

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
OF OTSEGO
COUNTY



The donor community came together to raise more than \$300,000 during Mohawk Valley Gives

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Nonprofits received a total of 66 direct awards and fund awards, totaling over \$400,000

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The Schlather Legacy Society grew substantially over the course of 2024

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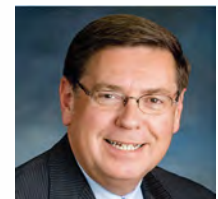
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



PRESIDENT
HARRY LEVINE



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
JEFF KATZ

This is our sixth annual report to the community. We are still among the newest members of the local nonprofit sector in Otsego County. Our youth has been marked by our energy, our enthusiasm, our optimism and our disregard for caution flags. We have been and remain risk-takers. We see the needs and the opportunities and rise to the challenges to meet them.

The contents of this sixth report are replete with demonstrations of our successes. We ask that you read it carefully.

One of the advantages of being an organization is that we can live forever and remain forever youthful in spirit. Much like J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan, we hope we can retain our optimism, our courage, our disregard for the "impossible."

Unlike Peter, and most youngsters, we are blessed with adult competence and experience. We are a strong organization due to the people that are behind us. As we like to say, "We are the community's foundation. Our name says it all."

As we grow in capacity, we believe deeply in our mission – one that you have accepted and supported as our partners, benefactors, recipients, and (yes) even helpful critics. We have much to accomplish. Even the impossible.

Harry Jeff



PHILANTHROPY AT WORK



IMPACT POWERED BY YOUR GENEROSITY

When communities pull together, anything is possible. At CFOC, we believe in the power of collaboration and in the spirit of the people who call Otsego County home. Thanks to your commitment, we have made great strides toward our goal of ensuring that all who live here can thrive.

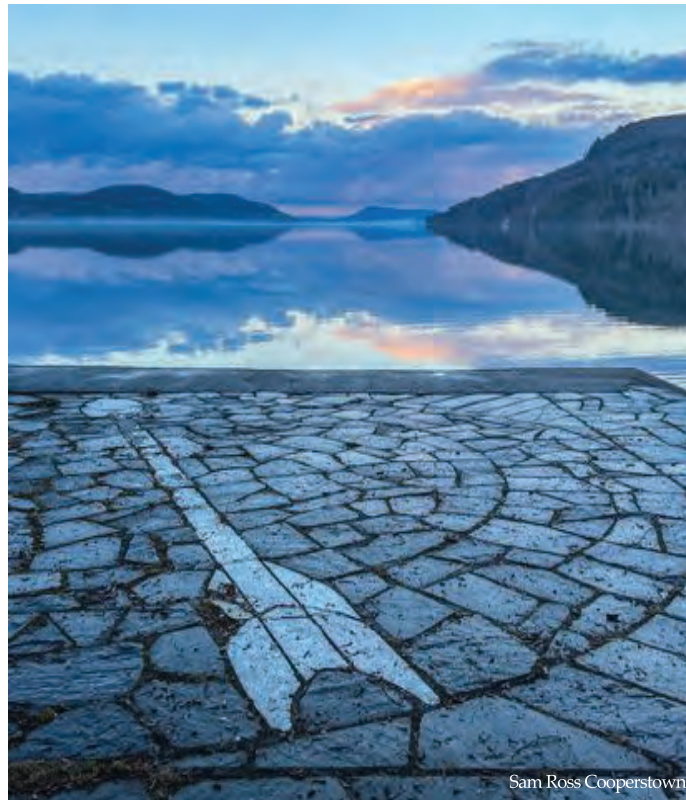
KEEPING OUR LAKES CLEAN: AN ENDOWED FUND FOR OTSEGO LAKE

The lake that America’s first major novelist James Fenimore Cooper called “Glimmerglass” is a jewel in the county — the headwaters of the Susquehanna River, which empties into the Chesapeake Bay; the



source of Cooperstown’s drinking water; and an economic driver for the region.

The lake’s value is recognized, but efforts to keep it healthy have lacked a centralized plan and funding source. Seeing an opportunity to coordinate and expand the work being done to protect Otsego Lake by various individuals and organizations, CFOC last year established an endowed fund



Sam Ross Cooperstown

dedicated to Otsego Lake and its watershed. Visionary members of our community Doug and Rhonda Willies, Nancy and Chip Northrup, and Lou Allstadt and Melinda Hardin have committed \$200,000 to launch the fund, and others who love Otsego Lake as much as they do have

helped bring the endowment very close to its \$500,000 goal.

The Otsego Lake Watershed Sustain-



ability Fund will be used to support projects that help move the community toward objectives detailed in a 9E Plan that is currently in development. Anticipated to be available in 2026, the 9E Plan is a roadmap detailing threats to the lake and potential solutions.

This plan and the Otsego Lake Watershed Sustainability Fund will help to ensure that Glimmerglass remains healthy, to be enjoyed by all for generations to come.

