

# **Dear Friends**

We welcome you to read about your community members that are stepping forward and saying "We want to make our community a better place and we are choosing the Community Foundation as our partner."

What you see might surprise you.

Our impact story is about what a small and forward looking nonprofit board of directors and the decision to insure the future of their library in Ulysses, Potter County. They know the value of their community services and their patrons appreciate it as well. With shrinking municipal budgets combined with the nonstop technological revolution the Ulysses Public Library services focuses on building community face-to-face, inspiring and educating patrons about art, literature and music. They have taken steps to protect those services forever through an endowment building program that will have a stable revenue stream of support. They have ensured the library's role as a community builder, a center for learning and as champions of youth.

Read though this report and see that we are growing the community endowments by working with individuals, families, businesses and nonprofits. Our assets grew by 16% and our grantmaking by 12%. These numbers represent that more of our community understands our purpose and role of connecting donors to the causes they care about and are working together with us to connect their passion to the nonprofit that's providing the services that our community needs.

Look through our grants and see how we continually grew and nourished our relationships with people across the five county areas, knowing that residents understand the strength and needs of their neighborhoods and communities better than anyone. The large variety of nonprofit programs and projects receiving grants show a surprising mosaic of community needs receiving support.

Every day, the Foundation is working to make giving smarter, nonprofits more effective and our communities stronger. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the investment, vision and commitment of nonprofits and donors of all ages. As you know, there is so much more we can do together.

Sincerely,

Frond R. Comfort Straument.

Frank R. Comfort Chairman of the Board

Suzanne H. Lee President



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### WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT US WILL SURPRISE YOU.

We work with donors to create a philanthropic legacy that lasts beyond their lifetime.

# The Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers

### Hope lives here.

The Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers (CFTT) works to improve the quality of life in five counties: Bradford, Potter, Sullivan, and Tioga, PA; and Tioga, NY. We address community needs with sustainable, long-term solutions. We believe in the power of neighbors helping neighbors, residents solving local problems, passionate people showing compassion for the region we all love. We believe action solves problems – and creates hope. And with hope, anything is possible.

CFTT develops a spirit of philanthropy, supports nonprofit organizations by connecting donors to community needs, and builds permanent charitable funds. But we can't do it without you.

### Ways to help.

Everybody can help. Anybody can be a philanthropist. Individuals, families, nonprofits, and businesses all support CFTT – and you can, too. You can donate to an existing fund or create your own. We'll be happy to work with you, your financial advisor, and your attorney to ensure that, whatever plan you choose, it will achieve your philanthropic goals.

### You can donate by:

- IRA Charitable Rollover
- Planned Giving
- Appreciated Securities
- Cash

# Financial Highlights

Total grants and scholarships awarded **\$225,904.42** an increase of **12.03%** from 2018

141 grants & scholarships awarded

Total assets **\$7,027,901** an increase of **16.4%** from 2018

**\$322,429.89** in new donor contributions

11 New funds

Total number of funds **110** 

1 year investment returns **18.55**%



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We're dedicated to improving our region by focusing on important issues in Arts, Community Development, Education, Human Services and Nonprofit Effectiveness; and work to support and improve them.



# BEYOND JUST BOOKS ON THE SHELF:

How an endowment fund with CFTT has helped a small PA library enrich its community

# By his own admission, Benjamin R. Olney is a small-town guy — but that's never stopped him from thinking big.

He's owned a funeral home in Ulysses since 1990, but those in the community probably know Benjamin from his work with the Ulysses Library, where he currently serves as vice president of its Board of Trustees. In fact, he's spent much of his adult life working with the library in a fundraising capacity because he understands the role that a library can play in a rural community like Ulysses.

And it was Benjamin who had the big idea to partner with the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers (CFTT) on an endowment fund.

It all started when the Ulysses Library received a bequest from a local estate for \$250,000. Having undergone a fundraising campaign to replace the town's original library (built in 1918!) just a few years prior, the board recognized the weight of the gift they were given.

They decided on an endowment fund, and Benjamin, having read about CFTT in a local newspaper article, reached out to learn what it could offer — and the fit was like something out of a book.

Since the formation of the Ulysses Library endowment fund with CFTT, the relationship has been mutually beneficial. The library receives a grant each year which Benjamin said contributes about 20% of its operating budget — and CFTT is able to further its mission of enhancing the quality of life in the region.

