

Adirondack Trust Company Community Fund

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ADIRONDACK TRUST COMPANY COMMUNITY FUND AWARDS \$75,560.68 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 35 local nonprofit organizations. The Community Fund's Autumn of Giving Campaign raised \$85,864.08, which has been generously matched by Adirondack Trust Company, while \$75,560.68 was awarded in grants. The grants were presented at the Community Fund's Annual Lend-A-Hand Grant Award Reception on December 1, 2022, at Longfellows Restaurant. Directors or representatives of the organizations were present at the reception and spoke briefly about their respective missions, as well as the impact the Lend-A-Hand Grant will have.

Lend-A-Hand Grant Awards for 2022 were provided to the following organizations:

1. A Dapple a Day Equine Center

Grant funds will be used to purchase food for horses, including hay, grain, and supplements, in addition to helping to cover care costs, including wood shavings (bedding for stalls) and veterinary costs.

2. AIM Services, Inc.

Grant funds will be used to support recreational and wellness activities within the Respite Program for children, teens, and adults who have diverse abilities.

3. After the Fire

Grant funds will be used to help families in Saratoga County who suffer loss due to a fire through providing gift cards for supplies and personal items.

4. Ballston Area Community Center

Grant funding will be used to facilitate the pilot use of Chromebook and/or iPad technology in its Universal Pre-Kindergarten classroom. With the procurement of advanced technology, Lend-A-Hand Grant funds will provide students with additional opportunities to learn and grow.

5. The Ben Osborn Memorial Fund, Inc.

Grant funds will provide resources for the making of Ben's Personal Hygiene Kits.

6. Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Southern Adirondacks, Inc.

Funding will be used to support one 1:1 Big and Little match for one year.

7. Caffè Lena

Grant monies will be used to fund a technician to run cameras and sound for a live stream, as well as the cost of refreshments for Art of Community, a monthly gathering of Saratoga's impact sector at Caffè Lena.

8. Camp Abilities Saratoga

Grant funds will support the one week in August when campers are housed at the dorms of Skidmore College, transported to athletic facilities by bus, and fed meals each day.

9. Camp Little Notch

Funding will cover the full cost of a new archery starter kit for their camp.

10. Catie Hoch Foundation

Grant funds will provide gas gift cards for families traveling to Albany Medical Center for their child's cancer treatment.

11. Community, Work & Independence, Inc.

Funds will provide people with intellectual and developmental disabilities the experience of expression via art—specifically painting on canvas. Grant funds will be used to purchase paints, canvases, brushes, and additional supplies for 200 people to participate in this experience at least once, preferably twice, in a 6-month period.

12. C.R.E.A.T.E. Community Studios

Lend-A-Hand Grant monies will be used to continue C.R.E.A.T.E.'s free summer community lunch program in 2023, in at least five community sites. Funds will be used to continue direct programming services, as well as supplies for the summer art program, including take-home kits.

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

Funding will help purchase food items and supplies.

14. Flutters of Hope, Inc.

Grant monies will be used to purchase items for the ButterflyWish Baskets. The organization hopes to have a respite home available to families who need support with a loved one who is suffering. Trained staff care for individuals short-term, which allows families respite and an opportunity to regroup.

15. Franklin Community Center, Inc.

Funds will be used to support the low-income housing rental building, Franklin Community Manor. Grant support will assist the organization in replacing outdated, broken, and inefficient windows in the building's common areas and hallways.

16. Habitat for Humanity of Northern Saratoga, Warren, and Washington Counties

Funds will be used for Habitat for Humanity's build at 141 W Circular St. in Saratoga Springs. The build will demonstrate the organization's ability to unite the community to build an affordable home for one hard-working family.

17. Hudson Crossing Park

Funds will cover the cost of native perennial plants, which will be installed by Hudson Crossing Park's volunteer gardeners. Funds will also help support the costs of new tools and equipment to maintain the garden areas well into the future.

18. Malta Avenue Elementary PTA

Lend-A-Hand Grant funds will facilitate the purchase of a single book for each student at Malta Avenue Elementary during the month of March for the celebration of reading by participating in PARP (Pick a Reading Partner).

19. NYSARC, Inc., Saratoga County Chapter (Saratoga Bridges)

Grant funds will be used to purchase art supplies and materials including clay; paper; colored pencils; acrylic, watercolor, and oil paints; matting; frames; canvases; ink cartridges; card stock; and assorted enhancements.

20. Nipper Knolls Equine Center

Funds will purchase food and grain for the Nipper Knolls herd.

21. Open Door Mission

Grant funding will provide food for the Open Door Mission's Hunger Relief Program.

22. Operation Adopt-a-Soldier, Inc.

Funds will cover postage to send monthly care packages to soldiers.

23. Prospect Center—Center for Disability Services, Inc.

Grand funding will be used to replace the hallway flooring located in the Prospect School building, which houses its school age students. Funds will be used to remove and dispose of the old floor, install a leveling underlayment, and purchase and install the new floor.

24. Queensbury Senior Citizens, Inc.

Grant funds cover the cost of transportation for four day trips in 2023.

25. Rebuilding Together Saratoga County

Lend-A-Hand Grant funds will purchase material for 40 safety kits, in addition to supporting the delivery and installation of these items.

26. Saratoga Center for the Family

Funds will provide free services to children, teens, and families who cannot afford medical treatments. The majority of the organization's clients are low-income with high deductibles or copays or those who are without health insurance.

27. Saratoga County Children's Committee

Grand funding will support the Empty Stocking Project, which is the largest program that the organization executes each year. Its mission is to embody the holiday spirit by giving local children gifts, clothing, and necessities during the holiday season.

28. Saratoga County History Center

Funding will help prepare spaces, design and produce interpretive panels, build cases, print photographs, and frame archival documents.

29. Saratoga Pride, an affiliate of the Pride Center of the Capital Region

Lend-A-Hand Grant funding will help install Pride banners on Broadway for the month of June 2023.

30. Saratoga/Wilton Soccer Club

Grant funding will be used to purchase two Good Samaritan Lifeline Defibrillators with pediatric capabilities to have on site, in the event of a cardiac issue on or off the field during the games.

31. Senior Citizens Center of Saratoga Springs, Inc.

Funding will be used to support cultural and recreational programming for Saratoga County seniors.

32. Shelters of Saratoga

Grant funds will be used to purchase non-perishable food and supplies to be distributed through its outreach program.

33. SNACpack (Saratoga Nutritional Assistance for Children)

Funds will help purchase food from the local food bank, local farms, and businesses.

34. Stories for Success Saratoga, Inc.

Lend-A-Hand Grant funds will help finance the Saratoga Hospital “book bags,” which includes purchasing new books, paper bags, and stickers. The “book bag” program gives newborn babies at Saratoga Hospital two books, library card information, and other reading-related goodies.

35. Veterans & Community Housing Coalition

Funds will be used to purchase meats, dairy products, and produce.

“We are so fortunate to have the support of our communities, which enabled us to award 35 Lend-A-Hand Grants this year,” said Colleen Carlson, Volunteer Chair for the ATCCF Independent Advisory Committee. “This year, we received 54 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 as a whole, 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 \$558,938.37 has been raised from the community. With the bank match, the overall total raised exceeds \$1,158,000. 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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