

Adirondack Trust Company Community Fund

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ADIRONDACK TRUST COMPANY COMMUNITY FUND DONATES RECORD-BREAKING \$62,281 TO LEND-A-HAND GRANT RECIPIENTS

Saratoga Springs, New York—The Adirondack Trust Company Community Fund announced today that its Independent Advisory Committee has awarded Lend-A-Hand Grants to 29 local nonprofit organizations. The grants were presented at the Community Fund’s annual grant award reception on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. The name of each organization and the use of the grant funds are listed below. Directors or representatives of the organizations were present at the reception and spoke briefly about their respective organization’s mission and how the grant will support their particular cause.

Grant awards were provided to the following organizations:

1. **Recipient of the David H. Porter Memorial Grant: Saratoga Sponsor A Scholar**
To provide graphing calculators for the students who recently began the program, which are used for the 10th grade geometry class. The balance of the funds will go toward tutoring and fees for SAT/ACT prep courses.
2. **4-H Youth Development**
To provide funding for a robotics program to teach children aged 6 to 12 years about building and programming robotics.
3. **After the Fire**
To help families in Saratoga County who suffer loss due to a fire, including gift certificates and a bag of personal items that they can immediately use.
4. **Amanda’s House at Glens Falls Hospital**
To pay the annual expense for cable and internet services at Amanda’s House.
5. **Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Southern Adirondacks**
To provide careful screening and matching of volunteers with children who face adversity, have single, low income or incarcerated parents, and to provide funding for materials for one-to-one mentor relationships.
6. **CAPTAIN Community Human Services**
To provide the case manager with the resources to increase the amount of family mediation sessions and to resolve other family issues, so the child can return home.
7. **Catie Hoch Foundation**
To purchase gas, food and other gift cards to provide financial assistance to families who have children with cancer.

8. **The Charlton School**
To support the Family Connections Program, the goal of which is that each family attend every school function, participate in family therapy and to provide accommodations for families to visit.
9. **Dance Alliance, Inc., of Saratoga Springs**
To fund the program *MOVE Dance*, the teen outreach program of Dance Alliance, which meets for a free weekly hip-hop/contemporary dance class, including transportation for guest artists, tee-shirts and admission fees.
10. **Family Service Association of Glens Falls, Inc.**
To support the Emergency Housing and Utilities Program, which provides financial assistance to those in need of a rent or utility payment to avoid an eviction or having their power turned off.
11. **First Baptist Church Summer Lunch Program**
To support the 2019 Summer Lunch Program, which provides free lunches Monday through Friday during the months of July and August to children who receive free lunch during the school year.
12. **Franklin Community Center, Inc.**
To provide non-food essential items to families that cannot afford food, including soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes.
13. **Moreau Community Center**
To purchase a large, reach-in freezer for the food pantry, which serves 1,000-1,200 people per year.
14. **Rebuilding Together Saratoga County**
To help low-income families in Saratoga County live in a safer and healthier home.
15. **Salvation Army**
To provide funding to purchase tables for the after-school program, which enhances the educational component for low-income students who are academically at-risk and lack positive, alternative activities after school.
16. **Saratoga Bridges**
To pay stipends for Skidmore students and other professional artists, along with art supplies.
17. **Saratoga Center for the Family**
For outpatient therapy to individuals with no health insurance or who are underinsured. Therapy will introduce coping and social skills. Services are provided by licensed mental health professionals.
18. **Saratoga Community Health Center/Saratoga Hospital**
To fund recovery support boxes for people who enter the CHC Addiction Medicine Program.
19. **Saratoga County Children's Committee**
To provide funding for the Empty Stocking Project, which provides local children gifts, clothing and other necessities during the holiday season.
20. **Schuylerville Robotics, Inc.**
To pay the registration fee for the FIRST Robotics Competition.
21. **Senior Citizens Center of Saratoga**
To fund the Center's annual bus trip program. These funds can help people with affordable trips to events that they would not have otherwise been able to attend.
22. **Servants of the World (The Open Door)**
To provide children with nutritious food for weekends.
23. **SNACpack Program, Inc.**
To provide nutritional food and drinks weekly to children throughout the school year and summer months in the Saratoga Springs School District.
24. **Soul Saving Station for Every Nation**
To fund a new fire alarm system to be installed in the Mother Susan B. Anderson Emergency Shelter for Women and Children, which houses and serves approximately 56 women each year.

25. **Sustainable Saratoga**
For Children’s Fair at Saratoga Library to show them basic science concepts, explore the natural world and to enliven their senses.
26. **Veterans & Community Housing Coalition**
To make renovations to the Guardian House, a transitional supportive housing program for homeless female veterans.
27. **Wellspring**
To provide emergency basic needs assistance for the victim and family members of abuse.
28. **Wildlife Institute of Eastern New York**
To provide a program to education youth about wildlife within the Saratoga Springs School District.
29. **World Awareness Children’s Museum**
To fund educational programs and museum trips that emphasize cultural awareness.

“We are so fortunate to have the communities’ support that enabled us to award 29 Lend-A-Hand Grants this year,” said Caroline Putman, Volunteer Chair for the ATCCF Independent Advisory Committee. “This year’s grant awardees are a small example of the amazing non-profit organizations that are out there serving a multitude of needs. The awarded grants support programs that help all ages, those that have fallen on hard times, the arts, education, health and well-being.

“The room was packed with individuals who have changed our communities for the better, and was filled with hope, gratitude, and concern for each other. By the end of the night, we all had a better understanding of our communities’ needs.

“One recipient remarked that we had a ‘room full of angels.’ Each of these organizations takes your community dollars and turns those funds into something priceless—hope. Each group spends wisely and stretches each dollar received beyond what most large corporations can do. They are amazing, and yet each one felt humbled. Amazing.

“Thank you to everyone who gives support, time, ideas and hard work throughout the year. We are honored to be a part of this process.”

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. Since its inception in 2013, the Autumn of Giving Campaign has raised over \$295,000 from the community. With the bank match, the overall total raised exceeds \$590,000. The Adirondack Trust Company serves as the Trustee and Administrator of the Adirondack Trust Company Community Fund. Guidance for the Fund comes from the Independent Advisory Committee, which is comprised of individuals from our local community. The Community Fund’s website is www.atccf.org.

PHOTOGRAPHED: The 2018 Lend-A-Hand Grant recipients at a reception held on December 11, 2018, at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Saratoga Springs, New York.



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