For the small hamlet with less than 1,000 residents, the Ulysses Library represents more than just a place for locals to borrow reading material.

"It's a true gathering spot where groups and organizations hold meetings," Benjamin said. "This being a rural area, there are still places here that don't have access to the internet. So, we do have some school children that come to the library to do internetbased schoolwork. We have other people who come in who don't have internet to check their email daily. It's really the central focus of town."

Despite the fact that the library receives funding from the state, county, and local government, raising money on its own has historically been an essential function of its board, and the predominant way it's been able to keep the lights on and the doors open.

But if you talk to Benjamin, he'll tell you that working with CFTT on the endowment fund has changed all that. Because the fund continues to grow and provide a significant return, the board can focus its time and energy on programming and further enrichment of the Ulysses community.

In addition to continually supplying the grant, one of the best things about the CFTT endowment fund for the library is the fund's simplicity and ease of use. The library provides copies of its audit and budget, and CFFT handles all aspects of due diligence, IRS compliance, bookkeeping, and accounting.

It's a seamless structure and one that Benjamin couldn't imagine operating without, calling endowment funds like this one central to the existence of any small-town community organization.

He also added that he's grateful for his friends and colleagues who have devoted countless hours toward making the Ulysses Library into what it is today — and into what it could become in the future.

"The library board is a core group of people who have been involved in this for decades," he said. "They've committed decades of their life to the library's mission, the operation, and long-term existence. I can't say enough about the people who've come before me, served with me, and the people who will come after us."

# How To Give

# Step 1

### Decide when you want to make your gift

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Make your gift today



### Types of Funds

**Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers** directs 100 funds that have been established by individuals, families, nonprofits, businesses, and Community Foundation itself for charitable purposes.

### **Competitive Community Grant Funds**

Increase the impact of your gift, and put it to work solving our community's most pressing problems, not just alleviating symptoms. Competitive grant applications are carefully vetted by our Grants Committee, and, after thorough due diligence, grants are awarded based upon community need, impact, and organizational capacity. Gifts may be designated to specifically support certain areas, such as animals, arts & culture, human services, education, conservation & environment, civic engagement, or recreation.

**Community Impact Funds** have been established for each county in our five county areas. These funds may be added to and will meet the most pressing issues in that county.

### **Donor Advised Funds**

Donor advised funds offer the advantages of a private foundation, yet have greater tax benefits. They are especially useful for donors who make a charitable deduction one year and make distributions from income or principal in future years. Donors are able to participate actively in the giving process by recommending organizations to receive grants.

### **Field Of Interest Funds**

Field of interest funds allow a donor to invest in specific causes. These funds can support a broad array of interests such as the arts, education, or health. The donor specifies his or her interest at the time the fund is created and may rely on Community Foundation to identify organizations capable of making the greatest impact.

### **Designated Funds**

Designated funds ensure long-term support for a specific nonprofit organization identified by the donor at the time the fund is established. The named organization receives an annual disbursement from the designated fund.

### **Organization Funds**

Nonprofit organizations may place their endowed funds at Community Foundation, thus assuring their donors that funds earmarked for the future will be invested wisely and used appropriately. Community Foundation manages the funds as part of its investment portfolio and distributes payments.

### Scholarship Funds

Community Foundation's scholarship funds bring together students in need and individuals who care about postsecondary education to enable more students to reach their educational goals. Scholarship funds may be established to benefit a specific student.

# Step 2

### Identify what you want to give







# Step 3

Choose where your gift will be directed

Give to Community Foundation to support our vision for a vibrant region

Give to a fund listed in this publication

Give to a fund that you create

Call Suzanne Lee, President, at 570.888.4759 to discuss options

### **Fund Structures**

After identifying the appropriate fund type to achieve your goals, a fund structure is subsequently selected to align with the anticipated size, activity level and life span of your fund. The fund structure determines the applicable administrative fees and how the fund's assets are invested.

### Spend Down

With a Spend Down fund, gift principal is wholly available for granting. Spend Down funds can be thought of as charitable checking accounts, where there is regular, ongoing grant activity.

### Endowment

Endowment funds provide stable, perennial financial support. An endowment operates similarly to a private foundation, yielding a set percentage for granting each year while eliminating administrative duties. You may recommend grant recipients or pass your charitable legacy to your children. Investment income accrues to the fund, and a quarterly administrative fee based on a percentage of assets supports the Foundation's operations.

