

# Allegany County Area Foundation



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## Annual Report 2022-2023



# Dear Foundation Friends,

As we celebrate our 40th year at the foundation it is a great time to look both back at our accomplishments and forward to a bright future. ACAF has awarded over four million dollars in scholarships and grants over the past 40 years and helped thousands of Allegany County residents. Sadly, this past May we lost the Honorable Peter Sprague, who was so instrumental in our founding. We and his family are setting up funds in his honor. I know he was proud of what the foundation has become.



This past fiscal year was a great fundraising year for ACAF. I want to personally thank our staff for all their work and most importantly for caring so much. Thanks, too, to all our donors, big and small, who are the driving force moving ACAF forward. We currently have about thirteen million dollars in our endowment, which generates about \$375,000 in grants and scholarships annually.

We don't know what may be possible in the future but try to imagine. Maybe larger scholarships, or every applicant in Allegany County receiving a scholarship, and making more and larger grants to our county non-profits.

I want to offer everyone involved with the foundation a heartfelt thank you. Please continue this great work.

*Rodney Bennett*

President, Board of Directors  
Allegany County Area Foundation



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# Dear Friends of the Foundation,

The 2022-2023 fiscal year was kind to us at the Allegany County Area Foundation (ACAF). The generosity of friends like you helped us offer \$325,000 in scholarships and \$50,000 in grants and has created the prospect of even more scholarships and grant awards in the future. Thank you for supporting the well-being and education of Allegany County residents.



The Foundation turned forty this summer. We were ‘born’ on June 22, 1983, the date that appears on our certificate of incorporation. About a year later, the IRS affirmed ACAF as a tax-exempt organization. The work of starting the foundation commenced well before these milestones, thanks to the coinciding visions and collaboration of Allegany County attorney and judge Peter Sprague, and bank officer Jack Carter. Their idea: the creation of a community foundation for Allegany County, with the aim of providing college scholarships for our local students.

*“you know, it is really  
a good thing to do some  
good for good kids”*

~Peter Sprague

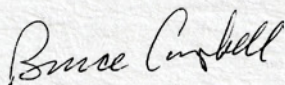
Peter Sprague passed away on May 4, 2023, at the age of 93. Those who knew him describe Mr. Sprague as positive, patient, community-minded and entrepreneurial, with a lawyer’s keen mind and meticulous nature. He was indeed the right person at the right place and time to lead the way through the legal and logistical complexities involved in setting up this organization.

During that time, outside experts recommended abandoning the effort – suggesting that Allegany County had neither the financial nor population resources for a viable community foundation. But these gentlemen were persistent, built support, and forged ahead – and forty years later ACAF is approaching \$5M in scholarships and grants awarded.

Mr. Sprague’s family confirms the joy he felt in helping young people; ‘you know, it is really a good thing to do some good for good kids’, they recall him saying, and that the growth and activities of ACAF were a source of happiness to him long after his formal involvement. ‘He was proud of the part he played in the organization of the Foundation, and so pleased with the progress the Foundation has made over the years.’

The Foundation wouldn’t be here without Mr. Sprague’s efforts. I’m sorry that I never had the chance to meet him in person. We did correspond a bit, though, and I appreciated and value the notes he sent, expressing his gladness in what the Foundation is doing, and encouraging all of us involved with ACAF that this is good work and to keep it going.

It really is good work. Thanks for being our partner in it.



Bruce Campbell  
Executive Director





# Our Funds *At time of publication*

## Scholarship Funds

Alfred Wood Scholarship  
Allegany County Deputy Sheriff's Assn Scholarship  
Amanda N. Curcio Memorial Scholarship  
Ann Barwick Swift Memorial Nursing Scholarship  
Anne McAndrew Teaching Scholarship  
Barbie Ludden Scholarship  
Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship  
Betty Embser Wattenberg Community Service Schsp  
Beverly Grantier Memorial Scholarship  
Carl Atwell Memorial Scholarship  
Catherine Schuyler Chapter NSDAR Scholarship  
Celeste M. Wuersig Scholarship  
Clair and Mildred Almeter Scholarship  
Cuba Council of Churches Scholarship  
Daniel R. McCarthy Scholarship  
Dennis J. Amore Memorial Scholarship  
Dresser-Rand Scholarship  
Edward Brewster Scholarship  
Forty & Eight Scholarship  
General Scholarship  
George and Ella Shear Scholarship  
George and Irene Fisk Scholarship  
Hobart Rhinehart Memorial Scholarship  
Janet Burger Appier-Phyllis Burger Wilson Memorial Schsp  
John and Ruth Doyle Scholarship  
John Robertson and Flora Whiteman Scholarship  
Joseph W. and Inez A. Hupp Scholarship  
Julianne Doyle Bentley Memorial Scholarship  
Kane Family Scholarship  
Karen A. Kunz Memorial Scholarship  
Larry Dye Scholarship  
Lee Gridley Memorial Scholarship  
Leonard and Margaret Kelley Scholarship  
Leslie Newland Thomas Memorial Scholarship  
Lois M. Lily Scholarship  
Lyn VanTassel Scholarship  
Marie Miller Gleason Scholarship  
Marion Green Scholarship  
Mary A. Bishop Scholarship  
Mary Lou Canessa Scholarship  
M. Gretchen Probst Scholarship  
Millicent Friendly Graduate Student Scholarship  
Penny's from Heaven Scholarship  
Peter Sprague Scholarship  
Presutti Family Scholarship  
Road to the Future (highway superintendents)  
Dr. Robert G. Hutter, Esq. Memorial Scholarship  
Rose Fleming Scholarship  
Sgt. Ian Gregory Bole Memorial Scholarship  
Stephen V. Ambroselli Scholar Incentive Award  
Tim Rohe Memorial Scholarship  
Walter F. and Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship  
Warren and Connie Emerson Scholarship  
Wellsville Area Homeschoolers Scholarship  
Wellsville Rotary Club Service Above Self Schsp  
William F. Farnsworth Scholarship  
Yadlosky Family Foundation Scholarship  
\* = non-endowed (funded annually)

