

## \$100,000 Health Care Grant Honors Cogswells

Our Community Health Care/Albany's Hospital for Incurables Fund recently awarded \$100,000 – its largest grant ever – to Wildwood Programs of Schenectady in honor of Arnold and Jessie Cogswell, two of the agency's longstanding supporters.

The grant was made to Wildwood's \$5.5 million capital and endowment campaign, specifically to support student health services. The new Arnold and Jessie Cogswell Student Healthcare Center enables Wildwood to meet the health care needs of its 200 students in comfort and privacy. It also acknowledges the contributions of a couple who have dedicated their lives to improving health care in the Capital Region, particularly for those who are underserved.

Wildwood serves children and adults with neurologically based learning disabilities, autism, and other developmental disorders. "Many of our students have heightened sensitivity, and that can make medical situations difficult for them," explains Mark Woroby, Executive Director, Wildwood Foundation. "The extra space and the more comfortable atmosphere help reduce the students' anxiety. That makes diagnosis and treatment an easier experience for the students and it also makes it more likely that they will open up about any concerns they may have."

The Arnold and Jessie Cogswell Student Healthcare Center is a fitting tribute to a couple who have supported Wildwood since the 1970s. Mr. Cogswell was instrumental in helping Wildwood establish Camp Wildwood, and the Cogswells have contributed to every major Wildwood fundraising effort. Mr. Cogswell, who passed away in February, was an original member and past Chair of Wildwood's Advisory Group. In 1990, he was the recipient of Wildwood's Ned Pitkin Community Volunteer Award.

Mr. Cogswell provided that same exceptional level of service to the Community Foundation's Community Health Care/Albany's Hospital for Incurables Fund. The fund was established in 1995 at Mr. Cogswell's recommendation. At the time, he was seeking a way to make sure the Capital Region's first foundation dedicated to healthcare — Albany's Hospital for Incurables, Inc. — would continue to serve the region for generations to come.

The private foundation transferred its assets to the Community Foundation and created a community health care fund. Mr. Cogswell chaired the fund's Advisory Board for more than a decade.

Over the years, the Community Health Care/Albany's Hospital for Incurables Fund has distributed more than \$2.7 million to improve health care in the region. The fund has supported hospital, mental health, and respite care. It has provided transportation to doctor's appointments, access for the disabled, and support for free clinics. And it has consistently remained in the forefront of efforts to identify and address health issues. Perhaps most important of all, the fund fulfills Mr. Cogswell's vision of continuing to meet the health care needs of his community, even beyond his lifetime.



Celebrating the dedication of Wildwood's new Arnold and Jessie Cogswell Healthcare Center. Pictured, from left: Richard Sonneborn, member, Advisory Committee, Community Health Care/Albany's Hospital for Incurables Fund of the Community Foundation; Jessie Cogswell; the late Arnold Cogswell; Jackie Mahoney, Director of Grantmaking, Community Foundation; E. Kristen Frederick, President and CEO, Community Foundation; Mark Woroby, Executive Director, Wildwood Foundation; and Mary Ann Allen, Executive Director, Wildwood Programs.

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## From the President and CEO

Our 40th anniversary. What does that mean for us as an organization? Perhaps even more important, what does it mean for our community?

One of the easiest ways to quantify the impact of the Foundation over the years is to review the numbers: \$42.1 million in charitable assets under management and more than 10,000 grants totaling over \$28 million to address the needs of our region.

Certainly, those numbers are impressive. In fact, as you will see on pages 4 and 5, the millions in assets and grants have had an enormous, positive effect on the Foundation and what we've been able to achieve in the Greater Capital Region. But numbers alone seldom tell the whole story. For that, we also have to look to people and to organizations:

**The donors who came together in 1968 to establish the Foundation and those who have given generously each year since then, helping us build our community's permanent charitable endowment.**

**The not-for-profit organizations that have consistently developed innovative, effective programs and have put our grants to such good use.**

**The volunteers who have served on our Boards and committees, providing leadership and giving so much of their time and talent.**

**The philanthropic, business, and not-for-profit communities that have helped us forge critical partnerships to address the issues that challenge our region.**

**The staff who have worked tirelessly, often behind the scenes, on behalf of the Foundation, our donors, not-for-profits, and the community as a whole.**

It is my sincere hope that, for all of you who have served the Foundation and the community so well, our 40th anniversary is a time to celebrate and take pride in what we've accomplished together. For me, it's also a time to express my gratitude to all of you, to look with optimism to the future, and to lay the groundwork for the next 40 years — and the 40 after that.