### **Blended Option**

Blended option funds offer fund holders the ability to participate in the investment returns of the Foundation's portfolio. These funds may function like a Spend Down fund or an endowment fund, depending on the needs of the fund holder, but are not formally endowed. Investment income accrues to the fund, and a quarterly administrative fee based on a percentage of assets supports the Foundation's operations.

### Get a Grant

There are two ways to get a grant from the Community Foundation:

### **Donor-recommended grants:**

The Community Foundation stewards a variety of donor advised funds. Grants are awarded from a donor advised fund based upon recommendations from the donors who set up the fund or their designated representatives.

### Competitive grants:

The Community Foundation has several funds that award grants on a competitive basis. Each competitive grant fund has a unique focus area, like youth or strengthening vulnerable families. Each fund also has different application requirements.

Please see our website for competitive grant deadlines for grant programs.

### Scholarships

Education changes a person's life.

The Community Foundation working with donors empowers students to realize their potential and achieve success.

It's no secret that higher education is the ticket to a better life. Students who attain degrees -- two-year, four-year or postgraduate -- earn more and live longer. College helps families pull out of poverty, and the effects of education are felt across communities and through generations.

A college or technical school education is becoming increasingly more crucial. Scholarships are an important way to pay for that education. And creating a scholarship fund is one of the most effective ways to contribute to scholarships.

If you are seeking a scholarship, please visit our website at twintierscf.org.

# Funds

# Grants by Program Area

| Arts & Culture                                | 4%        |
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| Civic   | 15%       |
| Education                                     | 14%       |
| Health & Human Services                       | 25%       |
| <b>Recreation &amp; Youth</b>                 | 6%        |
| Scholarship                                   | 36%       |
| Health & Human Services<br>Recreation & Youth | 25%<br>6% |

# Funds by County

### **Discretionary Funds**

Benjamin Franklin Trust Fund, **Bradford** Bradford County Community Impact Fund,

Bradford

Robert J. Sullivan Fund for Bradford County, Bradford

Community Impact Fund, Regional

Potter County Community Impact Fund, Potter

Sullivan County Community Impact Fund, **Sullivan** 

Tioga County NY Community Impact Fund, **Tioga, NY** 

Tioga County PA Community Impact Fund, **Tioga, PA** 

### **Designated Funds**

Frances Laymen Redman Spalding Memorial Library Fund, **Bradford** 

Frances Laymen Redman Tioga Point Museum Fund, **Bradford** 

Howard & Olynda Smith - Troy Foundation Fund, **Bradford** 

Kenneth and Marguerite Shaner, Troy Food Pantry Fund, **Bradford** 

Robert & Susan Storch, Allen F. Pierce Free Library Fund, **Bradford** 

The David and Carol Keeffe Youth Fund, **Bradford** 

Troy Trojans Athletic Memorial Fund, Bradford

Austin Volunteer Fire Department Fund, **Potter** Barbara Joy Olney Community Harmony Fund, **Potter** 

Darlene Sitler Music Fund, **Potter** Heart Response, Inc. Fund, **Potter** 

Northern Potter Athlete of the Year Fund, Potter

Northern Potter Athletic Endowment Fund, **Potter** 

Potter County Historical Society Fund, Potter

Teacher's Pet Rescue Fund, Potter

Friends of the Sullivan County Library Fund, Sullivan

Catholic Charities Tompkins/Tioga Fund, **Tioga, NY** 

Katherine P. Kerrigan Tioga County Rural Ministry Fund, **Tioga, NY** 

William "Bill" Ransom III Community Service Award Fund, **Tioga**, **NY** 

Katherine Ann Brennan Memorial Scholarship-Hamilton Gibson Productions Fund, **Tioga, PA** Katherine Ann Brennan Memorial Scholarship-Trinity Lutheran Fund, **Tioga, PA** 

### **Donor Advised Funds**

Frank R. Comfort and Grandchildren's Donor Advised Fund, **Sullivan** Tioga Tae Kwon Do Academic Fund, **Tioga, NY** Oliver Richard Bartlett Fund **Tioga, PA** 

### Field of Interest Funds

Jordan Wilcox Fund, **Regional** Coudersport Volunteer Ambulance Association Fund, **Potter** Coudersport Volunteer Fire Department Fund, **Potter** Eulalia Cemetery Fund, **Potter** North Eastern Potter Economic Support Fund, **Potter** Floyd "Vic" Hooker Youth Fund, **Tioga, NY** Knoxville Fund, **Tioga, PA** 

