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 Donations can also be made online at www.cfotsego.org by clicking the DONATE button on the home page
 Please mail to: Community Foundation of Otsego County, P.O. Box 55, Springfield Center, NY, 13468
Gifts to CFOC will be recognized in the 2023 Annual Report which will be released in 2024.

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OTSEGO REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT COALITION FUND OPENS

The Community Foundation of Otsego County is pleased to announce the creation of a new fund, the Otsego Refugee Resettlement Coalition Fund.

Founded in October 2021 by a dedicated group of volunteers, the Otsego Refugee Resettlement Coalition began to look at legal ways to bring refugees to Oneonta. With over 100 representatives from area nonprofit organizations, businesses, educational institutions, as well as local individuals and members of the faith community, the Coalition successfully brought two refugees to Oneonta this past summer. The Coalition's work was subsequently featured in the *Wall Street Journal*.

With the Otsego Refugee Resettlement Coalition Fund in place, the Coalition is getting ready to apply for more legal refugees. "The Community Foundation has been thrilled to work with, and within, the Coalition and the results have been quite impressive," said CFOC Executive Director Jeff Katz. "With the creation of the Otsego Refugee Resettlement Coalition Fund, we can work more effectively to raise funds and bring more people to Otsego County."

You can donate directly to the Otsego Refugee Resettlement Coalition Fund by going to our website located at <https://cfotsego.org/our-funds/> and clicking on the "Donate to the Otsego Refugee Resettlement Coalition Fund" button.

To learn more you can contact Jeff Katz at jeff@cfotsego.org.



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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. To learn more please contact Jeff Katz at jeff@cfotsego.org

CFOC BY THE NUMBERS

783 NUMBER OF DONORS
\$4,496,682 AMOUNT GIVEN BY DONORS
195 TOTAL NUMBER OF AWARDS/GRANTS
\$674,891 TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED/GRANTED
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ANNOUNCING THE OTSEGO LAKE FUND



Three Otsego Lake organizations have joined with the Community Foundation of Otsego County to create a fund to support the long-term health of Otsego Lake and watershed.

The Otsego Lake Watershed Sustainability Fund will be advised by the leaders of three organizations: the Otsego Lake Association, the Watershed Supervisory Committee (Village of Cooperstown, Towns of Otsego, Middlefield and Springfield), and SUNY-Oneonta's Biological Field Station. The fund will be managed by the CFOC.

According to Jim Howarth, co-president of the Otsego Lake Association, "With the visible arrival of HABs (harmful algae blooms) in 2022, we found we needed more resources to address our concerns for the lake. We faced such crises before (zebra mussels and quagga clams to name two) and lacked a fund to meet our needs."

He shared this concern with Jeff Katz, Executive Director of the Community Foundation, who suggested creating a long-term fund to provide these missing resources. The resulting Otsego Lake Watershed Sustainability Fund is dedicated to the long-term health of the lake and its watershed including its environmental, recreational, and aesthetic attributes.

Florian Reyda, Director of the SUNY-Oneonta Biological Field Station, said, "The fund will provide important support for future work and provide an excellent opportunity for a united effort among local organizations to work together to ensure the health of Otsego Lake."

Bertine McKenna, chair of the Watershed Supervisory Committee, agreed the fund will encourage more coordination among organizations interested in the lake. She said, "This fund can help us support necessary actions to protect our lake and watershed. Our goal is to take every step possible to protect this beautiful natural resource. The fund can also provide seed money to help local organizations apply for important grants. We thank the Community Foundation for leading us down this path."

Donors interested in contributing to the fund can go to the CFOC website <https://cfotsego.org/our-funds/> and click on the "Donate to the Otsego Lake Watershed Sustainability Fund" button. Gifts can be either permanently or non-permanently endowed. All such donations qualify as tax-deductible.

For further information about the fund, contact Jeff Katz at jeff@cfotsego.org or 607-286-3750.

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TAMIE REED
Director, Otsego County
Office for the Aging

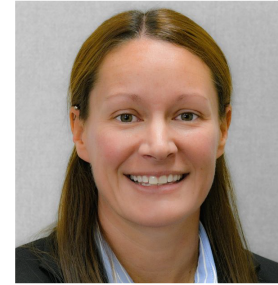
I was raised on a farm in Delaware County, but was anxious to see more of the world and find my own path. I had the good fortune to travel the country,



meet great mentors, and find my passion for aging, which led me back to my rural roots. I'm proud to call this area home and humbled to work alongside the dedicated leadership of the Community Foundation to help strengthen our community, maintain our rural values, and create opportunities for all residents to live and age well.

CHERYL ROBINSON
President & CEO, New York
Central Mutual Insurance

Born in Cooperstown, raised in Edmeston, and living in Otego with my husband, I am proud to call



Otsego County home. My family roots date back to Edmeston in 1899 with the founding of NYCM Insurance, a company built on the core principle of community members coming together to support and protect each other. I carry a deep sense of commitment and responsibility to the wellness of the people and the health of this county. I am excited to play a role in enhancing Otsego County through the Community Foundation.

RACHEL FRICK CARDELLE
Career in Education, Ph. D.,
Pennsylvania State University

I passionately believe that the strength of our democracy comes in an engaged civil society. As a new member of Otsego County this means working with and learning from this community on how to strengthen our region based on my experience. I am excited to be part of the Community Foundation as it exemplifies the kind of effort critical to a healthy, prosperous community.



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