

Foundation awards \$337,711 to 18 Central New York charities

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Syracuse, N.Y. -- The Central New York Community Foundation announced it has awarded \$337,711 in community grants to 18 charitable organizations in Onondaga and Madison Counties from its unrestricted and field of interest funds.

Here are the recipients:

*AIDS Community Resources received \$25,000 to support a full-time program and outreach coordinator for the Q Center. The Q Center provides educational and social events for LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) youth, including HIV education and testing, computer literacy classes, counseling, an arts program and tutoring.

*Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum received \$9,500 to support the completion of a mule/horse stable. The museum provides hands-on learning opportunities about canal-era history and canal boats. The new exhibit will allow visitors to experience the harnessing of a horse and gain a greater appreciation for the labor that went into running the canal.

*The Community Action Partnership Program for Madison County received \$30,000 to support construction of an office building and community center that will accommodate its expanded programs and services. This community action agency works to improve the well-being and safety of children and families living in Madison County.

*Francis House received \$7,500 to purchase new beds and an oxygen manifold. This grant was also matched by the Carriage House Foundation Fund, a component fund of the Community Foundation, providing added support. Francis House provides a home and an extended family to people with terminal illnesses

*Franciscan Collaborative Ministries received \$10,000 to purchase fund development software. The Ministries provide services that respond to the needs of the poor to enable them to become more self-sufficient and productive members of the community. Their services include a food pantry, free health services, legal counseling, tutoring, community building and neighborhood revitalization.

*Friends of Rosamond Gifford Zoo received \$20,000 to purchase e-commerce software. The new software will allow online purchase of products and services and contribution processing through the Zoo's website.

*Habitat for Humanity received \$12,102 to purchase inventory management and point of sale equipment for Syracuse ReStore. The ReStore is an outlet that accepts donated home improvement goods for resale to the general public. Income from the store is put towards the construction of Habitat homes in Syracuse.

*Hazel Carpenter Home received \$9,090 to update bathroom facilities. The Hazel Carpenter Home, located in Oneida, is a nonprofit adult care facility open to elderly men and women.

*Home Aides of CNY received \$20,000 to support the conversion to an automated record-keeping system. The new database system will connect the organization's nurses and central office with the home aides they supervise, aiding in clinical supervision and scheduling.

*Jewish Community Center of Syracuse received \$15,000 to purchase and implement new software that will upgrade the organization's accounting and membership tracking system. The Center, located in Dewitt, offers early development, after-school and summer programs for children as well as senior and fitness programs.

*On Point for College received \$9,862 to design a program evaluation that will help them to identify and enhance the successful outcomes of their programming. On Point serves Syracuse youth ages 17-25 by working to remove barriers to college admission and supporting students during their college years to improve graduation rates.

*The Onondaga Historical Association received \$40,000 to support the installation of a new fire suppression system. The system will provide fire protection for the Association's more than 50,000 archives of historical Central New York documents, records, photos and museum exhibits.

*Planned Parenthood of Rochester/Syracuse received \$25,000 to support the Real Life Real Talk program, which seeks to address high teen pregnancy and STD rates by giving parents the tools they need to begin an honest and genuine discussion about health with their children. *RSVP of Madison County received \$16,000 to support a marketing and recruitment campaign that will increase and diversify their volunteer base. RSVP-MC connects citizens age 55 and over with meaningful volunteer activities, enabling them to participate more fully in the community.

*The Southside Community Coalition received \$5,000 to implement a healthy diet educational campaign to residents of Syracuse's Southside. The campaign will include doubling the number of their "Store for a Day" events, in which volunteers purchase fresh produce from the farmer's market for resale on the Southside at affordable prices.

*St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center Foundation received \$48,657 to purchase patient care equipment for the psychiatric emergency program. As the region's largest provider of mental health services, St. Joseph's operates, in partnership with University Hospital,

the Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP), the only 24-hour psychiatric emergency department serving the area.

*Saint Lucy's Food Pantry and Bread of Life Kitchen received \$15,000 to purchase a produce cooler and commercial grade dishwasher. The pantry and soup kitchen offers near Westside residents with a variety of healthy foods and personal care items to fill gaps in everyday needs. The pantry alone distributes an estimated 150,000 meals each year.

*The YMCA of the Greater Tri-Valley received \$20,000 to support the production of a documentary that will air nationally. The documentary will tell the story of a partnership the YMCA conducted with local youth and musicians from New Orleans who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina to produce and perform music for area residents.

The Central New York Community Foundation has served Central New York for more than 80 years, receiving, managing and distributing charitable funds for the benefit of not-for-profit organizations. Grants are awarded for programs in the areas of human services, arts and culture, education, environment, health, economic development and civic affairs. The region's largest endowed philanthropic foundation, the Central New York Community Foundation awards over \$5 million in grants to not-for-profit organizations annually.

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