

WELCOME ARI TOBI-AYEMO

Meet Ari, newly hired CFOC Administrative Assistant. Ari and family moved to Oneonta in 2018 from West Africa and found they enjoy our welcoming community.



Ari has taught at Hartwick and also has her own consulting firm supporting community through a Social Studies in the Park event for children.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Michele Farwell is the Executive Director of The Butternut Valley Alliance. She says, "Otsego County's Butternut Valley has been my home for most of my

life. I grew up here and returned after college to work and raise a family. My time in town and county government has given me first-hand experience with the challenges we face."



Owen Romancik is a student at SUNY Oneonta, interning in the Leadership Development Program. He says, "As an intern for CFOC, I want

insight into how culture and economics influence how a community functions."

CFOC BY THE NUMBERS

726 NUMBER OF DONORS

\$3,906,469 AMOUNT GIVEN BY DONORS

143 TOTAL NUMBER OF AWARDS

\$493,525 TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED

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NEW IRA/ANNUITY OPTION

There is a new option for your regular IRA. On Dec. 29, 2022 Congress passed the Legacy IRA Act – to allow you to convert some of your IRA funds into a charitable gift annuity. The annuity counts as part of your required minimum distribution.

You can use up to \$50,000 from your IRA to buy the annuity, which will pay you a fixed amount for the rest of your life. The annual payment depends on your age, but will be at least 5%. Upon death, the charity receives any remaining funds.

This is available only once in a lifetime. Your investment must be a gift to the charity and the charity must purchase the annuity. You can't combine the funds with any other funds or annuities. You can't defer receiving annual payments. For those 70 ½ or older who have IRAs amassing value and want a steady source of annual income, this is a good investment that includes the benefit of helping you meet your charitable goals.

For more information contact@cfotsego.org

2022 FOURTH QUARTER REPORT



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ONEONTA WARMING STATION IS OPEN AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Community Foundation of Otsego County announces the last and largest award of the 2022 award cycle. Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties received \$25,000 to support operations of the Oneonta Warming Station.

In its third year of operation, the station provides shelter, food, and additional social services to homeless community members. The need is greatest during code blue nights – when the temperature drops below freezing.

In 2020-21, the station supplied 49 bed nights. Last winter the need grew to 1,031 bed nights. Services have grown from food and shelter to help in obtaining clothing, health insurance, sanitation, and transportation.

The station is operated by professional staff aided by volunteers. It is located at the First Presbyterian Church, 296 Main Street, Oneonta, and opens at 5:30 PM nightly, from November 1 through March 31.

CFOC AWARDED \$164,214.21 TO NONPROFITS IN 2022

ARC Otsego

Supporting improved food delivery: \$5,500

Bugbee Children's Center

Classroom expansion: \$2,500

Catholic Charities/Oneonta Warming Station

Ongoing operations: \$25,000

Catskill Symphony Orchestra

Admissions technology upgrade: \$7,500

Center For Agricultural Development and Entrepreneurship (CADE)

Vision 2050 project materials: \$10,000

Cherry Valley Artworks

Sculpture trail development: \$2,500

Community Arts Network of Oneonta (CANO)

Interim Executive Director: \$12,000

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Sponsoring Juneteenth Festival: \$6,000

Cooperstown Central Schools

Sensory room equipment: \$1,500

Family Resource Network

Digital clinical records upgrades: \$10,000

Friends of the Oneonta Community Health Center, Inc.

Dental and mental health care: \$6,600

Greater Oneonta Historical Society

Installation of new exhibits: \$11,000

Habitat for Humanity of Otsego County

Home construction materials: \$7,525

Helios Care

Hospice awareness marketing materials: \$7,500

Otsego 2000/Glimmerglass Film Days

Film projection equipment: \$5,000

Otsego County System of Care/Otsego County Department of Mental Health

Training manuals and materials: \$18,189

Otsego Rural Housing Assistance

Technology upgrades: \$7,400

Unadilla Community Farm Education Center

Beginning farmer training: \$3,000

United Way of Delaware and Otsego Counties

Micro-loan project: \$7,500

Worcester Free Library

Book delivery to homebound seniors: \$500

YMCA Oneonta

Membership software upgrades: \$7,500

DONOR PROFILE: LYNNE AND KAI MEBUST



Lynne and Kai Mebust moved to Cooperstown in 2000 for Kai's 3-year Bassett residency. They fell in love with the community

and 23 years later have built a history of service, which also led them to become Founding Members of CFOC.

For Lynne, raising three children drew her to volunteer roles at Cooperstown Central School. She served on the Village Parks Board and two terms as an elected Village Trustee. She is active in the Cooperstown Area League of Women Voters, the Friends of the Library, and the Cooperstown School Board.

For Kai, being a Bassett doctor took up much of his time, and that was before being named Chief of the Department of Medicine. Still, Kai engaged in many ways, serving on the vestry of Christ Church, the Otsego Lake Association board, as founder and commissioner of the Rookie League of Cooperstown Youth Baseball, as long-time Cooperstown Youth Football Coach, and with the Clark Sports Center competitive swimming program.

Kai says, "One of the blessings of small-town life is being able to make a difference. You see the impact the many local nonprofit groups provide to the quality of life."

Lynne says, "I've worked and volunteered in nonprofits for decades, and I know they are essential to a strong, healthy community."