What sets the Community Foundation apart, above all else, is its permanence. Long after we are gone, the Foundation will endure. And, thanks to you, our good works will endure with it.



**E. Kristen Frederick**, *President and CEO*



## Welcome, New Board Members

Please join us in welcoming the following new Board members:

**WALLACE (WALLY) ALTES**, host of WMHT's *The Bottom Line* and former President and CEO of the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Altes recently retired as Executive in Residence at Union Graduate College. He is a Trustee of The Doane Stuart School, Vice Chair of Capital Culture, Inc., and a former Foundation Board member (2002-2005).

**MATTHEW BENDER IV**, longstanding community leader, volunteer, and philanthropist. A founding member of the Community Foundation, Mr. Bender is Chairman of the Bender Family Foundation and the New York State Commission on the Restoration of the Capitol. He also serves on many not-for-profit boards and committees.

**GLORIA DESOLE, Ph.D.**, retired Director of the Affirmative Action Office at the University at Albany. Currently, she serves on the Board of Directors of the Center for Women in Government and Civil Society.

**CATHERINE M. HEDGEMAN, Esq.**, Principal, Law Office of Catherine M. Hedgeman. Ms. Hedgeman is a member of the New York State Young Leaders Congress and a founder of GenNEXT, a Young Professional's Organization of the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce and The Chamber of Schenectady County.

**ROBERTA ROCAS**, Vice President and Private Client Advisor for NBT Bank. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Estate Planning Council of Eastern New York, the Gift Planning Advisory Committee of WAMC, and the Planned Giving Advisory Committee for The College of St. Rose. Ms. Rocas also is a member of our Professional Advisory Committee.

**ELLEN SAX**, Vice President of Community Relations for Capital Region, KeyBank N.A., responsible for charitable giving. She serves on the Board of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation and on committees for various not-for-profit organizations.

**ROBIN WOOD**, Vice President, Sawchuk Brown Associates. Ms. Wood is Program Chair for the Capital Region Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America, an Associate Board Member of Parsons Child and Family Center, and a member of the Communications Committee for the Women's Fund of the Capital Region.

## With Our Thanks

We wish to express our deepest appreciation to **Cristine Cioffi, Esq.**; **Robert G. Dollar**, Assistant Treasurer; and **Roy M. Hershey**, Secretary; who recently retired from the Board after serving with distinction. Special thanks to **Barbara K. Hoehn**, Immediate Past Chair, for her 17 years of exceptional service.

## Foundation Extends Reach to 10 Counties Adds Senior Director of Philanthropic Services



Karen Bilowith,  
Senior Director of Philanthropic Services

The Community Foundation is expanding beyond the immediate Capital Region to support not-for-profit organizations and donors in surrounding counties. To reflect this change, the Foundation has updated its name to the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region.

In addition to its previous service area of Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Schenectady counties, the Foundation now serves Greene, Fulton, Montgomery,

Schoharie, and Washington counties. Columbia County is served by both the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region and the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

“We already have donors and make grants to many communities in these counties,” explains E. Kristen Frederick, President and CEO of the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region. “In a sense, we’re formalizing relationships that have existed for quite a while. We’re letting donors and communities know that it’s official — they can turn to us.”

To strengthen its development role, especially in this expanded region, the Community Foundation has hired Karen Bilowith to fill the newly created position of Senior Director of Philanthropic Services.

Ms. Bilowith has extensive experience in community building and fundraising for not-for-profits, including six years as President and Chief Professional Officer of United Way of Schenectady County. In July 2007, when that organization merged with United Way of Northeastern New York, Ms. Bilowith was named President of the resulting agency, United Way of the Greater Capital Region.

A graduate of Boston College, Ms. Bilowith holds a master’s degree in public administration from the University of Colorado. She serves on the Advisory Board of the Community AIDS Partnership of the Capital Region.

