

Adirondack Trust Company Community Fund

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ADIRONDACK TRUST COMPANY COMMUNITY FUND AWARDS \$97,150 TO LEND-A-HAND GRANT RECIPIENTS

Saratoga Springs, New York—The Adirondack Trust Company Community Fund announced recently that its Independent Advisory Committee has awarded Lend-A-Hand Grants to 37 local nonprofit organizations. The Community Fund's Autumn Giving Match Campaign raised over \$94,000, which has been generously matched by Adirondack Trust Company. The grants were presented at the Community Fund's Annual Lend-A-Hand Grant Award Reception on December 10, 2025, in Saratoga Springs. Directors or representatives of the organizations who were in attendance spoke briefly about their respective missions, as well as the impact each Lend-A-Hand Grant will have.

Lend-A-Hand Grant Awards for 2026 projects were provided to the following organizations:

1. AIM Services

AIM Services will use the funds received from the Lend-A-Hand grant program to support individuals participating in the Respite Program.

2. ASCEND Mental Wellness

Funding will allow East Side Center to continue to operate the Breakfast/Lunch Program without having to increase the cost in 2026.

3. Battenkill Community Services, Inc.

Grant funds will be used to support the "Art with Heart" program, which encourages individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to build meaningful connections through art.

4. Belmont Child Care Association, Inc.

The grant award will be used to fund BCCA's early childhood education program at Faith's House in Saratoga Springs during the Summer Race meet at Saratoga Racecourse.

5. Ben Osborn Memorial Fund, Inc.

The grant award will be used to support Ben's Hygiene Kit Program.

6. Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Southern Adirondacks

Grant funds will purchase essential tools that enhance program experience and outcomes, including kitchen and pantry supplies, educational games, and craft supplies.

7. Bikeatoga

The grant award will be used to support the Workshop Upgrade, which includes the purchase of new and replacement tools, additional work stations, storage units for parts, and donated bikes.

8. Camp Abilities Saratoga, Inc.

Funds will go toward a portion of the adapted sports equipment for new sports being added to the program or to replace aging equipment.

9. CAPTAIN Community Human Services

Lend-A-Hand Grant funds will be used to support the Getting Ahead Program, which includes a series of classes designed to help participants understand their resources and chart a course for their future.

10. Children's Museum at Saratoga

This grant will support the purchase of an interactive projection unit designed to teach children basic mathematics concepts through fun and active interaction.

11. Comfort Food Community

Grant funds will be used to purchase food products to support Farm 2 Library program, which includes two pantries and 27 other community-run pantries, across four counties.

12. Community Hospice Foundation

Grant funds will be used to support the Hospice Wish Fund, which provides meaningful, personalized support. Each wish eases hardship and brings comfort during life's final chapter.

13. Corinth Aims to Reach Everyone (CARE) Inc.

The grant award will be used to purchase 6.5 (of 30) weeks of nutritious, kid-friendly meals and snacks to support 48 food-insecure elementary students from low-income families.

14. Franklin Community Center

Grant funds will be used to purchase essential curriculum supplies that make Project Lift's after-school lessons engaging, interactive, and impactful.

15. Glens Falls Independent Living Center, Inc. DBA Southern Adirondack Independent Living

The grant award will be used to plan, film, and produce an accessible cooking class series designed specifically for individuals with disabilities.

16. Glens Falls Senior Center

Grant funds will be used to enhance our "Gift to Goldens" program. This vital initiative provides a holiday experience for seniors who may otherwise be alone.

17. High Peaks Hospice

Grant funds will be used to offset the rising cost of medical supplies used for hospice patients.

18. Lake George Region Women for Win, Inc.

A grant award will solely be utilized to purchase personal care items for our "Hygiene Kits for Kids" project, which primarily serves elementary school children in low-income families in our local communities.

19. Operation Adopt-a-Soldier Inc.

Funds will be used to pay for postage to send care packages to our active duty soldiers in foreign lands.

20. Pitney Meadows

Funds will support its food sovereignty program.

21. Queensbury Senior Citizens, Inc.

The grant award will be used to help reduce the cost of day trips for seniors in 2026.

22. Rebuilding Together

Grant funding will be used to help 60 homeowners in need live in safer and healthier homes by purchasing and delivering Home Safety Kits.

23. Saratoga Bridges, A Chapter of the Arc, NY

The grant award will be used to provide woodworking classes for the individuals supported at Creative Endeavors Arts Center.

24. Saratoga Center for the Family

Grant funds would help up to nine children/teens and their families by covering the cost of therapy for a period of time.

25. Saratoga Children's Literacy League

Funds will be used to renovate a school bus from a regional school district into a mobile book bus.

26. Saratoga County Children's Committee

The grant award will be used to fund our largest program, the Empty Stocking Project.

27. Saratoga Pride

The grant funds will be used to pay for permits required by the City of Saratoga Springs, park rental, the rental of audio equipment, insurance, and supplies.

28. Saratoga Sponsor-A-Scholar

Grant funds will be used to help purchase new computers for high school students, including students going to college.

29. Senior Citizens Center of Saratoga Springs, Inc.

Funding will offset chartered bus costs for our expanded 2026 bus trip program.

30. Servants of the Word, DBA The Open Door

Funds will go toward direct food costs for Community Kitchen, Food Pantry, and Backpack Program for school students.

31. Shelters of Saratoga

The grant award will be used to purchase food needed to feed impoverished and/or homeless individuals with little-to-no access to food resources.

32. Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Inc.

The funds will be used to purchase lumber, hardware, mattresses, and bedding for the building and delivery of beds to children aged 3–17 in Saratoga and Washington counties.

33. The First Baptist Church of Ballston Spa's Summer Lunch Program

Grant funds will be used to purchase food items and necessary supplies to assemble and distribute lunches.

34. The Wesley Community

Funding from ATCCF will be utilized to purchase four PT/INR Monitoring Machines.

35. Tri-County Literacy Center

These funds will be used to acquire materials for peer mentoring, student needs assessments, new tutor training, and individualized tutor session supplies such as notebooks, study guides and workbooks.

36. Warren Washington County Homeless Youth Coalition DBA WAIT House

Funds will support youth discharging from WAIT House's shelter programs into permanent housing, covering moving costs and helping youth purchase needed items, including household supplies and basic furnishings.

37. Wellspring

Grant funds will be used for emergency assistance by supporting the replacement of essential items such as medication or personal documentation such as birth certificates that have costs associated with the replacement.

"We are so fortunate to have the support of our communities, which enabled us to award 37 Lend-A-Hand Grants this year," said Joyce Ure, Volunteer Chair for the ATCCF Independent Advisory Committee. "This year, we received 81 grant applications. Although we wish we could fund every request, each year we are fortunate to be able to fund more and more as our community support grows. The awarded grants will support programs for a wide variety of needs, and will include the areas of the arts, education, health, and family activities."

"Thank you to the organizations, volunteers, and donors who provide support, time, and hard work throughout the year," she continued. "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 the Autumn of Giving Campaign's inception in 2013, more than \$857,225 has been raised from the community. With the bank match, the overall total raised exceeds \$1,777,2865. 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 ATCCF.org.

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