## Unrestricted Grant Funds

Allegany Fund  
A. Norbert Shear Memorial Fund  
Carter and Windus Family Fund  
Joseph Bucher Fund  
Peter Sprague Founders' Fund  
Thomas F. and Laura L. Moogan Family Fund

## Designated, Donor-Advised, and Field of Interest Grant Funds

Allegany County Cancer Services Fund  
Allegany County Historical Society Fund  
Allegany County Shop with a Cop Fund  
Allegany Senior Foundation Fund  
Angelica Free Library Fund  
Bartoo Family Fund (Richburg-Wirt Historical Society)  
Charles and Lorraine Joyce Family Fund  
Cuba Legacy Fund  
Cuba Memorial Hospital Fund  
Cuba Toys for Kids Fund  
Doris Church Fund (Andover Library)  
Fund for the Andover Free Library  
Fund for the Hillside and Valley Brook Cemeteries  
Hydramec Fund (Scio Library)  
Jodi Patterson Fund for Art, Culture, and Rural Empowerment  
Jonathan A. Dahlgren Eczema Fund (Nat'l Eczema Assoc.)  
Joseph Damiano Mem. Direct Support Professional Fund  
Kathryn and Conrad Church Fund (Andover Landscaping)  
Ken and Judi Van Dine Christian Service Grant Fund  
Lester and Dorothea Harris Fund for the Whitesville Rural Cemetery  
Masonic Lodge #424 (Village of Belmont Clock Fund)  
Pioneer Oil Museum Fund  
Robert Christian Fund (local history)  
Shirley J. Weatherly Memorial Grant Fund  
SPCA Serving Allegany County Fund  
Susan Foster Myers Memorial Fund (Friendship Library)  
Walter Taber Memorial Trust Fund (Friendship, NY)  
Wide Awake Club (Fillmore) Library Fund  
WNY Public Health Alliance Fund

*Though most ACAF funds are endowed they can (and many do) still receive new donations*

## Types of Funds Held by ACAF

**Designated Fund:** Established to benefit a specific organization (e.g., library, cemetery).

**Donor-advised Fund:** Donor may establish general criteria for awards and make recipient recommendations, which are non-binding, to ACAF.

**Field-of-Interest Fund:** Supports a general type of endeavor (e.g., local history, public health).

**Non-endowed Fund:** These are funded annually by donors.

**Scholarship Fund:** Donor may specify general criteria (e.g., high school, college, academic program) but not select recipient.

**Unrestricted Fund:** Grant funds with broad or non-specific criteria, giving ACAF flexibility to devote support to where it is most needed.



# Grants from Designated Funds

## Jonathan A. Dahlgren Eczema Fund

\$753 - Established by former ACAF Executive Director Denis Dahlgren and his wife Colleen to memorialize and honor their son, this annual grant supports the National Eczema Association.

## Richburg-Wirt Historical Society Endowment Fund

\$4935 - For the operations of the Richburg-Wirt Historical Society & Museum.

## Memorial Hospital Fund

\$2387 - Annual support for hospital operations.

## Walter Taber Fund

\$450 - This fund supports non-profits serving the Village of Friendship. Grants for the 2022-2023 year helped with library subscription boxes and senior programs.

## Pioneer Oil Museum

\$391 - This fund provides an annual grant to support the museum's facilities and programs.

## Conrad and Kathryn Church Landscaping Fund

\$5682 - This fund provides for the care of trees in the Village of Andover.

## Fund for the Hillside and Valley Brook Cemeteries

\$1000 - To Valley Brook Cemetery to take care of storm damage.

*Thank you so much for the opportunity to participate in the Leadership Allegany program. I am very grateful to be a part of this!*

~Molly

## LIBRARY FUNDS

*Several local libraries benefit from dedicated funds that provide an annual distribution to help with programs and operations. During the 2022-2023 year, ACAF library funds provided the following grants:*

### The Doris O. Church Fund

(Andover Free Library) - \$384

### Susan Foster Myers Memorial Fund

(Friendship Free Library) - \$325

**Hydramec Fund** (Scio Memorial Library) - \$672

**Fund for the Andover Free Library** - \$1822

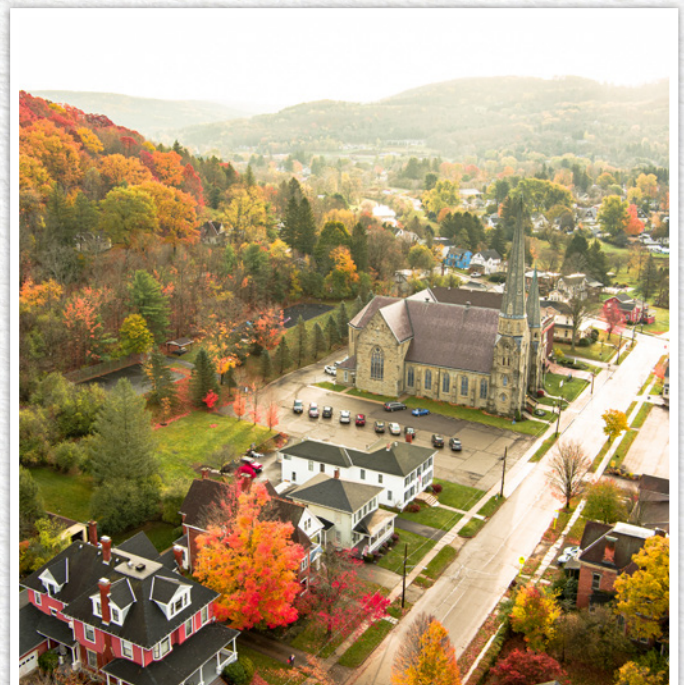
### Wide Awake Club Library Fund

(Fillmore) - \$400

*We continue to be devoted to providing safe and affordable homes to families in our area and are so grateful for those who choose to join us in our endeavors.*

*With your gift we will be able to build the home that we are in the process of in Bolivar, NY.*

~Genesee Valley Habitat for Humanity





# Grants from Unrestricted and Field of Interest Funds

*All grants are from ACAF's Allegany Fund unless otherwise noted.*

## Genesee Valley Habitat for Humanity

Genesee Valley Habitat for Humanity (GVVHFH) received \$1000 for its home build underway on Olean Street in Bolivar. As with all HFH projects, this effort is volunteer driven, with area contractors taken on where needed. The Olean Street house will soon become home to a young family.



## Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo



ACAF provided logistical and financial support for Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo's workshop Impact Toolkit: A Key to Successful Capacity

Building for Rural Non-profits. This special event offered Wyoming and Allegany County non-profits training on board development and grant writing. A \$1000 grant from ACAF allowed fifteen board members and staff from a dozen Allegany County organizations to attend without cost.

## Belfast Free Library

The Belfast Public Library was awarded \$1000 for its Summer 2023 Concert Series and Taste of Belfast event. These August performances featured local musicians and were held in the community's Town Park. The last concert included Taste of Belfast programming and activities for kids and families.



## Cuba Chamber of Commerce

From late 2021 to project completion in spring 2023, ACAF assisted the (non-profit) Cuba Chamber of Commerce with the renovation of the town's Chamberlain Park Playground. ACAF handled the tracking and receipting of donations and contributed \$1000 to the project. The Chamber raised over \$85,000 via 145 donations for the new playground.



## Impact: Friends Improving Almond Trails

IMPACT's \$1500 grant is helping replace a bridge on Trail 2/6 of the West Almond Trail System, part of a larger effort to improve access and safety. When complete, this new bridge will provide for two additional miles of multi-use year-round trails for public use, and potentially help local businesses that serve trail visitors.

## Ardent Solutions

Ardent Solutions was awarded a \$1500 grant to support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Over 900 Allegany County age 5 and under receive a book each month through this growing program, which aims to improve reading- and school- readiness.





# More Grants

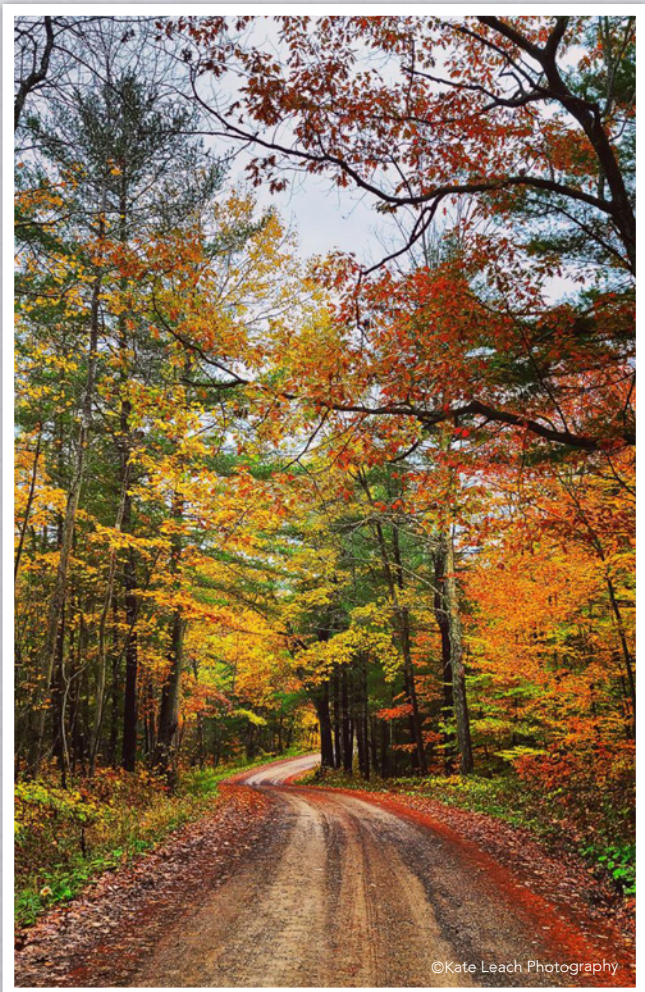
## Shirley J Weatherly Memorial Grant

This fund supports a Cuba resident pursuing his or her goals in the face of physical obstacles. During the 2022-2023 year this fund provided \$834 to CRCS student Gabby Kranock, who was injured by a drunk driver in a September 2022 accident.

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*Thank you so much for the grant. Our event was a success because of your support. We had representatives from 3 local agencies (Sheriff's Dept., Cuba PD, and New York State Police). Your support is very much appreciated.*

~DSS Foster Care (Foster Care Holiday Party)



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## Additional Grants

**Allegany County Assn for the Blind and Visually Handicapped** \$750 for programing (Shear Fund)

**Allegany County DSS** \$625 for Foster Care Holiday Party (Shop with a Cop Fund)

**Bolivar Free Library** \$1000 for books

**Boy Scout Troop 733** \$725 for new tents (Allegany, Moogan, and Shear funds)

**Canaseraga Central School** \$1500 for gym and after-school archery programs

**CA BOCES** \$675 for National Technical Honor Society membership fees and induction ceremony

**David A. Howe Library** \$659 for Shake on the Lake (Charles and Lorraine Joyce Family Fund)

**Fillmore Central School PTO** \$800 for school break backpack food program

**Fountain Arts Center** \$1000 for arts programing

**Genesee Library** \$750 for enhancements to outdoor space

**Hart Comfort House** \$500 for general support (Moogan Fund)

**Leadership Allegany** \$650 for program scholarship

**Salvation Army** \$1000 each; Halloween Block Party and emergency shelter support

**Scio Memorial Library** \$700 for tables and chairs to improve meeting space

**Town of Caneadea** \$553 for Seneca Field Day (Bob Christian Fund)

**Wellspring Ministries** \$1000 to help with purchase of scissor lift



# New Funds

## Carter – Windus Family Fund

The Carter – Windus Family Fund has been established through a donation from Friendship native V Perry Carter.

The Carter-Windus Family Fund reflects the Allegany County connections shared by Mr. Carter and his sister, Patricia Carter Windus, and their appreciation for their growing up in Friendship. In addition to their ties, Mrs. Carter Windus' late husband, Harold, was born and raised in Belmont.

The Carter Family was involved in the Friendship community over multiple generations in local business, farming, church, and civic affairs. Mr. Carter's father, Roy Carter purchased the iconic Carter's Hardware in Wellsville and Roy also inherited the Carter Hardware in Friendship from his father Valentine Carter.