### **Organization Funds**

Area Agency on Aging Fund, **Bradford** Beth Israel Congregation Fund, **Bradford** Big Brothers Big Sisters Fund, **Bradford** Bradford County Historical Society Fund, **Bradford** 

Endless Mountains Heritage Region Fund, **Bradford** 

French Azilum Fund, Bradford

LeRoy Heritage Museum Endowment Fund, **Bradford** 

SERVE, Inc., Bradford

Austin Dam Memorial Association Fund, **Potter** Coudersport Public Library Long-Term Sustainability Fund, **Potter** 

E.O. Austin Home, Historical Society Fund, **Potter** 

Galeton Public Library Fund, Potter

Susquehannock Trail Club Fund, Potter

Tri Town Fire Company Auxilary Endowment Fund, **Potter** 

#### Ulysses Library Fund, Potter

Carantouan Greenway Fund, Regional

Keystone Trails Association Endowment Fund, Pennsylvania

Sullivan County Council on the Arts Fund, Sullivan

Sullivan County Recreational Association Endowment Fund, Sullivan

Sullivan County Scholarship Association Fund, Sullivan

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tioga County New York Fund, Tioga, NY

Rotary Club of Waverly Endowment Fund, Tioga, NY

Hamilton-Gibson Productions Endowment Fund, Tioga, PA

### School District Funds

#### Athens Area School District, Bradford

Academic Achievement-American Association University Women

Athens High School Swimmer Scholarships Fund

Academic Activity Fund-Artsfest

Academic Activity Fund-Band Boosters

Academic Achievement-Biagio Maio

Academic Activity Fund-Camp Brule

Academic Activity Fund-Cross Country Academic Activity Fund-Future Business Leaders of America

Academic Activity Fund-Forensics

Academic Activity Fund-Future Farmers of America

Academic Achievement-George Levering Memorial

Academic Activity Fund-Harlan Rowe Middle School

Herbert Blodgett & Claire Flora Eike Memorial Wildlife Award Fund

Academic Activity Fund-Athens Area High School

Academic Achievement-Joel Lubertowicz

Academic Achievement-Joseph White Scholarship

Academic Activity Fund-Library

Academic Activity Fund-Lynch-Bustin Elementary

Academic Achievement-Marshall Van Scotten Memorial

Academic Achievement-Mary Grace Woodford Scholarship

Academic Achievement-Richard Marvin Memorial

Academic Achievement-Ronald & Stuart Gillette Memorial

Academic Activity Fund-Robotics

Academic Activity Fund-Students Against Drunk Driving

Academic Activity Fund-Scholarship Challenge

Academic Activity Fund-Science Olympiad SRU Elementary

Academic Activity Fund-Student Council Academic Activity Fund-Swim Team Academic Achievement-Walter Loomer Memorial Academic Activity Fund-Wrestling Program **Canton Area School District, Bradford** Adam Metzger Scholarship Academic Activity Fund-Athletics Brett Cohick Scholarship Cindy Daniels Scholarship Donald & LaRene Ayers Scholarship Fund Dr. Jean E. Brenchley Woman of Science Award Fallen Warrior Scholarship Academic Activity Fund-Fine Arts Guinevere Ritter Scholarship H. Edmond Lund, Jr. Memorial Science Award Irene W. Hurley Torch Award Scholarship Jack Ward McNett Memorial Award -Technology Fund Jake Bellows Scholarship Jake D. Jones Memorial Scholarship James E. Holcomb Scholarship John Kirkowski Scholarship Kathryn E. McNett Memorial Award Kloey Miller Scholarship Louis D. & Lareda J. Landon Scholarship Mary Harrison Memorial Reading Award Paul Evans, Sr. Scholarship **Richard Neff Scholarship** Spencer & Sweithelm Scholarship Stanley Hite Scholarship Vicki Richart Scholarship Viola Moyer Scholarship Weldon "Jake" Shaffer Memorial Award Scholarship Northern Tioga School District, Tioga, PA Clark Wood Elementary Fund Activity Fund R.B. Walter Elementary Fund Westfield Area Elementary Fund Williamson High School Fund Southern Tioga School District, Tioga, PA Academic Activity Fund-Academics Benjamin Hutcheson Memorial Fund

