

# **Adirondack Trust Company Community Fund**

## **News Release**

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### **ADIRONDACK TRUST COMPANY COMMUNITY FUND DONATES RECORD-BREAKING \$73,082 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 grants were presented at the Community Fund's annual grant award reception on December 10, 2019. The name of each organization and how the grant will be used is 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. After the Fire**

To help families in Saratoga County who suffer loss due to a fire, including gift certificates that they can immediately use.

**2. AIM Services, Inc.**

To support Enhanced Respite After School Program through the purchase of educational and recreational materials such as teaching materials, sensory stations, art supplies, books, musical items, recreational items and provisions of healthy snack foods.

**3. Amanda's House at Glens Falls Hospital**

To provide funding for monthly TV/Cable, internet, and WiFi services for comfort and ease of patient and families extended stay during treatments.

**4. Art in the Public Eye**

To provide funding for the licensing fees associated with showing each film in a public setting, which will be free and available to the community, promoting family-friendly activity opportunities.

**5. Backstretch Employee Service Team of NY (BEST)**

To purchase of food and beverages for backstretch workers during the shoulder season where there is limited access to meal options at the track.

**6. Bikeatoga**

To purchase bicycle parts and tools, lights and high visibility items, as well as adult and child helmets.

**7. Books in Kid's Hands Corporation**

To purchase books for students to take home during vacations and summer breaks.

**8. Brookside Museum/Saratoga County Historical Society**

To provide materials for hands-on activities for sheep shearer program.

**9. CAPTAIN Community Human Services**

To support the Getting Ahead program, which assists those living in poverty or low-income situations, by building their resources for a more prosperous, self-sufficient life. Funding supports purchase of program materials, logistics and supplies.

**10. Catie Hoch Foundation**

To purchase gas, food and other gift cards to provide financial assistance to families who have children with cancer.

**11. Charlton School—David H. Porter Memorial Grant**

To provide funding for Therapeutic Arts Classroom Renovations, which offers art therapy programming.

**12. Clifton Park Halfmoon Emergency Corps, Inc.**

To purchase Stop the Bleed training props for bleed control outreach education and training.

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

To purchase food items and supplies for student summer lunch programming.

**14. Franklin Community Center, Inc.**

To support program costs for the after-school prevention program, Project Lift, for "high-risk" students.

**15. Glens Falls Area Youth Center, Inc.**

To provide funding for logistics, meals and educational supplies.

**16. Lake George Region Women for WIN, Inc.**

To purchase personal hygiene items for distribution to area elementary students.

**17. Lower Adirondack Search and Rescue, Inc.**

To purchase updated search-and-rescue GPS units.

**18. Mechanicville Area Community Services Center**

To provide sneakers, nutritious snacks, supplies and race fees for inaugural Boys on the Move program.

**19. Moreau Community Center—Civic Center of Moreau**

To purchase an additional commercial refrigerator, and cosmetic upgrades for renovated food pantry.

**20. The Open Door—Mission Servants of the World, Inc.**

To purchase food, supplies and other direct expenses for the Food Assistance Program.

**21. Pitney Meadows Community Farm, Inc.**

To provide funding for supplies to construct two handicapped, accessible picnic tables.

**22. Prospect Center—Center for Disability Services, Inc.**

To provide funding for the development of a fully accessible playground with adaptive equipment to meet the needs of children with different abilities.

**23. Rebuilding Together Saratoga County**

To purchase items for Safe and Healthy Home Kits, which include items such as smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, flashlights and first-aid kits.

**24. Salvation Army—Saratoga Springs**

To provide funding for one-time household expense support, allowing families to stay in their homes.

**25. NYSARC., Inc Saratoga County Chapter (Saratoga Bridges)**

To support staffing of new artists for the Creative Endeavors Art Center program.

**26. 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.

**27. Saratoga County Children's Committee—Ned Chapman Memorial Grant**

To provide funding for the Empty Stocking Project, which provides local children gifts, clothing and other necessities during the holiday season.

**28. Saratoga Hospital Foundation (SHF) for Saratoga Community Health Center**

To support the costs of medications and co-payments for underinsured patients who may otherwise forego getting treatment due to cost.

**29. Saratoga Pride, an affiliate of the Capital District Gay Community Council**

To purchase replacement Pride banners to be placed on Broadway during the month of June, as well as support the development of a Youth Pride event.

**30. Saratoga War Horse Foundation**

To purchase furniture to insure the Saratoga Veteran classroom is comfortable and accessible to all.

**31. Shelters of Saratoga**

To purchase non-perishable food items that can be easily consumed in places without access to water and kitchens.

**32. 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.

**33. Veterans & Community Housing Coalition**

To make handicap accessibility bathroom renovations at the Guardian House, a transitional supportive housing program for homeless female veterans.

### **34. Wellspring (formerly Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services)**

To provide emergency basic needs assistance for the victims and family members of abuse.

### **35. Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park**

The purchase of the backpacks and wildlife exploration contents for families to use while they explore the park.

“We are so fortunate to have the communities’ support that enabled us to award 35 Lend-A-Hand Grants this year,” said Caroline Putman, Volunteer Chair for the ATCCF Independent Advisory Committee. “This year, we received a record-breaking 81 grant applications. Although we wish we could fund every request, every year we are fortunate to be able to fund more and more as our community support grows. This year, the awarded grants will support programs for all ages and our communities’ needs as a whole, and will include the areas of the arts, education, health and family activities.

“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,” she continued “by the end of the night, we all had a better understanding of our communities’ needs and the programs these organizations provide. These organizations are reaching out to each other to see if they can form informal partnerships to build from each other’s strengths, talents, and resources. Win, win!

“These groups don’t just give away food and gift cards,” Putman said, “they educate those they are helping, they build trust, and show we care and will help. They guide them to other resources to assist the individual’s journey to a better place. They build skills and confidence and independence. The amazing part – these organizations are the ones that felt humbled by their peers.

“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 the Autumn of Giving Campaign’s inception in 2013, more than \$373,000 has been raised from the community. With the bank match, the overall total raised exceeds \$746,000. 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.

**PHOTOGRAPHED:** The 2019 Lend-A-Hand Grant recipients at a reception held on December 10, 2019, at Adirondack Trust in Saratoga Springs, New York.

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