spend less time on their phones.

For the second year in a row, the Yates Community Endowment made a grant to the YMCA of Greater Rochester to make sure Yates County youth can experience learning and growth at Camp Cory, regardless of their families' financial circumstances.

Last summer, 174 children from Yates County attended Camp Cory with scholarship assistance — the highest number ever supported. The funding also helped YMCA staff better identify and support families experiencing financial need. Many parents stay connected with the YMCA through other programs and services.

For local families, these grants helped make summer a time for youth to explore, grow, and be kids.

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The volunteers of Yates Community Endowment and staff of Rochester Area Community Foundation recognize the strengths of rural communities, and the need for ongoing support. With your help, we can do more to empower outstanding nonprofits that serve the places you live, work, and love.