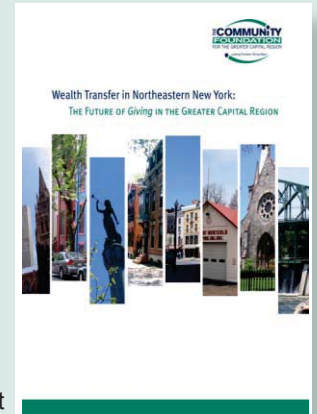
### In Appreciation

We extend our heartfelt thanks to **James E. Prout**, who has completed his two-year term as Chairman of the Board. We are grateful for his leadership and delighted that the Foundation and the community will continue to benefit from Mr. Prout’s expertise while he stays on as Immediate Past Chair.

## TRANSFER OF WEALTH: Unprecedented Philanthropic Potential

Charitable organizations and financial planners nationwide anticipate an unprecedented transfer of wealth as Baby Boomers pass their assets along to the next generation and to worthy causes. What does this mean for the Greater Capital Region?

- Between 2005 and 2015, \$13.66 billion is expected to change hands in Northeastern New York.
- If just 5% of that is earmarked for community endowments, \$682.9 million will remain in the Greater
- Capital Region, benefiting not-for-profit organizations and the people they serve — forever.
- Assuming a conservative payout rate of 5%, that \$682.9 million would generate \$34.15 million each year to meet the needs of our community.



Those are just some of the findings of “Wealth Transfer in Northeastern New York: The Future of Giving in the Greater Capital Region,” a report commissioned by the Community Foundation. The findings were presented May 22 in Albany by Don Macke, Director of Practitioner Programs for the RUPRI Center for Rural Entrepreneurship. Over the next 18 months, similar presentations will be scheduled throughout Northeastern New York. The RUPRI Center, which conducted the transfer of wealth analysis for the Foundation, has completed or advised similar studies for nine states.

The 26-page report provides scenarios for potential transfers of wealth over 10 and 50 years in each of the 10 counties in the Community Foundation’s service area. It estimates current net worth for each county and the region as a whole, then projects how much of that wealth could change hands in the decades to come. Calculations are based, in part, on demographic information, including household income, population, and economic trends.

The Foundation’s goal is to share the report with individuals and organizations that could use the information to strengthen their communities over the long term. Not-for-profit organizations, for example, could use the demographic data to anticipate changing demand for services. Development professionals and financial and estate planners can share the report with individuals who are charitably inclined to help them fulfill their philanthropic objectives.

**Special thanks** to the following, whose generosity enabled the Foundation to commission, publish, and distribute the report: Matthew Bender IV; Fenimore Asset Management; Barbara L. Glaser (Nordlys Foundation); KeyBank; New York State United Teachers; Sawchuk Brown Associates; Bollam, Sheedy, Torani & Co., LLP, CPA; Pierro Law Group, LLC; Pioneer Bank and Senator Neil Breslin

*The report is available free of charge from the Community Foundation. To request a copy, call the Foundation at 518-446-9638.*

1914

First community Foundation established in Cleveland, Ohio.

1968

The Community Foundation of Albany is founded.

1969

First grants, including start-up funds for Hope House.

1973

Assets surpass \$100,000

\$58,000 in grants, including support for affirmative action program.

1974

Community Foundation of Albany merges with Troy Charitable Fund to form Mohawk-Hudson Community Foundation.

1977

First two Donor Advised Funds established.

1979

For the first time, annual grants exceed \$100,000.

1984

Over \$140,000 in annual grants, including support for child care, after-school care, and child abuse education programs.

1986

First scholarship fund established: Herbert K. and Isabel C. Liebich Four-Year Scholarship.

1987

First community initiative: The Energy Conservation Program.

1988

Total assets surpass \$1 million

Over \$104,000 in annual grants, including support for a homeless shelter.

1989

Assets more than double to over \$2 million.

Energy conservation program distributes over \$500,000 in grants.

1991

Local not-for-profit establishes first Agency Endowment Fund as a source of permanent support

