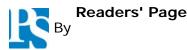
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## Congel and company aid many community efforts

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To the Editor:

I am writing in response to recent letters that have accused Bob Congel and his company, Pyramid, of not being philanthropic in our community. As the director of a local nonprofit organization that has been the grateful beneficiary of the generosity of Pyramid, and especially of its principals, Bob Congel and Bruce Kenan, I feel compelled to speak up.

Of course, I can only speak for the Onondaga Historical Association, but, over the years, Bob, Bruce and Pyramid have been extremely supportive of our organization. They have made significant financial contributions to OHA and to our history-related <u>affiliate</u> organizations, allowing us to better serve our entire community. They have also contributed materially to the preservation and restoration of some of our community's most important, iconic and historic buildings. From the spectacular restoration of the Clinton Exchange building in our city's main square to spearheading the transformation of the now beautiful Franklin Square neighborhood, they have enhanced and improved a large portion of the general landscape of our city.

OHA, and organizations like us, could not survive without the wonderful support and the generosity of this community. It is important that we recognize and thank those that support us and we are, indeed, grateful to Bob, Bruce, Pyramid, and their many employees who <u>continue</u> to do so.

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