It is our hope that this fund and the way it is used to support a comprehensive approach to lake management will serve as a blueprint for caring for other lakes in the county.





PHILANTHROPY AT WORK

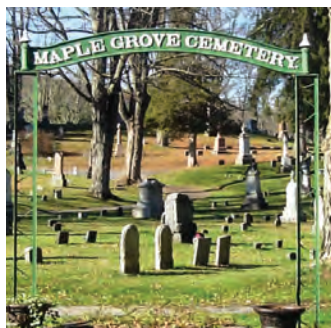


RESTORING CEMETERIES, PRESERVING HISTORY

Otsego County’s rich history is reflected in its architecture, its place names and landscapes,



our ties to the past, a generous and anonymous donor established the Otsego County



Cemetery Restoration Fund in 2024. In its first year, the Cemetery Restoration Fund made improvements possible in Cherry Valley, Cooperstown, Exeter, Fly Creek, Laurens, Milford, Morris, Plainfield, Westford, Westville, and Worcester. The projects included restoring headstones, marking the graves of Revolutionary War soldiers, trimming trees, restoring gates and signage, and building a walkway. These important projects have made our cemeteries more accessible and honor those who are laid to rest in our communities.

and in its cemeteries. Key players in American history are buried in the Otsego County hills as well as citizens whose roles were as essential if not as well-known. Their stories reflect the importance of Otsego County in the growth of this nation and document the changes and challenges our forebears have seen over the centuries.

Recognizing the importance of preserving

BACKING OUR NONPROFITS: MOHAWK VALLEY GIVES



A healthy network of nonprofit organizations helps make life better in Otsego County. To help support our nonprofits, CFOC makes it possible for them to participate—at no cost—in Mohawk Valley Gives, an annual “giving day” to encourage fundraising. Mohawk Valley Gives was launched a few years ago by the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, which is based in Utica (and thus the Mohawk Valley Gives name).

We partner with them to provide access to an online fundraising platform for our nonprofits, as well as marketing, technical, and sponsorship support.

We know that for smaller nonprofits with limited resources, invest-

ing in the tools to expand their digital fundraising power is not always feasible. We supply those tools and the training so that our non-profits can build out this important way to raise essential support for their missions.

In our first year offering Mohawk Valley Gives, participation exceeded expectations. In 2024, we built on that success. More than 60 Otsego County nonprofits participated and raised more than \$300,000 from 1,300 donors.





NOTABLE 2024 EVENTS



STUDENT VOICES, STUDENT CHOICES: SIX TEAMS, SIX GREAT IDEAS



Student Voices, Student Choices kicked off its third year during Thanksgiving week. Before a hugely supportive audience at the Slade Theater (Hartwick College), six Otsego County high school teams presented programs they created to address local needs.

It was an amazing night, and the students represented their communities well, with energy, creativity, and passion. As in previous years, each team received funding to implement their projects, winning \$2,500 for their cause.

Seventy high school students, advisors, and Hartwick College student mentors participated in this year's program. One school superintendent said, "I am awed at how well this event went. Students from all participating districts stepped up to the plate to serve their community."

As always, our Otsego students gave us much to be thankful for.



Schenevus

The overall winning team is pictured at the left. Their project, to update and revitalize the Dragon Closet, which provides clothing and hygiene products at school for students in need, garnered the coveted SVSC trophy.



Worcester

Worcester students presented the Hygiene Project, creating a surplus of toiletries that are readily available for all students to use in a new and more welcoming space at the school.

Laurens

Laurens students presented the idea of creating a sensory room for fellow students diagnosed with autism or other mental disabilities, approximately 15% of their student body.

Morris

Morris students presented a progress report on last year's project, the creation of a Morris Food Pantry, and talked about next steps, which include joining the Regional Food Bank, being open more often, and having a new, permanent space.



Oneonta

Oneonta's project was about assisting Your Safe Haven (formerly known as The Lord's Table) in rebranding itself as a 501(c)3 charity and promoting their service of providing food to all in need.

Cooperstown

Cooperstown students presented on building a stronger, more diverse, and welcoming community through a Welcome Home Cooperstown program at the school.



NOTABLE 2024 EVENTS



CFOC 5 YEAR CELEBRATION BROUGHT OUT A LARGE AND APPRECIATIVE CROWD

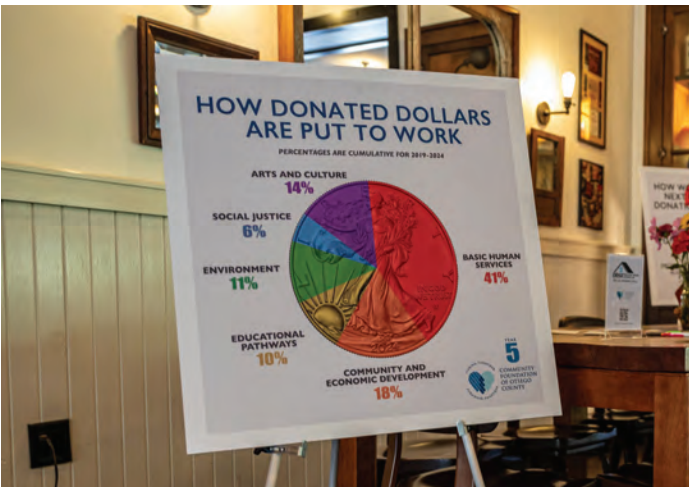


Fenimore Asset Management sponsored our 5 year celebration

*Left to right: Jeff Katz, CFOC Executive Director;
Anne Putnam, CEO of Fenimore Asset Management;
Harry Levine, CFOC Board President*

