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Dear Friends,

Fifty years ago, a thoughtful and caring group of community minded individuals collected \$40,000 to start what is now known as the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region. That same year they awarded grants totaling \$600.

The generosity and vision of that small group of residents set in motion a tradition of philanthropy that has been carried on for decades by donors and partners. The Community Foundation exists to connect people to causes that are greater than themselves and to provide opportunities to transform and sustain a vibrant community. Each donor we serve, partner we engage, and grant we award helps us build and strengthen communities; communities that transcend geographic, cultural, economic or philosophical boundaries. **Fifty years later, the Foundation has awarded over \$80M in grants and scholarships and maintains \$75M in assets under our care.**

The Foundation continues to be at the center of overlapping partnerships and networks of generous and dedicated people, working to improve the quality of life in our region. Through these relationships we are a partner for donors, a grant maker and a civic leader. We empower nonprofit organizations, philanthropists, business leaders and public officials to build a community that benefits everyone.

This year we are pleased to present our *Report to the Community* in a video format that is a representation of our work since 1968. We look forward to an even brighter future filled with opportunity for the Foundation and our allies in philanthropy throughout the Greater Capital Region. **We hope you will feel inspired by the stories of people just like you and will want to join us in fulfilling new dreams for our future.**

Sincerely,

John G. Eberle
President & CEO

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