1993

25th Anniversary

Total Assets: \$4 million

Total funds: 40

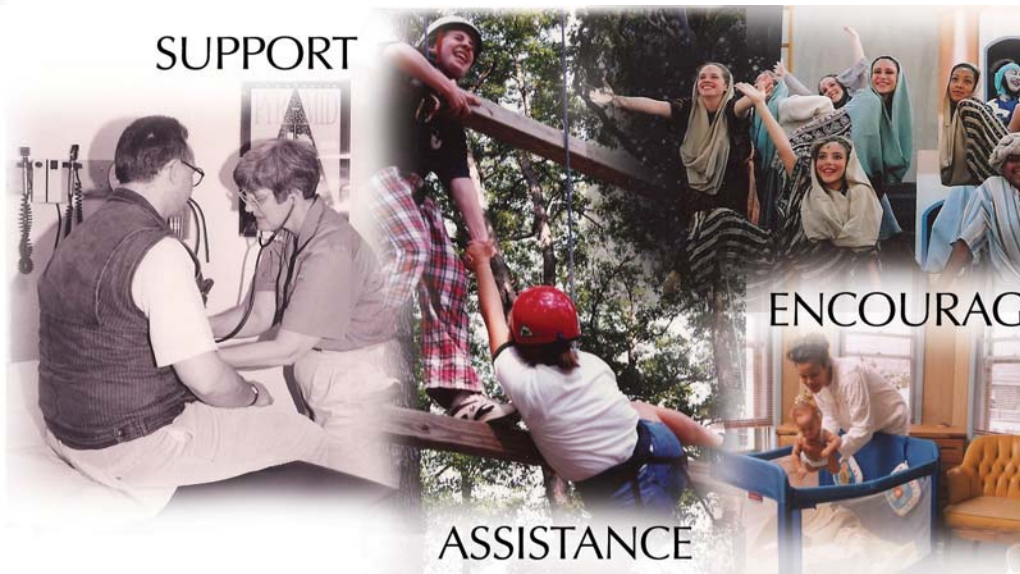
New name: The Community Foundation for the Capital Region

# 40 YEARS OF LOOKING FORWARD

Four decades ago, it was impossible to predict that by now HIV/AIDS would have claimed living in poverty. But when those issues emerged in our region, one organization — the C

The same is true for more positive trends: affirmative action, access to higher education, dation helped spread that progress throughout our region.

The Community Foundation can play this role because it alone has the combination of fl permanent charitable endowment. Contributions to the Foundation are invested, and the principal investment — the endowment — is not spent. Instead, it is bolstered by new cor



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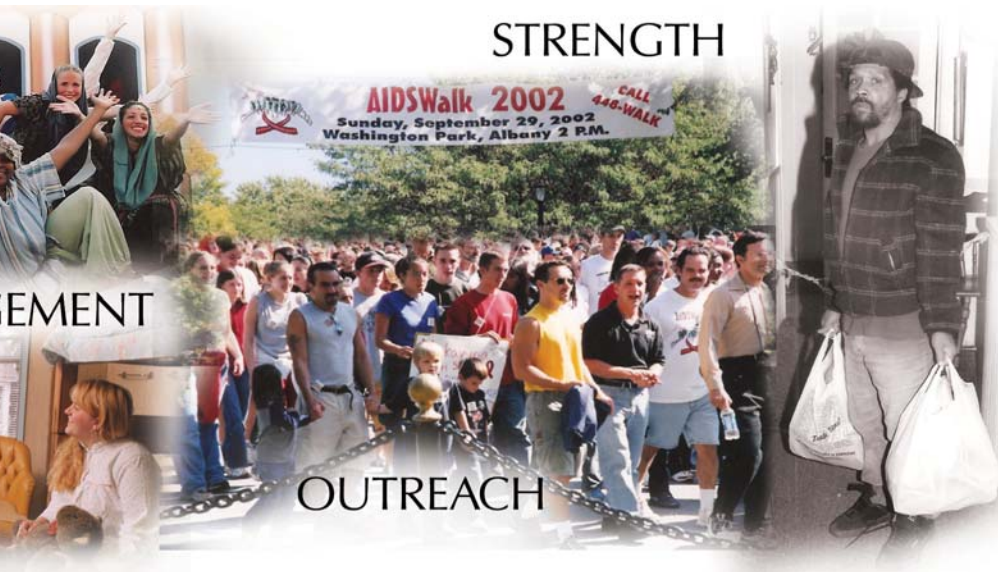
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# WARD, GIVING BACK

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...advances in health care, and more. Each time we saw progress, the Community Foun-

...xibility and permanence. First and foremost, the Community Foundation is the region's ...income earned is used to make grants, year after year, to benefit the community. The ...ntributions.



## What does that mean for the Greater Capital Region?

The very first donations to the Community Foundation back in 1968 are still giving back to the region today. Furthermore, because the Community Foundation is not restricted to a particular program or cause, contributions can have the broadest possible impact.

