The mission of the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region is to strengthen our community through philanthropy. We do this in collaboration with donors and community partners who share our vision for community transformation through stewardship of charitable endowments, superior donor services, effective grantmaking, and leadership to address community needs.

Our Mission

Kids learn about farm life through the Agricultural Stewardship Association’s “Food, Farm and Photography Outreach Project,” funded by a grant from the Review Foundation.
“Mighty oaks grow from small acorns.” It may be a cliché, but this saying perfectly describes the work of the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region. The seeds planted today by the Foundation toward its goal of strengthening our community through philanthropy will grow into great things over time.

The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region has grown rapidly in the last decade, both in charitable asset size and in measurable community impact. In recent years, it became obvious that the Foundation needed a new road map to guide its growth in a way that was both responsive to the needs of the region and inclusive of the philanthropic goals of the Foundation’s donors.

In 2014, the Foundation’s board, staff and key stakeholders developed a new strategic plan that will guide the work of the Foundation beyond its 50th Anniversary in 2018. This plan was informed by data-driven research on peer community foundations, interviews with regional leaders, and best practices from the philanthropic sector.

The main points of the Foundation’s new strategic plan are:

- **Increase the Foundation’s capacity to have measurable and positive impact on identified issues as well as broader community needs.**

- **Increase the Foundation’s charitable assets dedicated to strengthening its community, in partnership with fund advisors and donors who share a vision of leadership, effective giving and local impact.**

- **Strengthen the organizational and financial capacity of the Foundation to achieve the goals of the strategic plan and ensure that the Foundation serves the community and its partners for the next 50 years.**

The Community Foundation has achieved the reputation as a trusted community partner with an unsurpassed knowledge of our region’s needs that can bring together funders from diverse corners to drive results on issues of shared importance. This reputation, in combination with the continued support of donors and partners who share our vision, will be the key to achieving our goals.

Because of the continued support of generous donors like you, the Community Foundation is able to do more to help our region’s most vulnerable residents. Because of you, the Foundation is able to give nonprofit leaders the training and support they need to be more effective and efficient. Because of you, the Foundation is helping to drive regional economic growth through our region’s abundant cultural assets. Because of you, the Foundation is able to work smarter to address the most important issues faced by the greater Capital Region.

The work of the Community Foundation today will yield great things for generations to come. Thank you for your involvement and support, and for being an essential part of the Foundation’s growth and success.
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The Community Foundation is grateful to the following outgoing members of its Board of Directors for their leadership and commitment in strengthening our community through philanthropy: Gary Dake, Nancy E. Hoffman, Esq., Paul Hohenberg, Steve Lobel and C. Wayne Williams.

The Foundation welcomes the following new members to its Board of Directors: Dorcey Applyrs, DrPH., MPH, Victor Oberting III, G. Neil Roberts and John Rodat.
Children give their green thumbs a workout through Cornell Cooperative Extension’s “Little Diggers” summer program, funded by a grant from the Times Union Hope Fund.
### Careful Stewardship: Statement of Financial Position

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## Statement of Activities

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### Change in Net Assets from Operations

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Children cool down on a hot summer day thanks to Catholic Charities’ summer programs, funded by a grant from the Times Union Hope Fund.
2014 at a Glance

Nearly $4.2 million distributed in grants and scholarships

1,227 approved grant requests

21 new charitable funds established at the Foundation

400+ charitable funds managed by the Foundation
Agency Funds:

- **BH-BL HDF Co. Inc. Landry Reserve** – Established to fund housing for low-income residents by the Burnt Hills Ballston Lake Housing Development Co.
- **Friends of Grant Cottage** – Established to benefit Ulysses S. Grant Cottage State Historic Site in Wilton, NY.
- **Caffe Lena Fund** – Established to benefit Caffe Lena, a nonprofit cultural institution and America’s oldest continuously-operating coffeehouse.
- **Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy Fund** – Established to benefit the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving green spaces in Albany, Schenectady and Montgomery counties.
- **Parks & Trails New York Fund** – Established to benefit Parks & Trails New York, the state’s leading advocate for publicly-accessible parks and trails.
- **Troy Public Library Foundation and the Troy Public Library Foundation Fund** – Separately-managed funds established to benefit the Troy Public Library and the residents of Troy, NY.

