

Adirondack Trust Company Community Fund

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ADIRONDACK TRUST COMPANY COMMUNITY FUND DONATES \$44,600 TO LEND-A-HAND GRANT RECIPIENTS

Saratoga Springs, New York...The Adirondack Trust Company Community Fund announced today that the Independent Advisory Committee has awarded Lend-A-Hand Grants to twenty-three local nonprofit organizations. The grants were presented at the Community Fund's annual grant award reception on December 15, 2015. 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:

1. **Backstretch Employee Service Team of NY, Inc.**

Lend-A-Hand Grant will provide funding to expand their vaccination program in collaboration with Saratoga Hospital in order to reach a large population of clients as they visit their on-site clinic for their primary health care needs.

2. **Ballston Spa Partnership for Innovation in Education**

Lend-A-Hand Grant will provide funding for the 2016 Girls' Summit, a full-day, STEM-based forum designed to empower, inspire and inform girls to lead healthy lives and better prepare for their future.

3. **Caffe Lena**

Lend-A-Hand Grant will provide funding for their Student Rush Ticket Program. The program provides students with discounted tickets to various music, theater, poetry, and other art performances.

4. **CAPTAIN Youth and Family Services**

Lend-A-Hand Grant will assist in purchasing a new furnace for their Runaway and Homeless Youth Emergency Shelter.

5. **Double H. Ranch, A Serious Fun Camp**

Lend-A-Hand Grant will fund their Winter Sports Program which provides authentic winter recreation for children ages 6-16 with life-threatening and chronic illnesses.

6. **Franklin Community Center**

Lend-A-Hand Grant will provide funding for their Project Lift program which is an after-school prevention program.

7. **Lake George Music Festival, Inc.**

Lend-A-Hand Grant will provide funding for the Sixth Year Anniversary Season. Talented young musicians gain valuable musical, educational experiences, including the opportunity to perform at a various venues with large audiences.

8. **Parsons Child and Family Center**

Lend-A-Hand Grant will provide funding to children from Saratoga County to attend Camp To Belong, an international nonprofit organization that reunites brother and sisters placed in separate foster care, adoptive or kinship homes through summer camp programs.

9. **Racing City Chorus**
Lend-A-Hand Grant will provide funding for their interactive presentations of the chorus of educational workshop programs at local High Schools.
10. **Rebuilding Together Saratoga County**
Lend-A-Hand Grant will provide funding to their Safe Homes Initiative which will support 20 families in need in Saratoga County to live in safer and healthier homes.
11. **Saratoga Automobile Museum**
Lend-A-Hand Grant will provide funding for SAM's Garage, a section of the Museum devoted to school-aged children and their families. The goal of SAM's Garage is to help children increase their understanding and proficiency in math, science and history.
12. **Saratoga Bridges**
Lend-A-Hand Grant will provide funding for their "Printing for Purpose" program and hire a professional artist to teach printing classes to people with disabilities and people in the community.
13. **Saratoga Center for the Family**
Lend-A-Hand Grant will provide funding for the "Heel-to-Heel", a 10 week program for high school aged girls to increase self-esteem, confidence, mindfulness, coping skills and physical activity.
14. **Saratoga County Rural Preservation Company**
Lend-A-Hand Grant will provide funding for their initiative to renovate the late 18th century farm house they use for veterans in need.
15. **Saratoga Film Forum**
Lend-A-Hand Grant will provide funding for the re-design/re-launch of "In The Public Interest" a documentary series of 10 films with moderated discussions after the show.
16. **Saratoga Independent School**
Lend-A-Hand Grant will provide funding for the purchase of two PowerGistics wall-mounted charging towers which will accommodate up to 36 devices to help with safe storage solutions for the computers recently purchased for the school.
17. **Saratoga Sponsor a Scholar**
Lend-A-Hand Grant will provide funding for the purchase of graphing calculators for the incoming class of program participants made up of academically motivated, but economically disadvantaged sophomores in the Saratoga City School District.
18. **Senior Citizens Center of Saratoga**
Lend-A-Hand Grant will provide funding for their bus trip program. The trips are in high demand with about 250 senior citizens annually enjoying the activity.
19. **The Ben Osborn Memorial Fund, Inc.**
Lend-A-Hand Grant will provide funding for children in need, grades K-6, in the form of gender and size appropriate clothing assistance during the school day.
20. **Troy Conference Geriatric Foundation, Inc. d/b/a The Wesley Foundation**
Lend-A-Hand Grant will provide funding for the Wesley Evergreen Adult Day Services Program to purchase four iPads to be used to access and provide technology-based applications and exercises.
21. **Wellspring**
Lend-A-Hand Grant will help to fund the maintenance and daily upkeep of their emergency domestic violence shelter.
22. **Wildlife Institute of Eastern New York**
Lend-A-Hand Grant will provide funding to their environmental education programs in schools, libraries, nature centers, state parks, scout groups, youth camps, etc. featuring birds of prey.
23. **Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park**
Lend-A-Hand Grant will provide funding for their Accessible Environmental Education program which supports mentors working with community youth.

Speaking on behalf of the ATCCF Independent Advisory Committee, volunteer Chairperson Mary Gavin commented, "We are pleased to be able to offer grants to so many worthy nonprofit organizations this year. We have awarded more grant money this year than ever before -- supporting 23 entities, whose services range from arts and education to caring for the

poor to taking care of veterans. These organizations make our communities strong and vibrant. Our thanks go to the individuals and business partners that supported our Autumn of Giving Campaign. It is truly a community effort.”

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 \$125,000 from the community. With the bank match, the overall total raised exceeds \$250,000. 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.

Photo of the 2015 Lend-A-Hand grant recipients



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