Over the years, gifts to the Foundation have helped fund grants for the Capital Region's first home for those with HIV/AIDS and have helped provide day care and after-school programs for children. Support for the Foundation has meant countless services for seniors and has helped bring health care advances to places that otherwise would have gone unserved.

Contributions to the Foundation have spread the joy of the arts throughout our community and have allowed thousands of students to realize their dreams of higher education. In virtually every charitable sector, gifts to the Foundation have improved the quality of life in our community.

Early on, the grants were fairly small because the endowment had not yet reached critical mass. But over the decades the Community Foundation has emerged as a force for philanthropy. Today, the Foundation distributes \$2 million in grants each year and plays a leadership role in key community partnerships. As our community continues to grow and change, so will the Foundation. And as new issues surface, the Community Foundation will be in the forefront of efforts to address them. **Looking forward and giving back . . . forever.**

### 1995

\$1.5 million bequest from Marjorie Doyle Rockwell; largest to date.

Albany's Hospital for Incurables Foundation establishes Community Health Care Fund.

Community AIDS Partnership of the Capital Region.

### 1996

At \$11.7 million, for the first time, total assets exceed \$10 million.

### 1997

Nearly \$1.4 million in grants; first time annual grants exceed \$1 million.

### 1999

\$2.5 Million in grants; first time annual grants exceed \$2 million.

### 2002

First supporting organization: The William and Mary Barnet Foundation.

### 2003

Largest gift ever: \$4.6 Million from J. Spencer Standish to create the Standish Family Fund.

Total assets surpass \$30 million.

### 2004

Donors respond to international disasters with \$50,000 for victims of Indian Ocean earthquake, tsunamis

Youth in Philanthropy program

### 2006

New community partnerships:  
Capital Region Board Leadership Forum  
The Women's Fund of the Capital Region  
Legacy Partnership Program

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## Today

Updated name:

**The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region**

**Foundation extends reach; now covers 10 counties throughout the Greater Capital Region.**

**Total assets: \$42 million**

**Total funds: Over 325**

**Total number of grants: Over 10,000**

**Grants awarded since inception: Over \$28 million**

## Our Newest Funds

The Community Foundation manages more than 325 funds, established by individuals, families, and organizations to meet their charitable objectives. Following are brief descriptions of our newest funds.

**The Chamber of Schenectady County Scholarship Fund:** to support the Leonard K. Doviak Memorial Scholarship, the Doviak Scholarship for the Arts, and the *Times Union* Communications Scholarship, all of which provide scholarships for students in Schenectady County.

**Compass Fund:** to assist organizations that help patients navigate the health care system.

**Jumper Cables Charitable Fund:** to support programs for cancer patients.

**The Fund for Rensselaer County:** to support agencies that serve Rensselaer County and to meet the needs of its residents.

**Kathleen L. Ryan Breast Care Fund:** established by a breast cancer survivor, to support breast care programs and services for women living with breast cancer.

**John Faunce and Alicia Tracy Roach Fund:** to support organizations that are engaged in alleviating or curing diabetes and related diseases; and to the perfection of kidney transplants and the development of artificial kidneys.

**Lawrence Spraragen Memorial Scholarship:** established by Mr. Spraragen's colleagues to honor his dedication to his work and community.

**M. Lucille Vrooman Memorial Fund:** a designated fund to benefit the Schenectady Museum & Suits-Bueche Planetarium.

**The Yo 'Dren Memorial Golf Tournament Fund:** established in memory of Adrienne Spencer, to support a memorial golf tournament to raise funds for Marathon for a Better Life. This annual event benefits cancer patients in Schoharie County.

### DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

These funds allow donors to recommend grants to the charitable causes and programs that matter most to them.