Donor Advised Funds

*Each Donor Advised Fund will benefit nonprofit organizations and programs in the Capital Region and beyond:*

- **Becker Family Fund**
- **Clark Family Donor Advised Fund**
- **Elizabeth Sonneborn Hamel Family Fund**
- **McGregor Links Charitable Gift Fund**
- **Michaelson Family Fund**
- **Susan and William Picotte Fund**

Field of Interest Fund:

- **Heritage Tourism in Albany Fund** – Established to support the Albany Heritage Tourism Advisory Council and Working Group, both of which serve as advisory groups to the City of Albany.

Scholarship Fund:

- **Joseph Viola and Donna Rogers Viola Memorial Scholarship** – Established to benefit students at Cobleskill-Richmondville High School who will pursue a college degree in the areas of art, horticulture, literature or law.
Shining a Light on Regional Creativity!

The Capital Region has an abundance of cultural and artistic resources. From the countless performers, creators and thinkers who call the region home, to world-class cultural attractions like Yaddo, Proctors Theater and EMPAC, this region is rich with talent and potential.

As a way to broaden support for the region’s many arts and cultural organizations, the Community Foundation has joined forces with people and groups from the region’s creative sector to form the Regional Alliance for a Creative Economy (RACE). RACE is convened by the Community Foundation and the Center for Economic Growth, and is composed of leaders from nonprofit, for-profit, technology and higher education sectors.

In 2014, RACE conducted a study examining and assessing the greater Capital Region’s creative assets. The resulting study, *Captivate: Leveraging Regional Assets for a Vibrant Future*, was issued in November 2014, and contained recommendations for leveraging creative assets to promote overall economic and community development.

RACE earned a major win in June 2015 with the awarding of a $1 million grant through the Bloomberg Philanthropies’ Public Art Challenge. This contest, which was entered by more than 260 cities across the United States, challenged cities with 30,000 residents or more to develop temporary public art projects that would address social issues.

Under RACE’s leadership, the cities of Albany, Troy and Schenectady worked together to develop their winning submission: *Breathing Lights*, the brainchild of artist Adam Frelin and architect Barbara Nelson. *Breathing Lights* will illuminate up to 300 vacant homes in Albany, Troy and Schenectady in the fall of 2016. More than 20 organizations will be involved with *Breathing Lights*, from each county’s land banks to nonprofit “community hubs” in each city.

*Breathing Lights* will also incorporate a strong educational component, with workshops from community partners planned on topics like rehabilitating abandoned properties, and how communities can work together to improve their neighborhoods. These workshops will be driven by input from neighborhood residents, and will culminate in a summit on abandoned homes and community revitalization.

In addition to the $1 million grant from the Bloomberg Philanthropies, RACE was able to quickly raise $500,000 in matching funds and in-kind support from partners including GE, the Lighting Research Center at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, KeyBank, Nigro Companies, BBL Companies, and MVP Health Care.

The Capital Region is alight with great ideas! *Breathing Lights* partners from left: Judie Gilmore, project coordinator, Karen Bilowith, Troy Mayor Lou Rosamilia, Barbara Nelson, lead architect, Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan, Adam Frelin, lead artist, Schenectady Mayor Gary McCarthy.
Meeting Philanthropic Goals

Professional Advisor Profile: Jim Ayers

Professional advisors are an integral part of the Foundation’s success: professional advisors are able to connect their clients with the Foundation to fulfill their philanthropic goals. The Community Foundation interviewed Jim Ayers, Chair of the Estate Planning and Administration Practice Group at Whiteman Osterman & Hanna L.L.P., and a former member of the Foundation’s Board of Directors, to learn how he helps his clients through the Community Foundation.

Q: When did you first get involved with the Community Foundation?
A: I was on the board about 25 years ago. A friend was on the board and asked if I would like to serve. At that time the Foundation’s endowment was less than $3 million and very few people had heard of the Foundation. It is amazing that in 25 years the Foundation’s endowment has grown to more than $65 million, and the Foundation is widely recognized as one of the most important charities in the Capital District.

Q: What do you find most gratifying about the work you do?
A: Helping people solve problems and achieve their personal goals. Whether the challenge is to find ways to reduce taxes or how best to meet the different needs of family members, it is very rewarding to help clients develop an estate plan that addresses their concerns.

Q: What are the benefits of working with the Community Foundation for charitable giving?
A: The Community Foundation offers donors broad flexibility in carrying out their wishes to help address community issues and needs or pursue a passion. Donors can tailor a plan from any combination of the types of funds offered by the Foundation.

