

Adirondack Trust Company Community Fund

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ADIRONDACK TRUST COMPANY COMMUNITY FUND ANNOUNCES 2012 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Saratoga Springs, New York...The Adirondack Trust Company Community Fund recently announced that the Advisory Committee has awarded grants to eight, local, nonprofit organizations. The grants, which totaled \$12,300, were handed out at the Community Fund's annual grant award reception. The name of each organization and a brief description of how they will use the funds are listed below. Directors or representatives of each organization were present at the reception and spoke about their respective organization's mission and how the grant will support this mission.

Grant awards were provided to:

1. **Adirondack Samaritan Counseling Center** - to expand the program's reach by supporting satellite clinics that provide professional counseling and educational services for individuals and families for the uninsured.
2. **After the Fire, Inc.** - to provide immediate assistance to families in Saratoga County who suffer loss due to fire
3. **Agricultural Stewardship Association** - to expand *Farm Photography for Kids* program which promotes awareness of the value of saving the area's agricultural land by teaching children the fundamentals of photography with local farms as their subject.
4. **Regional Food Bank of Northeastern N.Y.** - to offset Saratoga County transportation expenses in getting food to local food banks in need.
5. **Saratoga Film Forum** - will establish a program "*In the Public Interest*," a movie night which will show "hot topic" films with moderated after movie discussions.
6. **Saratoga Sponsor A Scholar** - to purchase graphing calculators for students enrolled in the program, which helps economically disadvantaged young scholars complete high school and attend college.
7. **Shelters of Saratoga** - to help support the stay of homeless individuals.
8. **Saratoga Salvation Army** - to underwrite the cost of food for the youth after-school program which provides educational, health and character building programs.

Speaking on behalf of the ATCCF Advisory Committee, volunteer Chairperson, Joan Taylor, noted: "In just our second year of awarding grants from The General [Community] Fund, we have seen the positive impact in our community. Thanks to the generosity of individuals and businesses who have donated to the Fund over the past two years, seventeen local nonprofits serving Saratoga, Warren, and Washington Counties have received over \$23,000 in grants. Sponsoring an array of charitable initiatives in various areas, such as arts, agriculture, education, health, and human services, has ensured the Fund's effects are felt throughout different segments of our community. Going forward, by increasing public awareness and philanthropic support, we aim to continue growing the Fund's assets to a level that can provide enduring sustenance for our local nonprofits and their critical work."

The Adirondack Trust Company Community Fund ("The Community Fund") was established in 2009 to serve as a perpetual source of philanthropic support for the needs of local charities. The Fund is an independent 501(c) (3) charitable organization. The Adirondack Trust Company serves as the Trustee and Administrator of The Community Fund with the guidance of an Independent Advisory Committee, comprised of individuals from the community. The Community Fund's website is www.atccf.org.

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