Cowanesque Valley High School Academic

Academic Actvity Fund-Blossburg Elementary Bogaczyk Memorial Fund Academic Activity Fund-Liberty Elementary School Academic Activity Fund-Liberty High School Academic Activity Fund-Mansfield High School Academic Activity Fund-North Penn High School Peter Mogush Memorial Fund Award Ryan Ostrom Memorial Scholarship Fund Award Academic Activity Fund-Warren L. Miller Elementary

### Scholarship Funds

Donald & LaRene Ayes Scholarship, Bradford Dorothy Kemp Scholarship, Bradford Dr. Jean E. Brenchley Woman of Science Award, Bradford Florence Bennett Memorial Scholarship, Bradford John H. Hyde, Jr. and Dr. Marcella M. Hyde Scholarship, Bradford Kloey Miller Scholarship, Bradford Lockheed-Martin Engineering Scholarship, Bradford Rockmans Apparel/Babe & George Tymoski Scholarship, Bradford Towanda Musical Society Scholarship, Bradford Troy Lions Club Huck Scholarship, Bradford Victor & Carla Ross Scholarship, Bradford Guthrie Federal Credit Union Scholarship, Regional Darlene J. Sitler Memorial Scholarship, Potter Gerald F. Duffee, Sr. Scholarship, Potter Northern Potter Scholarship, Potter Patrick W. Ryan Creative Writing & English Scholarship, Potter Robert B. Merten Circle of Fifths Music Award Scholarship, Potter Rose Marie Tubbs Memorial Scholarship, Potter Ruth Agar Memorial Scholarship, Potter Tomb Family Scholarship, Potter David A. DeWire Scholarship, Sullivan Raymond and Betty Bahr Scholarship, Sullivan Thomas W. "Doc" Shoemaker and Stefana H. "Stevie" Shoemaker Scholarship, Sullivan Alan B. Carr Memorial Scholarship, Tioga, PA Dr. Donna L. Mettler Scholarship, Tioga, PA Dr. Harry S. Williams Memorial Scholarship, Tioga, PA John F. Bush Scholarship, Tioga, PA Kyle B. Lenhardt Scholarship, Tioga, PA Alice Walker Cooper Family Scholarship, Tioga, NY Bill Davis Scholarship, Tioga, NY Carl & Charlotte Lovejoy Scholarship, Tioga, NY Donald & Linda Jayne Scholarship, Tioga, NY Elizabeth Alamo Scholarship, Tioga, NY Finkle Rosenberg Scholarship, Tioga, NY Katherine P. Kerrigan Scholarship, Tioga, NY Owego Free Academy Alumni Scholarship, Tioga, NY

Tioga Tae Kwon Do Scholarship, Tioga, NY

# Grants Awarded

#### Allen F. Pierce Free Library Bradford *\$1,123.52*

Robert & Susan Storch, Allen F. Pierce Free Library Fund

- To enrich the quality of life for all residents of the county by providing free access to informational, educational and recreational resources.

#### Allen F. Pierce Free Library Bradford *\$1,150*

Robert J. Sullivan Fund for Bradford County

 To purchase a portable media suite, including a basic laptop computer, computer projector, DVD/Blue Ray disk player and movie screen.

#### Area Agency on Aging Bradford \$493.41

Area Agency on Aging Fund - To support senior citizens programming.

### Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Twin Tiers Bradford \$569.56

Big Brothers Big Sisters Fund

 To create and maintain mentoring relationships that provide positive experiences in the lives of children and mentors.

### Bradford County Historical Society Bradford \$1,987.88 + \$2,062.13 = \$4,050.01

Bradford County Historical Society Fund

- To support the preservation of Bradford County history.

## Canton Area Elementary School Bradford *\$1,800*

Canton Area School District Academic Activity Fund

- To support academic programming.

#### Canton Area School District Bradford \$1,827,98

Canton Area School District Academic Activity Fund - Fine Arts

- To support the Fine Arts programs at Canton Area School District.

### Endless Mountain Mission Center Bradford \$1,000

Robert J. Sullivan Fund for Bradford County

- To provide emergency food, housing and supplies for those in need.

### French Azilum

### Bradford \$493.92

French Azilum Fund

- To support the buildings and programs of French Azilum which provided a refuge for a group of French exiles in 1793.