The former Carter Family home at 37 East Main Street is now the Carter House Ministry Center of the United Church of Friendship.

Though both are in their 90s and no longer living in NY, Mr. V Carter and Mrs. Windus maintain an interest in Allegany County and the well-being of its residents. The first grants from this endowed fund are anticipated in 2024. While sharing his areas of charitable interest with the Foundation, Mr. Carter has left the use of the fund to the discretion of the ACAF board, allowing for the funds to be used where most needed to meet the pressing and emerging needs in the county.

## Donating to Charity Through an IRA

IRA holders aged 70.5 or older can support non-profits through a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) — which is a direct transfer of funds from the IRA custodian to a qualified charity. A QCD can be counted toward the required minimum distributions (RMD) for the year. Unlike regular IRA withdrawals, the amount donated through a QCD is excluded from taxable income. QCDs don't require itemizing. See your financial advisor for more details.

## Celeste M. Wuersig Scholarship



The family of Celeste Wuersig has established a scholarship in her honor and memory with the Allegany County Area Foundation (ACAF). The Belfast native and long-time Cuba resident passed away on March 6, 2022.

Born in 1949 to parents Dominic P. and Dorothy Curcio, Celeste's youth in Belfast, NY included a large, loving extended family, hosting international students, and the natural beauty around her – which she enjoyed exploring, displaying an early curiosity and love of learning that characterized her whole life. An avid learner and reader, Celeste acquired a large repertoire of information about a broad variety of subjects and was comfortable speaking to anyone about almost any topic. She loved learning about nature, gardening, all types of cuisine, politics, culture, history, eclectic varieties of music, and, most especially, languages.

In 1965 Celeste fell in love with the man who would become her husband of 55 years, Klaus Wuersig, originally of Görlitz, Germany. Married in 1966, they had three children, their (late) son, Erich Wuersig, and two daughters, Elke (Wuersig) Miot, and Renate Wuersig. Their life together included countless adventures, including extensive domestic and international travel, fighting a proposed nuclear waste dump in Allegany County, and living overseas in Malaysia and the United Arab Emirates.

To learn Klaus's native German, Celeste first learned alongside their young children, then started taking language courses at Houghton College. Eventually she completed her coursework in advanced literature and graduated with honors in 1988 with a double major in German and French. She continued connecting with people from all over the world, and took additional classes and independent study in Russian, Arabic, Farsi, and Italian.

In addition to her interests and accomplishments, Celeste is remembered by her family as a wise, fun, and loving wife, mother, daughter, and friend. Her curiosity and love of learning continues through her children, who she encouraged to pursue their own passions.

The Celeste M. Wuersig Scholarship will support a student who demonstrates an interest in languages through college study and career aspirations.



## Forty & Eight Scholarship

The Allegany County chapter (Voiture 1006) of the national 40 & 8 veterans honor society has established a scholarship fund with the Allegany County Area Foundation (ACAF).



Formally known as La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux (The Society of Forty Men and Eight Horses), the Forty and Eight is an independent honor society of American veterans and service members.

American veterans returning from World War I service in France founded the Forty and Eight in 1920. The organization is committed to patriotic and charitable endeavors, including child welfare and nurses training – the latter emphasis derived from the acute nurse shortage the veterans observed during their service.

Allegany County's Forty and Eight was established on June 16, 1928. Its members have supported the county in a variety of ways, including assisting aspiring nurses. This new scholarship will continue this tradition and perpetuate the legacy of this local chapter.

The Forty & Eight name is taken from the boxcars, which could hold forty men or eight horses, in which soldiers were transported during the war.

One \$500 scholarship will be awarded annually to a student preparing for a nursing career, with priority to students already excelling in a college nursing program. As the Forty and Eight Fund endowment grows, additional scholarships will be offered.

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*The Bolivar Library is so appreciative for the funds allocated to the Great Graphic Gallery – we have had so much fun researching and selecting the graphic novels that will meet the needs of our readers ... Thank you again for your support.*

~Bolivar Free Library

## Joseph Bucher Fund



The Allegany County Area Foundation was one of several local organizations to benefit from a charitable trust established by the estate of Joseph Bucher, who passed away in December 2021, at the age of 86.

A third-generation oil producer, Joe Bucher graduated from Bolivar Central School and was a lifelong Bolivar resident. Over his long career he was especially active in the Bolivar, Olean, and Bradford (PA) areas, where he drilled wells for many companies, including hundreds for Kendall Oil.

Mr. Bucher was both a member and long-time board member of the New York State Oil Producers' Association, and a supporter of and consultant for the Pioneer Oil Museum, where he is honored on the Museum's Wall of Fame. He was a congregant at both St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bolivar and Holy Cross Church in Vero Beach, FL. He had an enduring appreciation for his hometown and the Allegany County area oil industry.

In keeping with Mr. Bucher's instructions, the trust proceeds have been used to establish an unrestricted, endowed grant fund, allowing the Foundation to use the fund's earnings as needed to serve the people of Allegany County.





## Larry Dye Scholarship

Friends and former colleagues of Larry Dye, who passed away in June 2023 at age 86, established a scholarship in his honor and memory with the Allegany County Area Foundation.



Larry Dye was a graduate of Cuba Central School and Lehigh University. He joined and eventually led and expanded the family insurance business, while also being involved in the industry regionally through councils and boards.

Mr. Dye loved his hometown and served it in many ways, perhaps most notably as a 50-year member of the Cuba Fire Department. He was proud to have overseen fundraising efforts that built the present firehall.

At the county level, he served as fire district deputy coordinator, and as president of the Fire Chiefs Association. His contributions were recognized with Cuba and countywide Fireman of the Year honors. His service to the community also included being a member and president of the Cuba Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Dye received the Community Service award in 1971 and Man of the Year honor in 1983.

This Cuba icon is remembered as positive, kind, organized, and civically minded. He was a natural storyteller, quick to smile, and fun loving.

Lee James of the Lawrence Dye office in Cuba NY, and Mick Marshall, agency president, created this scholarship to perpetuate Mr. Dye's legacy with the rural VFDs. By helping young adults who are interested in being Firefighters/EMTs, they hope to see more involvement in our rural fire departments.