- Blakely-Rea Family Fund
- Kevin J. Butler Foundation Fund
- Governor Hugh L. Carey Donor Advised Fund
- Judith Fetterley Donor Advised Fund
- Thomas J. Gorman Fund
- Hearts of Indian Kettles Fund
- Bernice and Howard Kahn Charitable Family Fund
- Judith and William Kahn Charitable Fund
- Lacey-Bendorf Family Fund
- James and Elizabeth Morley Family Fund
- John W. and Maureen A. O'Toole Fund
- E. Eileen Rea Fund
- T. Norman Rea Music Fund
- Alexandria A. Tamburello Family Fund
- Patricia Wood Donor Advised Fund

### AGENCY ENDOWMENTS

- Girls, Inc. of the Greater Capital Region\*
- Junior League of Albany, Inc.
- Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York\*
- Mohawk Hudson River Humane Society\*
- Parsons Child and Family Center\*
- Renaissance Deserving Scholars Fund (to benefit the Renaissance Corporation)
- Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region
- Saratoga P.L.A.N.\*
- Schenectady Museum
- Shaker Heritage Society
- Trinity Institute – Homer Perkins Center\*
- Unity House\*
- YWCA of Schenectady\*

### FUTURE FUNDS

- Jarka and Grayce Susan Burian Revocable Trust
- Betty N. Head Donor Advised Fund
- Lowenheim-Wood Donor Advised Fund
- Gretchen A. and Lewis C. Rubenstein Fund

\*Established under our Legacy Partnership Program<sup>SM</sup>

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# SUSTAINING A LEGACY

## Fund Carries on the Work of Barry Gold

When Sherry Gold speaks of the death of her husband, she talks about the loss not only to her and her children, but also to the community. In Barry Alan Gold, the region — and, indeed, the nation — had one of its staunchest advocates for equal access to legal and health services. Determined that her husband's good works would continue, Mrs. Gold restructured and renamed the couple's Donor Advised Fund with the Community Foundation. The resulting Barry Alan Gold Memorial Fund sustains Mr. Gold's legacy by supporting the causes that mattered most to him: improved access to legal, health care, child care, and family services and to the arts. To ensure the broadest possible reach, the fund accepts proposals from organizations throughout the Capital Region.

"After Barry died, I kept thinking that the community really didn't have a chance to benefit from all he had to give," Mrs. Gold says. "I decided that one way to keep his name alive was to grow the fund in the Community Foundation and use it as a memorial fund to help improve access to the services that Barry believed all people deserve."

The Barry Alan Gold Memorial Fund awarded its first grants last fall, including \$5,000 to Jewish Family Services of Northeastern New York to provide supportive, therapeutic family counseling. Miriam Adler, Executive Director of Jewish Family Services, estimates that the grant will enable the agency to provide 16 sessions of counseling per family, over nine months, to seven families struggling with issues such as separation, divorce, custody, abuse, neglect, and conflict resolution.

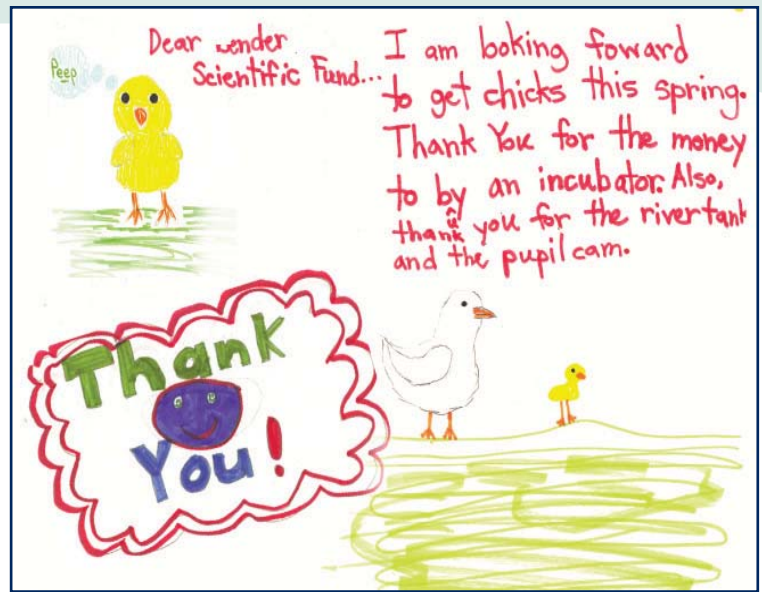
"The grant will allow us to serve families that otherwise would not have had access to this type of support," Mrs. Adler says. "It also will enable us to provide the consistency that is so important for families in these situations."

That's exactly the type of impact that Barry Gold would have wanted during his lifetime — and that Mrs. Gold was seeking in his name.