Q: What are a few things people should keep in mind when setting up charitable components of their estate planning?
A: Most people make charitable gifts primarily because they care about the mission of the charity. In the past, however, many clients were also motivated by the reduction in estate taxes that resulted from a gift to charity. The increase in the federal estate tax exemption to more than $5 million (and more than $10 million for a couple) means that, for most people, the charitable deduction no longer matters because their estates are already exempt from estate tax.

However, there are still substantial income tax deductions available for donations to charity. Also, for people with large estates, the estate tax deduction for charitable giving can still be significant. More importantly, the nontax reasons for charitable giving have not changed. The need to improve the conditions and quality of life for individuals and our communities, whether through education, health care, social assistance, or the arts continues unabated.

Q: What role do you see the Community Foundation playing in the Capital Region?
A: The stature and respect that the Community Foundation has gained enable it to play a vital role as a leader, convener and facilitator in addressing issues of critical importance to the Capital District. The charitable community has a high regard for President and CEO Karen Bilowith and the Foundation’s staff, and recognizes CFGCR’s special ability to be a neutral facilitator in helping charities develop and tackle regional problems. In the years to come, I believe that this role will be an increasingly important part of the Foundation’s contribution to the Capital District.
The need to improve the conditions and quality of life for individuals and our communities, whether through education, health care, social assistance, or the arts continues unabated.

— Jim Ayers

Kids get creative and have fun at the Arts Center of the Capital Region, thanks to a grant from the Community Foundation’s Community Impact Fund.
Nonprofit leaders and their board members learn about sustainable growth and relationship building at a Capacity Building Mini-Grant Program session in 2014.
Support for Nonprofits

A major part of the Community Foundation’s work is helping local nonprofit organizations become more effective and efficient through capacity-building work. Last year, the Foundation and our funding partners, donors and advisors, hosted two free programs to give local nonprofit leaders best practices, knowledge, resources and training:

**The Nonprofit Leadership Development Institute at Union Graduate College.** The Community Foundation was proud to provide funding and support for this unique program, which brings together a cohort of nonprofit leaders from the same service area for a comprehensive management training program. This year’s Leadership Development Institute served 26 fellows from 12 local organizations focused on issues affecting women and girls.

Over the course of the 10-month program, participants engaged in graduate-level coursework and intersession assignments around financial management, human resources, program development and management, and more. This year’s participants identified barriers to cooperative efforts and worked to overcome them. Participants effectively communicated about their missions and acknowledged that they complement, rather than compete with, one another. A major outcome is that the cohort self-organized at the conclusion of the program and continues to meet. They have enhanced the program by visiting one another’s facilities and planning cooperative programming that will be ongoing.

This year’s program participants included leaders from Academy of the Holy Names, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, CAPTAIN Youth and Family Services, City Mission of Schenectady, Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services, Emma Willard School, Girls Incorporated, Girl Scouts, Pride Center of the Capital Region, Schenectady Working Group for Girls, Unity House and YWCA of the Greater Capital Region.

The Community Foundation also funded and coordinated the **2014 Capacity-Building Mini-Grant Program,** through which 50 executive directors of small- to medium-sized nonprofit organizations attended monthly trainings with their board members. This innovative program was the first of its kind in the area, combining high-level training with grant funding. Program sessions were taught by the leadership team from the New York Council of Nonprofits, and included topics such as Duties and Responsibilities of a Board of Directors and Strategic Governance, Strategic Development: Moving from Mission to Execution.

Following the successful completion of the program, organizations were eligible for grants of up to $2,500 to continue capacity-building activities. The Capacity Building Mini-Grant program awarded $26,000 in grants to participating nonprofit organizations, with the Foundation’s Linda G. Toohey Donor Advised Fund generously awarding an additional $7,500 to three organizations serving Saratoga County, for a total of $33,500 in funding. Additional funding and guidance for the program came from the Community Foundation, Albany Guardian Society, the KeyBank Foundation, and the Troy Savings Bank Charitable Foundation, the Bender Family Foundation, and the following funds of the Community Foundation: the Standish Family Fund, the Linda G. Toohey Donor Advised Fund, the Lincoln Fund and the Pavonia Fund. The Capacity Building Program was so well-received and successful that the Foundation and all original funders (plus a number of new funders) have coordinated a 2015 Capacity-Building Program, which began in September 2015.
Donor Profile: Madelyn Pulver Jennings

A donor’s reasons for supporting nonprofit organizations are deeply personal and meaningful. The Community Foundation interviewed a longtime supporter, Madelyn Pulver Jennings, to find out why she has chosen to work with the Foundation to support her childhood home of Saratoga Springs, NY. Since 2001, Ms. Jennings has worked with the Foundation to provide more than $60,000 to organizations including Yaddo, the Children’s Museum at Saratoga, CAPTAIN Youth & Family Services, and Wildwood Programs.