The Larry Dye Scholarship will benefit students (priority to CRCS grads) who are planning for careers in emergency services or fire safety, or who are pursuing other careers but were active EMT/VFD volunteers during their school years.

## Lyn VanTassel Scholarship



Longtime Genesee Valley Central School (GVCS) science teacher Lyn VanTassel has created a scholarship to support GVCS graduates.

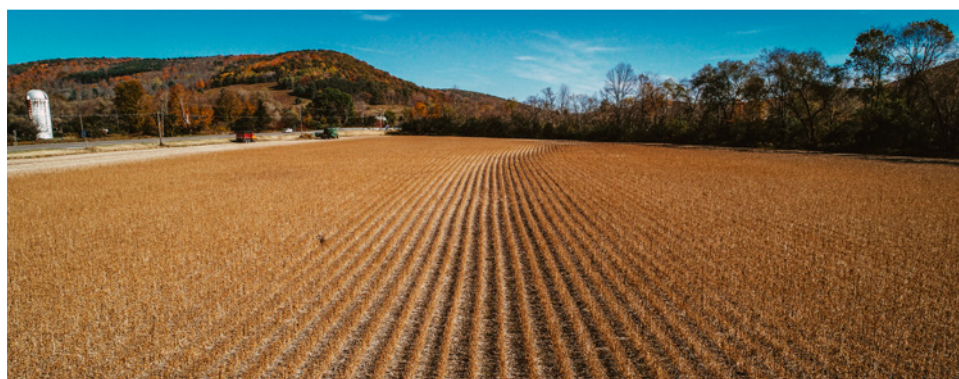
Mr. VanTassel devoted twenty-six years to Genesee Valley students; two years at the

former Belmont Central School and twenty-four at the combined GVCS district. Prior to his GV career, during which he taught physical science, earth science, and environmental science, Mr. VanTassel taught agriculture at Rushford and Albion central schools, and at Hamburg Area Central School in Pennsylvania.

It is a career he loved. 'I still brag to this day that I taught for 38 years and yet never worked a day of that time. I got to go to school and play every day. I found the joy of student learning to be uplifting and found the challenge matched my thinking process and sense of humor. My students' achievements on the Earth Science Regents and more importantly in their life endeavors are the awards I treasure.'

In addition to his classroom roles, Mr. VanTassel advised GV's chess club and Belmont CS's National Honor Society chapter, and chaperoned school athletic events.

The Lyn VanTassel Scholarship will provide \$500 scholarships annually to two GV alumni studying math, science, education, or a vocation or trade. The first two scholarships were awarded this spring for the 2023-2024 academic year. 'I can think of no greater honor' Mr. VanTassel notes, 'than watching the first two scholarships granted to former students I was fortunate to teach in my final year!'



*Thank you so much for your generous donation to support food needs within our school and community. Your generosity has been a blessing to our community in seen and unseen ways, and we appreciate it so much!*

*~Fillmore Central School PTO*



## Peter Sprague Scholarship



The children of Peter Sprague have honored and memorialized their father, and his interest in supporting students, through the creation of the Peter Sprague Scholarship.

This scholarship, which shall make its initial distributions in the 2024-2025 academic year, will provide two \$1000 awards annually. The family has built flexibility into the eligibility criteria. Graduates of any Allegany County school, pursuing any post-secondary program, including trades, technical study, two-year, four-year, or graduate degrees may receive the award.

Recipients may be new high school grads, already in college, or returning to education later in life. The scholarship may be received more than once. Citizenship and community involvement will weigh heavily in application review.

Mr. Sprague's family is glad that to be part of the good work their father started. 'We are pleased that through the Foundation we are assisting students in the pursuit of their dreams and, hopefully, a better and more fulfilling life.

## Yadlosky Family Foundation Scholarship

The Yadlosky Family Foundation has established a scholarship program with the Allegany County Area Foundation (ACAF). The scholarship will support graduates of Fillmore Central School as they pursue post-secondary education.

The Yadlosky Family Foundation Scholarship will assist students preparing for a career in one of the helping professions, including but not limited to human services, counseling, social work, and teaching, or who'll be pursuing a trade or vocational program. Applicants with financial need will receive priority.

A 1990 Fillmore Central School graduate, Laura Brown Yadlosky was raised in Short Tract, NY. She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford and a master's degree from St. Bonaventure University.

The Brown family cared for individuals with developmental disabilities and autism for over 30 years. This experience inspired Ms. Brown Yadlosky to pursue a life-long career and successful business ownership in the field of health and human services.

'There is a tremendous need for caring, skilled professionals and business owners in the helping professions,' she notes. 'I hope that these scholarships will encourage more Fillmore Central School students to consider this as a career choice.'



*I would also like to thank the Foundation for your outstanding efforts in helping us make our dream of a new playground a reality. Thank you so much to everyone involved with record keeping, thank you notes, and giving constant help and encouragement. We are thrilled that many current and future children will benefit from all our efforts!*

~Cuba Chamber of Commerce  
(Chamberlain Park Project)

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As part of the scholarship application, students are asked to write about an educator or community member who has been helpful to them through their high school or college years, or to discuss their thoughts on living and working in Allegany County once their schooling is complete.

*Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship. I am very honored to be supported by people in the community. I hope to be able to give back and support our community as an MD ... thank you for helping me towards reaching my goals.*

~Sophia

*I would like to send my sincerest thanks for the scholarship. This financial aid will help me greatly as I prepare for my future. I appreciate the chance to receive this scholarship and for your efforts to aid my peers.*

~Nial

*Thank you for choosing me for these scholarships & supporting my education & future!*

~Raygen

# 2023 Scholarship Recipients (2023 - 2024 academic year)

Recipient	High School	Educator/Influencer	Scholarship Program
Marley Adams	Wellsville	Michelle Alvord	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Jessica Adenuga	Houghton	Robin Pawling	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Evan Babbitt	Houghton	Anthony Petrillo	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Megan Bailey	Wellsville	Emily Lester	Dresser-Rand Scholarship
Zoe Balinsky	Alfred - Almond	Todd Bialecki	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Grady Ball	Wellsville	Allegany County Essay	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Phoebe Banks	Wellsville	Allegany County Essay	Bety Embser Wattenberg Community Svc Scholarship
Aria Barnes	Genesee Valley	Josie Preston	AC Deputy Sheriffs Scholarship
Aria Barnes	Genesee Valley	Josie Preston	Penny's from Heaven Scholarship
Shelby Beardsley	Fillmore	Allegany County Essay	Daniel R. McCarthy Scholarship
Zoe Beardsley	Fillmore	Allegany County Essay	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Anastasia Belcer	Cuba - Rushford	Bernard Riley	Walter F. & Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
Angelina Belcer	Cuba - Rushford	Allegany County Essay	Walter F. & Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
Preston Bilotta	Cuba - Rushford	Scott Jordan	Joseph W. and Inez A. Hupp Scholarship
Kennedy Bledsoe	Whitesville	Aaron Rawady	Edward Brewster Scholarship
Kiri Bogle	Genesee Valley	Allegany County Essay	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Kiri Bogle	Genesee Valley	Allegany County Essay	Lyn VanTassel Scholarship
Alicia Borden	Belfast	Sandy Miller	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Raina Bowen	Bolivar-Richburg	Matthew Morris	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Tiernee Brandes	Wellsville	Rachel Gunzburger	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Eryn Broshar	Belfast	Stepnaie Snios	Millicent Friendly Scholarship
Naomi Buchholz	Whitesville	Erika Hyer-Scott	Edward Brewster Scholarship
Landon Burdick	Genesee Valley	Erika Hyer-Scott	Clair and Mildred Almeter Scholarship
Tykota Burnell	Belfast	Erika Hyer-Scott	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Tykota Burnell	Belfast	Erika Hyer-Scott	Marie Miller Gleason Scholarship
Ashley Burrows	Genesee Valley	Sarah Horne	AC Deputy Sheriffs Scholarship
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Kimberly Butler	Genesee Valley	Mrs. Costello	Kane Family Scholarship
Hailey Button	Whitesville	Liz Potter	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Eric Butts	Wellsville	Allegany County Essay	Delores Ackerman Scholarship
Jack Byrnes	Alfred - Almond	Burt Turner	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Claire Calhoun-Mullen	Friendship	Courtney Wagner	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Zane Cartwright	Belfast	Carolyn Burr	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Quentin Case	Wellsville	Steve Pettenati	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Michaela Cawley	Wellsville	Tara Sweet	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Olivia Chiu	Fillmore	Sueanna Cartwright	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Moriah Clendenin	Genesee Valley	Alva Robbins	William F. Farnsworth Scholarship
Toryn Cline	Wellsville	Carrie Hackford	Karen A. Kunz Memorial Scholarship
Clancy Cockle	Fillmore	Carol Hannon	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Cody Costello	Wellsville	Tom Delahunt	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Emily Costello	Wellsville	Matthew Warren	Beverly Grantier Memorial Scholarship
Emily Costello	Wellsville	Matthew Warren	Forty & Eight Scholarship
Cynthia Covell	Wellsville	Matthew Warren	Mary A. Bishop Scholarship
Kaelyn Crawford	Wellsville	Allegany County Essay	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Loralai Crawford	Wellsville	Benjamin Hafensteiner	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Emily Daciw	Genesee Valley	Cass Herman	General Scholarship - Graduate Student
Destiny Darren	Cuba - Rushford	Diana Joseph	Joseph W. and Inez A. Hupp Scholarship
Shane Davidson	Wellsville	Coach Cook	Wellsville Rotary Service Above Self Scholarship
Lyndsay Davis	Friendship	Allegany County Essay	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Henry Decker	Fillmore	Jarrett Vosburg	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
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Logan Dunbar	Wellsville	Zachary Smith	Wellsville Rotary Service Above Self Scholarship
Noah Dusinger	Alfred - Almond	Allegany County Essay	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Tara Duvall	Cuba - Rushford	Nicole Williams	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Jessica Dyche	Cuba - Rushford	Allegany County Essay	Walter F. & Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
Rachel Dyche	Cuba - Rushford	Shannon Albert	Walter F. & Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
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Lucien Fioretto	Alfred - Almond	Ross Munson	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
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Sophia Gambino	Genesee Valley	Rollie Duttweiler	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Madison Geertman	Fillmore	Jon Beardsley	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Chelsea Goldsmith	Belfast	Allegany County Essay	Amanda N. Curcio Memorial Scholarship
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Jessie Goldsmith	Cuba - Rushford	Jason Stupp	Walter F. & Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
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Sophia Gugino	Genesee Valley	Sarah Powers	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
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Raygen Haggstrom	Genesee Valley	Alva Robbins	AC Deputy Sheriffs Scholarship
Raygen Haggstrom	Genesee Valley	Alva Robbins	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
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Justin Hill	Belfast	Carolyn Burr	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Caleb Hilsher	Houghton	Jon Cole	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
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Lauren Johnson	Alfred - Almond	Elizabeth Acker	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Matthew Johnson	Alfred - Almond	Keri Shafer	General Scholarship – Graduate Student
Ethan Jones	Homeschool	Dave Burns	Wellsville Area Homeschoolers Scholarship
Jack Jordan	Wellsville	Zachary Smith	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship

*Our daughter will be leaving soon to attend SUNY Brockport – where this scholarship will be used. Thank you so much for awarding this to her. There are so many expenses involved!*

~Bill and Tara

*Thank you for selecting me to receive the Belva Waite and Tim Robe memorial Scholarships. They will be very helpful as I pursue a degree in mechanical engineering. I appreciate the work of the foundation in managing and administering these important scholarships.*

~Henry

*Thank you for choosing me to receive the Allegany County Area Foundation Belva Waite award. I am very honored and I appreciate it greatly.*

~Jason

*Thank you for the investment you made in my future. I wanted to make sure you knew how much this money did for me. As the spring approaches I am excited to continue school. Nursing was definitely the right choice for me. I have loved getting to help people in the community.*