Mr. Gold died in 2002 at the age of 56. A nationally renowned health law attorney, he advised New York State lawmakers on health care legislation and was instrumental in the development and passage of the surrogate decision making, hospice, and health care proxy laws. Mr. Gold was the driving force in compelling insurance companies to fund innovative treatments, such as bone marrow transplants. He also devoted at least one work day per week to pro bono work and volunteered for countless not-for-profit organizations.

Other grants approved by the Barry Alan Gold Memorial Fund include:

- \$5,000 to Capital City Rescue Mission to support its free medical clinic.
- \$5,000 to ClearView Center for family mental health services.
- \$5,000 to Community Caregivers to recruit and train volunteers to provide services for seniors in rural areas, particularly in Knox.
- \$5,000 to the Volunteer Physicians Project of Schenectady to provide medication for patients of the Schenectady Free Clinic.
- \$3,500 to To Life! to provide education for attorneys who help patients and families with healthcare-related issues.



## Encouraging Young Scientists

For students at St. Mary's Academy of Hoosick Falls, a grant from the Foundation's Bender Scientific Fund literally has brought science to life.

In the past, students learned about fish and amphibians via textbooks and online photos. This year, students tended to crabs, salamanders, fish, frogs, and tadpoles in a river tank in the classroom.

"Students in our life sciences classes could observe and care for creatures that, in previous years, they could only read about," says Donna Cuddihy, science teacher at St. Mary's Academy.

The \$2,000 grant funded a variety of supplies, including the river tank, an incubator, and a Pupil Cam®. This digital camera attaches to a microscope, allowing students to take photos of the slides they are viewing and project and manipulate those photos on a computer screen.

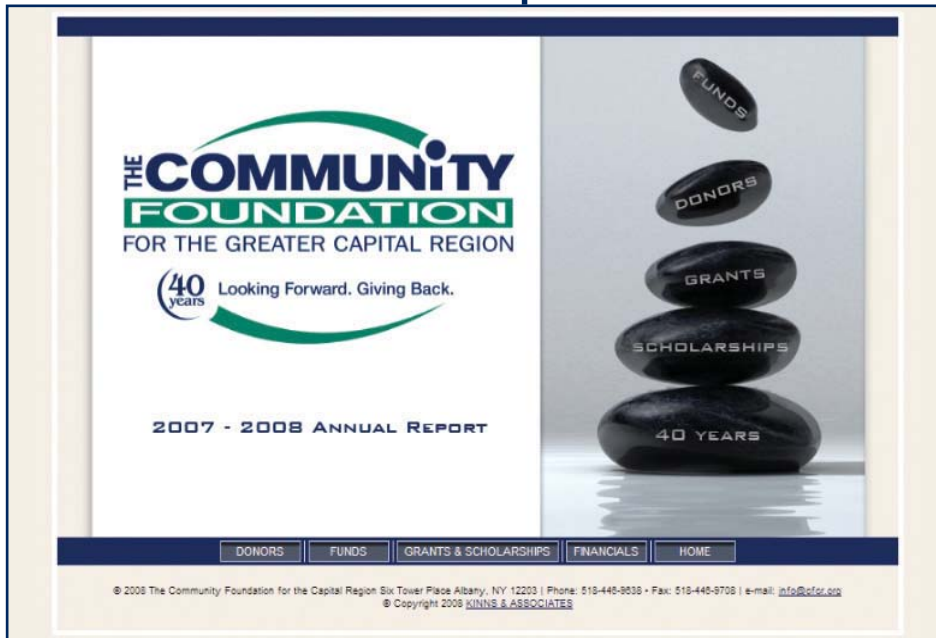
"The grant benefits every student at St. Mary's," says Principal Rebecca Martin. "This is equipment that we will use to enrich our science curriculum for many years."

One piece of equipment, the incubator, is a hit with the entire St. Mary's community. At the school's learning fair earlier this year, chicks that were hatched in the incubator were among the stars of the show with parents and students alike.

Since then, the fund has awarded nearly \$280,000 in grants to advance medicine, science, and technology in our region; to further discovery; and to foster a love of science in young people.

The grant to St. Mary's Academy supports a strong science program with a track record of success. The school, for students in grades kindergarten through 8, incorporates science at every grade level. By the end of 8th grade, students are prepared to take the New York State Regents exam in earth science, typically part of the 9th grade high school curriculum. For the past eight years, 100% of St. Mary's 8th graders have passed the exam.

# 2007-2008 Online Annual Report



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