

## MEET OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER: TIM LORD

Tim Lord is the co-founder and co-executive director of the DreamYard Project, Inc., a Bronx-based arts and social justice educational organization.

Tim says, "I am honored to join the



Board of the Community Foundation of Otsego County. I had a chance to work with students and educators from across Otsego County this past year as part of the *Student Voices, Student Choices* program, and it reinforced for me two very important truths: we have many challenges here in Otsego County, but they are challenges we can do something about by working together and by investing in the innovation and energy of the next generation and of the communities that are raising them."

## CFOC HAS REACHED THE \$500K AWARDS MILESTONE

See **CFOC BY THE NUMBERS** below. We are also beginning to review and approve grants for 2023, as detailed inside the brochure.

## CFOC BY THE NUMBERS

**737** NUMBER OF DONORS

**\$3,961,100** AMOUNT GIVEN BY DONORS

**144** TOTAL NUMBER OF AWARDS/GRANTS

**\$513,882** TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED/GRANTED

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## LET US HELP YOU MEET YOUR CHARITABLE GOALS

Are you considering your estate plans and have philanthropic goals you wish to support? We are here to help. There are many options to consider, from IRA beneficiary designations to establishing a charitable remainder trust. We can provide you and your heirs with all the tools to continue contributing to your community far into the future.

We welcome the chance to share our experiences and assist you in achieving your charitable goals. To learn more please contact Jeff Katz at [jeff@cfofsego.org](mailto:jeff@cfofsego.org)

# FIRST QUARTER 2023 REPORT



MAPLE LEAVES OPENING



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## INTRODUCING THE PEGGY AND DENNIS FOWLER NATURE FUND



Dennis Fowler has done it again. He has established the Peggy and Dennis Fowler Nature Fund to provide an everlasting memory of the Fowlers' love for nature at their beautiful home. This generous act is part of our Legacy Society program and allows Dennis to set the priorities and directions for preserving the natural environment in which he and his wife Peggy lived for over 50 years.

The creation of the Fowler Nature Fund was accomplished in conjunction with revising Dennis' estate plans. His attorneys, Bob Birch and Lauren Glynn, and his accountant, Ray Holohan, guided the revisions and worked with us and Dennis in setting up the new fund. It involved a review of financial resources and living needs and a look at tax implications. The result will be a wonderful gift to the community involving the preservation and use of the Fowlers' 92 acres in Otsego as a nature center. There is work yet to be done to make this wish become a reality – work to be undertaken by CFOC in conjunction with the donor.

Here's a recent morning email from Dennis, looking across his mill pond: "I am watching two beavers at work on their lodge, a pair of Canada geese searching for a place to create a nest, and the new pale green leaves of sugar maples sprouting from their early spring buds. What a joy. And what comfort in knowing others will be able to share this experience. I am grateful to the foundation for its guidance and help in making this possible."

Last year, Mr. Fowler created the Greater Otsego Library and Education Fund. It is currently issuing grants to nonprofits serving the Otsego community.

## OUR STRATEGIC PLAN IS LIVE ON CFOTSEGO.ORG



CFOC unveiled our five-year plan after six months of listening to our local nonprofit and community leaders, our donors, and the public. These talks, both formal and informal, helped our board focus and identify three areas in which we, with your support, will work to improve life for all of our community.

**Growing and Strengthening our Community**  
Otsego County needs innovative, creative, and new approaches: to reverse population decline, attract and retain young people, increase diversity, and support entrepreneurship and economic development. Supporting and incentivizing new ideas to address these needs, along with the

needs of the most vulnerable members of our community, will be a CFOC priority.

### Strengthening Otsego's Nonprofits

Our nonprofits are a major sector of our economy and deliver primary services for many of our area's needs. They can use all the help we can provide, not just through grants, but in the development and support of new avenues for sharing and exchanging of ideas. CFOC is well situated to help support these nonprofits.

### Growing and Strengthening Ourselves

CFOC is off to a great and fast start. We are past organizational infancy and now must build our resources to continue our growth. That means focusing on developing skills to serve the community, building financial resources to increase our impact, and putting systems in place to create confidence and trust in our work.

To learn more about what we do, visit us at [cfotsego.org](http://cfotsego.org), and read our plan here: [cfotsego.org/strategic-plan-2023-2028/](http://cfotsego.org/strategic-plan-2023-2028/)

## 2023 AWARDS CYCLE ANNOUNCED

The 2023 Awards Cycle contains new features:

**\$150,000 TOTAL TO BE ALLOCATED**

There are three categories:

**STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY**

**STRENGTHENING OUR NONPROFITS**

**ADDRESSING IMMEDIATE NEEDS**

**DEADLINES:** First round closes June 15, 2023.

Second round closes October 15, 2023.

**FAQS:** A list of questions and answers to help applicants through the process are found on [cfotsego.org](http://cfotsego.org) under "Get Funding."