~Gracie



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*Thank you for choosing me as a recipient of the Joseph and Inez Hupp Memorial Scholarship. I am grateful to have this opportunity to pursue furthering my education. In the fall, I will be attending Alfred State College for the building construction program. I am looking forward to learning the skills of this trade and excited about where this will take me in the future.*

~Sam

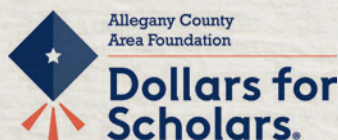
*Thank you so much for selecting me as a recipient for your scholarship. I feel truly honored. This will be a huge help as I work toward my degree.*

~Haven

*Thank you for this opportunity to receive this scholarship. Not only does it relieve the financial burdens of college, it allows me to further my education and prepare myself to be the best teacher I can be. Again, thank you so very much.*

~Trace

**The following colleges have agreed to offer a partial match of ACAF scholarships**  
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Chloe Karn	Cuba - Rushford	Scott Jordan	Walter F. & Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
Grace Keir	Homeschool	Amanda Robbins	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Mackenzie Keiser	Cuba - Rushford	Eric Talbot	Walter F. & Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
Maddox Keller	Cuba - Rushford	Nick Perillo	Joseph W. and Inez A. Hupp Scholarship
Adyn Kellogg	Cuba - Rushford	Mark Bloxson	Walter F. & Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
Haven Kellogg	Cuba - Rushford	Nick Perillo	Joseph W. and Inez A. Hupp Scholarship
Lauren Kelly	Alfred - Almond	John Sipple	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Kaleigh Kinnicutt	Fillmore	Tricia Ellsworth	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Kaleigh Kinnicutt	Fillmore	Tricia Ellsworth	Hobart Rhinehart Memorial Scholarship
Ellie LaBenne	Wellsville	Matthew Warren	Anne McAndrew Teaching Scholarship
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Zoey Lee	Whitesville	Alex Lipnicki	Edward Brewster Scholarship
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Christian Lopez	Belfast	Laura Brace	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
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Haley Mascho	Bolivar-Richburg	Matt Burke	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Kyle Mathes	Portville	William Torrey	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Sara McCormick	Wellsville	Erica Aftuck	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Sara McCormick	Wellsville	Erica Aftuck	Leslie Newland Thomas Memorial Scholarship
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Harley Miller	Fillmore	Kristin Brandt	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Max Miller	Belfast	Aran Heaney	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
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Gracie Motil	Cuba - Rushford	Allegany County Essay	Barbie Ludden Scholarship
Gracie Motil	Cuba - Rushford	Allegany County Essay	Joseph W. and Inez A. Hupp Scholarship
Bryanna Moultrup	Wellsville	Allegany County Essay	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Bryanna Moultrup	Wellsville	Allegany County Essay	Mary Lou Canessa Scholarship
Jadyn Mucher	Fillmore	Adrene Reding	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Ella Napolitano	Alfred - Almond	Elizabeth Acker	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Lauren Neu	Cuba - Rushford	Brian Toepfer	Walter F. & Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
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Reikin Reynolds	Cuba - Rushford	Michael Fidurko	M. Gretchen Probst Scholarship



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Nial Rigas	Alfred - Almond	Joseph Torkaman	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Aiden Riley	Wellsville	Raymie Auman	AC Deputy Sheriffs Scholarship
Jonathan Rizzo	Genesee Valley	Allegany County Essay	Kane Family Scholarship
Logan Roberts	Friendship	Debra Warner	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
William Roeske	Fillmore	Allegany County Essay	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Kendyl Rogers	Portville	Kara Kosinski	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Avery Rouse	Lenoir (NC)	NA	Ann Barwick Swift Scholarship Lenoir, NC
Bailey Rouse	Cuba - Rushford	Jessica Poulin	Walter F. & Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
Averi Saulter	Cuba - Rushford	Kelly LaFever	Walter F. & Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
Cody Schneider	Genesee Valley	Lintz Bliven	AC Deputy Sheriffs Scholarship
Cody Schneider	Genesee Valley	Lintz Bliven	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Brynn Scholl	Whitesville	Allegany County Essay	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Taylor Searle	Cuba - Rushford	Aaron Wight	Joseph W. and Inez A. Hupp Scholarship
Ben Seigel	Cuba - Rushford	Helene Kaiser	Walter F. & Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
Noah Seigel	Cuba - Rushford	Joseph Franzen	Walter F. & Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
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Jadon Sortore	Houghton	Allegany County Essay	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Lauren Staba	Wellsville	Allegany County Essay	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Brooklyn Stisser	Wellsville	Zachary Smith	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Skyler Stisser	Wellsville	Allegany County Essay	Millicent Friendly Scholarship
Joel Stives	Portville	Josh Brooks	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Grace Stolberg	Cuba - Rushford	Chauncey Joyce	Walter F. & Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
Carter Stout	Belfast	Carrie Flanagan-Watson	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Canaan Sullivan	Belfast	Carrie Flanagan-Watson	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Emma Sullivan	Belfast	Lisa Sykes	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Sophia SymesLatini	Alfred - Almond	Julie Bensley	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Nolan Tormey	Alfred - Almond	Burt Turner	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Morgan Trudell	Alfred - Almond	Christina Rawady	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Alexandra Tucker	Houghton	Kathie Hilsher	Beverly Grantier Memorial Scholarship
Marissa Tucker	Wellsville	Allegany County Essay	Mary A. Bishop Scholarship
Elysa Tylor	Cuba - Rushford	Allegany County Essay	Walter F. & Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
Aidan Wagner	Fillmore	Alan Barber	Sgt. Ian Gregory Bole Scholarship
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Mitchell Ward	Fillmore	James Mullen	AC Deputy Sheriffs Scholarship
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**This year's scholarship recipients are studying at the following colleges and universities during the 2023-2024 academic year.**