**Q:** Why did you choose to work with the Community Foundation for grantmaking and the charitable portion of your estate planning?

**A:** Friends impressed me about the Community Foundation’s work and performance, and after leading a family foundation for many years, I decided they could do it better.

**Q:** Why have you chosen to support the arts and youth in Saratoga?

**A:** Growing up in Saratoga was a gift, and I’m trying to repay my very special hometown. Saratoga Springs High School, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Foundation, Yaddo, for instance, all deserve support.

**Q:** How did you originally become connected to Yaddo?

**A:** In 1952, I was awarded the Yaddo Medal. Even today, it is the most prestigious award at Saratoga Springs High School’s graduation. Yaddo captured me from that start. When asked to serve on the board many years ago, I was delighted.

Victor Hugo once said, “Invading armies can be resisted. Invading ideas cannot be.” It’s not easy to survive in the arts. And so many say their Yaddo residency greatly enhanced their ideas and productivity. Yaddo helps add to our cultural treasures, be they from (Pulitzer Prize-winning) author Philip Ross, to composer Daron Hagen today. Ideas matter!

**Q:** What are your thoughts on the Community Foundation’s role in the greater Capital Region?

**A:** The Community Foundation’s role is so very important. It greatly simplifies finance management and the grant process. And Karen Bilowith is such an impressive leader!

**Q:** What do you find most gratifying about supporting arts and youth organizations?

**A:** Knowing the pleasure and value a gift can bring.

Children nurture growing plants through Cornell Cooperative Extension’s “Little Diggers” program, funded by a grant from the Times Union Hope Fund.
Support for Nonprofits

The Community Foundation is at the heart of nonprofit work in the Capital Region. The Foundation is in a unique position to identify emerging needs and leverage resources and strategic partnerships to make a measurable, lasting difference.

The Community Foundation's Impact Funds are entrusted to the Foundation to support our region's changing needs. These funds are supported by donors with a variety of interests in a wide range of issue areas. Through this collective grantmaking, the Community Foundation has been able to have a significant impact in a variety of areas. The chart below shows the areas to which Community Impact funds were directed in 2014.

Legal Support & Crime Diversion $2,000
Employment $2,425
Environment $5,000
Philanthropy, Volunteerism & Grantmaking Foundations $7,000
Civil Rights, Social Action & Advocacy $7,500
Religious $12,500
Youth Development $13,000
Recreation & Sports $16,500
Animal Welfare $17,000
Food, Agriculture & Nutrition $20,000
Public Safety, Disaster Preparedness & Relief $32,000
Mental Health & Crisis Intervention $38,000
Community Improvement & Capacity Building $49,200
Diseases, Disorders & Medical Disciplines $65,000
Healthcare $66,800
Housing & Shelter $82,500
Education $86,780
Arts, Culture & Humanities $146,747
Human Services $258,737

$300,000 $250,000 $200,000 $150,000 $100,000 $50,000
Friends of the Foundation

The Community Foundation extends its deepest gratitude to the Friends of the Foundation listed here. In giving to support the work of the Foundation itself, the generous donors below help ensure that the Foundation’s community leadership, unsurpassed knowledge of community needs and resources, and distinct ability to leverage resources to drive impact will continue for years to come.

The list below reflects gifts received to support the work of the Community Foundation from January 1 through December 31, 2014.

The Giving Tree

**Gifts of $10,000+**

- Janice Dorr Fossieck and Theodore H. Fossieck Memorial Fund - a fund of the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region
- Neil and Jane Golub
- Roy Moore Hershey and Nancy K. Hershey Charitable Fund - a fund of the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region
- Keeler Motor Car Company
- KeyBank
- Judith N. Lyons Administrative Endowment Fund - a fund of the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region

Maple

**Gifts of $2,500-$4,999**

- Albany Medical Center
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