### LeRoy Heritage Museum Bradford *\$1,081.06*

LeRoy Heritage Museum Endowment Fund

 To support the charitable, scientific, or educational purposes of LeRoy
 Heritage Museum preserving the history of southwestern Bradford County and educating visitors of the regions history.

### Penn York Jewish Community Bradford \$883.85

Beth Israel Congregation Fund - To support Jewish causes.

### Rekindle the Spirit, Inc. Bradford \$500

Robert J. Sullivan Fund for Bradford County - To provide support for a small range of adult and children's workshops including painting, Zentangle, jewelry making and summer day camp.

### Rekindle the Spirit, Inc. Bradford \$400

- Bradford County Community Impact Fund
- To enhance the region by providing historical and cultural education projects, through the exchanging of ideas and intercommunity activities, aiming to provide a legacy for generations to come.

#### TACO Food Pantry Bradford \$3,850

Robert J. Sullivan Fund for Bradford County

- To provide emergency food to those in need,
- including disaster victims.

### Tioga Point Museum Bradford \$457.58

Frances Laymen Redman Tioga Point Museum Fund

- To provide support for the repository of the community's cultural heritage, and a center for learning about our world.

### Troy Area School District Bradford \$2,447.89

Howard & Olynda Smith - Troy Foundation Fund

- To promote student's learning through a positive culture with high expectations for success, fiscally sound practices and responsible stewardship with the help and input from parents, staff members, community members and students.

### Troy Area School District Bradford *\$1,500*

Troy Trojans Athletic Memorial Fund

- To provide an adjustable screen for football players to use during practices.

#### Troy Food Pantry Bradford \$743.76

Kenneth and Marguerite Shaner, Troy Food Pantry Fund

- To provide food to those who have difficulty purchasing enough to avoid hunger.

### YMCA Bradford County Branch Bradford \$1,500

Robert J. Sullivan Fund for Bradford County

- To replace equipment used by YMCA programs such as LiveStrong cancer survivors program, Silver Sneakers senior programming and others.

### YMCA Bradford County Branch Bradford \$200

Bradford County Community Impact Fund - To support programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

### Austin Dam Memorial Association, Inc. Potter \$2,618.21

Austin Dam Memorial Association Fund

- To preserve the dam ruins of the 1911 flood and the papermill which served as the community's major employer in the early 1900's.

### Coudersport Volunteer Ambulance Association

### Potter \$1,287.88

Coudersport Volunteer Ambulance Association Fund

- To help ambulance services to Coudersport and surrounding areas.

### Coudersport Volunteer Fire Department Potter \$1,262.56

Coudersport Volunteer Fire Department Fund

 To provide for the safety and health of Coudersport and surrounding communities and our visitors through professional emergency response, fire prevention and public education.

### E.O. Austin Home - Historical Society Potter \$3,879.09

E.O. Austin Home, Historical Society Fund

- To provide current income and long term protections for the operations of E.O. Austin Historical Society.

#### Eulalia Cemetery Potter \$1.287.31

Potter \$1,287.31

Eulalia Cemetery Fund

- To support the protection of historical stone steps.

### Heart Response, Inc.

### Potter \$1,215.49

Heart Response, Inc. Fund

- To support low income households and house fire victims.

### Northern Potter Middle-High School Potter \$1,907.43

- Northern Potter High School Library Fund
- To provide programming for the Northern Lights Yearbook Media Communications library class.

### Northern Potter School District Potter \$500

- Northern Potter Athlete of the Year Fund
- To provide support to Northern Potter School District to award an outstanding senior athlete annually.

### Northern Potter School District Potter \$19,206.51

Darlene Sitler Music Fund

- To provide support to the Northern Potter Children's School Music Program.

### Northern Potter School District Potter \$632.50

North Eastern Potter Economic Support Fund - To purchase equipment to teach maple syrup production.

### Potter County Historical Society Potter \$1,252.36

Potter County Historical Society Fund

- To collect, organize and preserve records and relics pertaining to Potter County.

#### Teacher's Pet Animal Rescue Potter \$1,224.49

Teacher's Pet Rescue Fund

- To provide support for animal welfare and protection.

### Ulysses Library Association Potter \$12,082.60

Ulysses Library Fund

 To support a free, public, nonsectarian library which serves the informational, educational and recreational needs of all the residents of the area by providing free access to an organized and currently useful collection of printed items and other materials.