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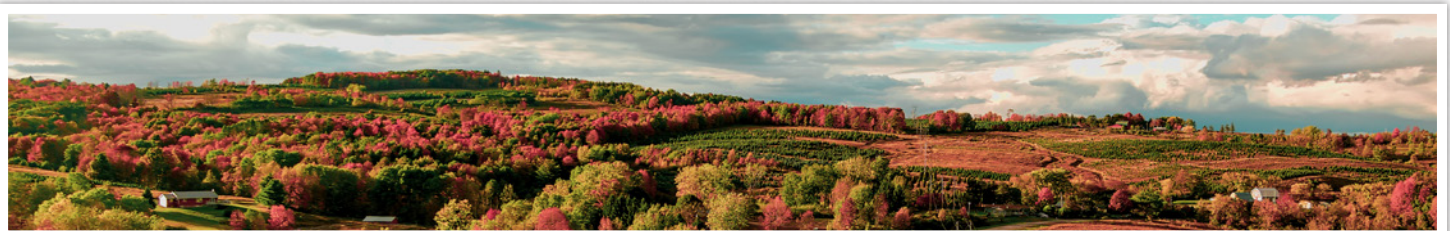
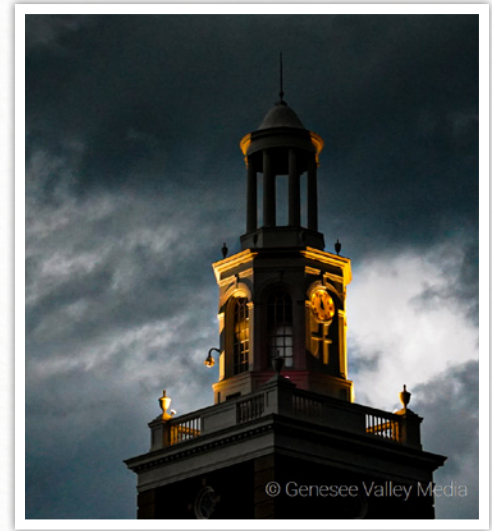


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Connie Emerson	Bertie Matylas	Lois Thomas
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Robert Evans	Duane McGraw	Elizabeth Embser Wattenberg
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Robert Ferrin	William and Jan Mura	Robert Willetts
George and Irene Fisk	Sharon Myers	David Williams
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Gary Frisk	John and Angela Ninos	Celeste Wuersig
Ronald George	Paul Pettit	



# Financial Information

July 1, 2022-  
June 30, 2023

The Allegany County Area Foundation has invested its endowment funds through Vanguard's Institutional division since July of 2016. Vanguard support includes online tracking and reporting, market analysis and updates, and a dedicated account representative who meets with the ACAF board annually and by phone with board or staff as needed. As of July 1, 2023, ACAF's funds are invested as follows:

<b>Total Equities</b>	<b>61.10%</b>
US Equities	41.50%
Non-US Equities	19.60%
<b>Total Fixed Income</b>	<b>30.80%</b>
US Fixed Income	21.60%
Non-US Fixed Income	9.20%
<b>Total Real Estate</b>	<b>8.10%</b>
<b>Vanguard Fee (pct)</b>	<b>0.25%</b>

Investment allocations are rebalanced as needed, typically quarterly.

In determining endowment spending for scholarships, grants, and operations, ACAF utilizes a twenty quarter average of assets. This approach evens out ups and downs in the stock market, allowing for consistency in awarding and budgeting. Once this twenty quarter average is calculated, ACAF allocates 5 percent for spending – 4 percent for scholarships and grants, and 1 percent for foundation operations. The Foundation manages resources carefully and annually comes in under our operating budget. For the 2022-2023 fiscal year, we spent 90% of our budget, returning several thousand dollars to the endowment.

Use of a multiple quarter average, rather than current assets, and a 5 percent spend rate are in line with best practices and NY State guidelines for foundations.

ACAF is audited and files the IRS form 990 and NY CHAR500 annually. Copies of recent 990s are available on the Foundation web site.

## **Beginning Balance (7/1/2022) \$11,375,394.46**

### **Receipts/Investments**

Gifts endowment	\$1,317,735.98
Gifts non-endowed	\$116,465.68
Net Investment Income	\$949,739.35

### **Total Receipts \$2,383,941.01**

### **Disbursements**

Scholarships	\$(310,624.00)
Non-endowed Scholarships	\$(15,100.00)
Grants	\$(50,449.20)
Non-endowed Grants*	\$(94,315.56))
Administration	\$(92,586.30)

### **Total Disbursements \$(563,075.06)**

## **Ending Balance (6/30/2023) \$13,196,260.41**

### **Assets on Hand**

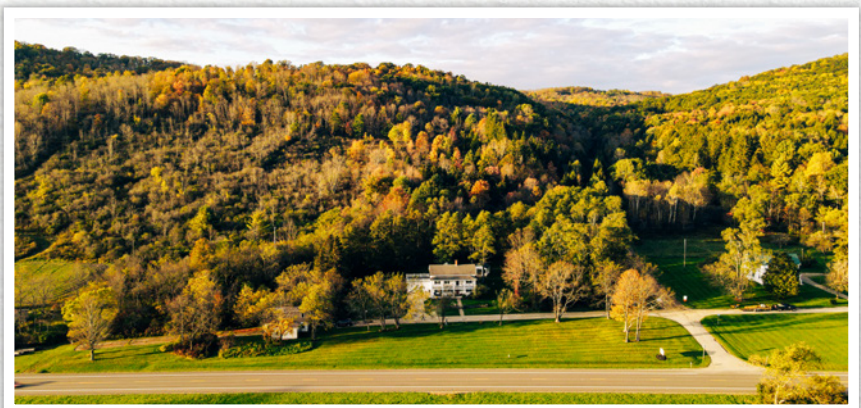
Cash (Operating Account)**	\$953,085.82
Cash (Endowment Account)***	\$423,237.91
Total Investments (FMV)	\$11,819,936.68

## **Total Assets (6/30/2023) \$13,196,260.41**

\* This figure includes the funds collected and disbursed for the Cuba Playground Project

\*\* This figure is higher than usual due to gifts that came in on the last day of the fiscal year and had not yet been moved to investments.

\*\*\* Funds in the endowment account are those allocated for 2023-2024 year grants and scholarships. Most of these were paid out in July.



Since our first scholarship in 1990, ACAF has awarded \$4,700,000+ in scholarships and grants



# The ACAF Team

## Board, Staff, & Volunteers



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 Lois Whitney  
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### Our Staff

Bruce Campbell, Executive Director  
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