## Syracuse Stage, CNY Arts, Onondaga Historical Association each receive \$25,000 grants



This is one of the permanent exhibitions at the Onondaga Historical Association, which received \$25,000 from the CNY Community Foundation in 2016. (Ellen M. Blalock)



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SYRACUSE, N.Y. -- The Central New York Community Foundation has awarded more than \$100,000 to local arts and culture organizations, such as CNY Arts, Onondaga Historical Association and Syracuse Stage.

The foundation just announced a total of \$470,943 in grants to area nonprofits in Onondaga and Madison counties. Established in 1927, the CNY Community Foundation is the largest charitable foundation in the region with assets of nearly \$193 million. It awarded \$11 million in grants last year to nonprofit organizations.

The arts and culture grants support projects addressing public art, performance and historical preservation.

• **CNY Arts** received a \$25,000 grant to create a regional one-calendar system with Visit Syracuse that positions CNY as an arts and entertainment destination.

- **Onondaga Historical Association** received \$25,000 to support research, development and artifact selection for its new Brewseum. The Brewseum will explain the history behind the brewing industry of Central New York.
- **Stone Quarry Hill Art Park** received \$20,700 to support capital improvements to its Art Barn program area to create a safe environment for artists working in the space.
- **Syracuse Poster Project** received \$10,878 to purchase IT and office equipment to improve the work efficiency of its interns, volunteers and board members in the creation of civic poster art.
- **Syracuse Stage** received \$25,000 to bring its "backstory program" to local schools. The program is an interactive classroom experience with historical characters portrayed by an artist-in-residence.

Additional grant recipients include:

- **100 Black Men of Syracuse** received \$15,000 to organize, promote and deliver a nutritional health wellness program for children at the Syracuse Academy and the larger community.
- **AccessCNY** received \$35,252 to renovate space to accommodate the David Clark Learning Center for traumatic brain injury. The center serves those with an acquired brain injury and helps members relearn lost skills through art and music.
- **Amaus Health Services** received \$15,000 to purchase hardware and software to expand its dental services to accommodate a growing community need.
- **Citizens Campaign for the Environment** received \$10,000 to provide five additional safe medication disposal drop boxes to police departments in Onondaga County and conduct an educational campaign to expand public engagement in this initiative.
- **East Area Volunteer Emergency Services** received \$25,000 to construct a new emergency services building that includes an emergency shelter, training center and walk-in clinic.
- **Food Bank of CNY** received \$75,979 to convert a portion of its 25,000 sq. ft. freezer into a produce-specific cooler to better preserve food supply.
- **Onondaga Community Trauma Task Force** received \$19,698 to teach 15 participants to become trainers in the Community Resilience Model (CRM) to increase understanding of the impact of trauma.
- **Syracuse Lions Club** received \$17,100 to purchase equipment used for screening children's eyesight within the Syracuse City School District and other facilities.
- **Vera House** received \$100,000 to assist with renovating its new office building on James Street. The new location will allow for increased capacity and additional room for storage.

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Cayuga Community Fund gives \$35,000 to 12 non-profits

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