#### Ulysses Youth Baseball Association Potter \$632.50

- North Eastern Potter Economic Support Fund
- To provide maintence for the Ulysses

# ballfield. Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers

Regional \$3,258.11

- CFTT Administrative Endowment Fund
- To help CFTT to meet yearly administrative costs of operating the Foundation.

# Friends of the Sullivan County Library Sullivan \$484.05

Friends of the Sullivan County Library Fund

- To support Friends of the Sullivan County Library whose mission is to raise financial support for the Sullivan County Library that provides library services to residents and visitors to Sullivan County.

### Sullivan County Food Pantry Sullivan *\$1,000*

Sullivan County Community Impact Fund

- To purchase bags/boxes of food for families to supplement their food budgets.

# Sullivan County Recreational Association Sullivan \$500

- Sullivan County Community Impact Fund
- To support Sullivan County Recreation programs and projects.

### Sullivan County Victim Services Sullivan \$500

Sullivan County Community Impact Fund

- To help fund the implementation of the "Care for Kids" program, an early childhood sexual abuse prevention curriculum used by educators.

### Catholic Charities Tompkins/Tioga Tioga, NY \$2,000

Floyd "Vic" Hooker Youth Fund

- To assist with services such as academic and community service field trips and incentives.

### Corning-Elmira Musical Arts, Inc. Tioga, NY \$2,400

Floyd "Vic" Hooker Youth Fund

 To provide support for chamber ensembles of the Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes to partner with Tioga County libraries to present narrated story book concerts.

### First Baptist Church of Owego Tioga, NY \$2,500

Floyd "Vic" Hooker Youth Fund

- To provide diapers, wipes, creams, cornstarch, shampoo and body wash to area families in need.

#### Harlan Rowe Middle School Tioga, NY \$1,030

- Tioga Tae Kwon Do Academic Fund
- To purchase Vex Robotics kits that are used to promote coding, critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and communication in STEM and Tech ED middle school classrooms.

### Lions Camp Badger Tioga, NY \$2,000

and their caregivers.

- Floyd "Vic" Hooker Youth Fund
- To provide funding to host a concert and dance for individuals who have disabilities

### Lynch Bustin Elementary School Tioga, NY \$1,925

- Tioga Tae Kwon Do Academic Fund
- To support and promote physical and mental well-being of the students at Lynch-Bustin Elementary School through paintable fitness activities and yoga poses.

### Newark Valley Historical Society Tioga, NY \$7,600

Floyd "Vic" Hooker Youth Fund

- To improve the driving lanes to the soccer fields and the grounds to the Bement-Billings Farmstead.

### Rotary Club of Waverly Tioga, NY \$942.49

Rotary Club of Waverly Endowment Fund

- To support the mission of the Rotary Club of Waverly which is service above self.

### Sayre Area School District Tioga, NY \$600

Tioga Tae Kwon Do Academic Fund

- To support for FIRST Lego League Jr. Team.

#### Tioga Arts Council Tioga, NY \$2,280

### Floyd "Vic" Hooker Youth Fund

- To enhance and expand Art a la Carte, an arts enrichment activity delivery service to two new sites in 2020.

### Tioga County Rural Ministry

### Tioga, NY \$4,304.63

Katherine P. Kerrigan Tioga County Rural Ministry Fund

- To help provide funds for services to elderly shut-ins in Tioga County, NY.

#### Tioga County Rural Ministry Tioga, NY \$3,000

### Floyd "Vic" Hooker Youth Fund

- To enable low-income teenagers to purchase new back to school clothing and shoes.

#### Waverly Recreation Booster Club Tioga, NY \$500

William "Bill" Ransom III Community Service Award Fund

- To support Fred Daniels', 2019 recipient of William Ransom III Award, improvements to the Waverly Glen Park.

### Harbor Counseling

### Tioga, PA \$4,500

Knoxville Fund

- To develop recovery support services for Knoxville families to aid them in their recovery from substance use disorders.

### Hamilton-Gibson Productions Tioga, PA \$526.73

Katherine Ann Brennan Memorial Scholarship-Hamilton Gibson Productions Fund

- To provide support to Hamilton Gibson Productions, specifically providing students in need with assistance in paying for participation in Hamilton Gibson Choirs.

### Mansfield Area Food Pantry

### Tioga, PA \$500

Oliver Richard Bartlett Fund

- To purchase food for needy families.

### Mansfield Free Public Library

### Tioga, PA \$500

- Oliver Richard Bartlett Fund
- To purchase supplies and support for administrative costs.

### Mansfield Methodist Shoe Bank

### Tioga, PA \$500

Oliver Richard Bartlett Fund

- To provide shoes for children in Tioga, Potter and Bradford Counties, PA.

### Mansfield YMCA

Tioga, PA \$750

Oliver Richard Bartlett Fund - Grants for children to attend camp.

#### Trinity Lutheran Church & School Tioga, PA \$515.15

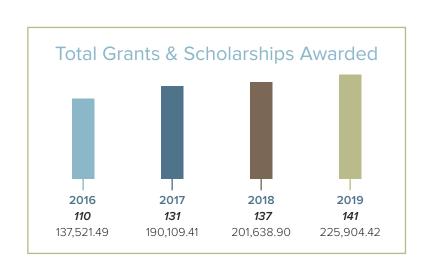
Katherine Ann Brennan Memorial Scholarship-Trinity Lutheran Fund

- Provide tuition support to Trinity Lutheran School students.



### WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT US WILL SURPRISE YOU.

We work as a GPS for our donors to help them navigate their philanthropic journeys, which for some donors includes their extended families.



# Scholarships Awarded

# Alan B. Carr Memorial Scholarship \$1,000

Awarded to Rebecca L. Slonaker of Cowanesque Valley High School to attend Delaware Valley University

### Alice Walker Cooper Family Scholarship

### \$10,500

Awarded to Ethan W. Lloyd of Waverly Jr. Sr. High School to attend SUNY Cobleskill

### Bill Davis Scholarship

### \$2,500

Awarded to Annamae E. Joyce of Owego Free Academy to attend SUNY Binghamton

### Carl & Charlotte Lovejoy Scholarship \$4,500

Awarded to Ethan W. Lloyd of Waverly Jr. Sr. High School to attend SUNY Cobleskill

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### **Investment Strategy**

The Foundation has adopted investment and spending policies to support current as well as future grant making and administrative needs. The goal of the investment strategy is to protect the inflation-adjusted spending power of the Foundation's charitable assets over time.

The investment objective of the Foundation's charitable pool is to meet the payout percentage established for grants, plus 2% of underlying growth in the pool. This is an investment objective that attempts to grow the portfolio, after distributions and after inflation. The investment strategy prescribes a longterm strategic asset allocation plan, combined with a strict rebalancing policy.

### **Spending Policy**

The Spending Policy is a policy to ensure over time that future grant distributions from endowed funds will have the same purchasing power as today's grants. This will maximize grant dollars to address community needs. This spending policy adopted by our board of directors was 4% looking back over a 16 guarter rolling average for 2019.

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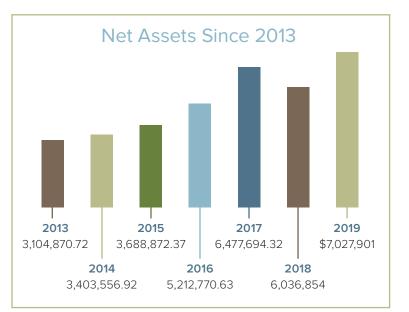
### **Investment Returns**

### 2019 Return

one year: 18.55% three year: 8.75% five year: 6.88% ten year: 9.23%

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| Assets           | 2019            | 2018            |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Cash             | \$<br>294,635   | \$<br>374,802   |
| Investments      | \$<br>6,727,278 | \$<br>5,660,968 |
| Prepaid Expenses | \$<br>1,143     | \$<br>1,084     |
| Total Assets     | \$<br>7,027,901 | \$<br>6,036,854 |

### Liabilities

| Grants Payable    |             |       |
|-------------------|-------------|-------|
| Payroll           | \$<br>3,958 | 2,795 |
| Total Liabilities | \$<br>3,958 | 2,795 |
| Net Assets        |             |       |

| Without Donor Restrictions | \$<br>535,557   | \$<br>543,039   |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| With Donor Restrictions    | \$<br>6,488,386 | \$<br>5,491,020 |
| Total Net Assets           | \$<br>7,023,943 | \$<br>6,034,059 |
|                            |                 |                 |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>   |                 |                 |
| & Net Assets               | \$<br>7,027,901 | \$<br>6,036,854 |

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