On September 12, 2024, we celebrated our fifth year by having a birthday party for our donors, board, staff, and many CFOC friends from across the region.

We gathered on a beautiful fall day at Brewery Ommegang. We enjoyed good food, live music, a choice of beverages, and a few brief speeches.





2024 AWARDS TO NONPROFITS



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF OTSEGO COUNTY

In 2024 there were 16 direct awards and grants, which totaled \$127,011

Athelas Therapeutic Riding \$5,000

Early equine therapeutic riding for disadvantaged children

Bugbee Children's Center \$5,000

Professional training on child care for both the board and the faculty

Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego and Schoharie Counties \$8,785

Healthy eating in early recovery, for people in substance abuse programs

Catskill Agrarian Alliance \$15,000

Food to the People: CAA feeds Otsego Hunger

Cherry Valley Daily Bread Food Pantry \$7,176

School backpack program

CANO: Community Arts Network of Oneonta \$5,000

Expand equitable opportunities for CANO's Summer Arts Program for children and teens

Community Cupboard of Edmeston \$10,000

Backpack program

Cooperstown Food Pantry \$7,000

Food is Medicine program

Friends of Recovery of Delaware and Otsego Counties \$5,000

Healthy eating in Early Recovery

Mohawk Valley Gives Awards \$12,800

Participation awards to 64 nonprofits

Pathfinder Village \$5,000

"Hello Neighbor!" produce delivery service

Opportunities for Otsego \$10,000

Winter coats for children and families

Richfield Springs Community Center \$10,000

Healthy eating in Richfield Springs

Rural Health Network of South Central NY \$3,750

Local Food for Little Learners

Student Voices, Student Choices \$15,000

Awards for six different high school community service projects

Unadilla Food Pantry \$5,800

Winter Warmup Program

In 2024 there were 15 awards and grants from the following Field of Interest Funds, which totaled \$48,240

ADVOCATES FOR SPRINGFIELD FUND

Springfield Historical Society
\$500
Springfield's Gilded Age exhibit and program

Town of Springfield
\$500
4th of July Parade

GREATER OTEGO LIBRARY AND EDUCATION FUND

Bassett Healthcare Network
\$2,000

Otsego Christian Academy
\$2,375

Worcester-Schenevus Library
\$1,000



Twice yearly, in the spring and in the fall, we announce our awards criteria. We receive applications, the Initiatives Committee reviews them, and passes recommendations on to the full board for approval.



OTSEGO COUNTY CEMETERY RESTORATION FUND

Cherry Valley Cemetery
\$4,000
Access walkway

Draper Hill Cemetery
\$3,775
Repairs and restoration

Exeter Center Cemetery
\$4,000
Repairs and restoration

Laurens Cemetery
\$2,260
Repairs and restoration

Maple Grove Cemetery
\$5,000
Repairs and restoration

Milford Cemetery
\$3,180
Repairs and restoration

Westville Cemetery
\$5,000
Repairs and restoration

OTSEGO LAKE WATERSHED SUSTAINABILITY FUND

SUNY Oneonta Foundation
\$1,450
Otsego Lake monitoring program, buoy data access

Research Foundation for SUNY (on behalf of SUNY Oneonta)
\$13,200
Field assessment of Otsego Lake and its watershed for the development of an updated management plan

In 2024 there were 35 awards and grants from the following Donor-Advised Funds, which totaled \$254,150

BIRCH FAMILY FUND

BROAD REACH PHILANTHROPIES FUND

DR. E. C. WINSOR MEMORIAL FUND

EDIE & PAT YINKEY FUND

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FRIENDS OF SCHOHARIE COUNTY FUND

LEVINE FAMILY FUND

MILDRED PARISH FOUNDATION DONOR-ADVISED FUND

OTSEGO REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT COALITION FUND

ROBERT & KAREN SCHLATHER FUND

SCHOHARIE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUND



NONPROFIT AWARDS AT WORK



ATHELAS THERAPEUTIC RIDING

Athelas provides new learning and enrichment for young children, building confidence, physical coordination, and a love for animals while removing financial barriers to participation.

The program allows underprivileged children to create joyful and lasting memories.

Head Start With Horses offers children the opportunity to learn, interact, and grow alongside horses in a safe, nurturing environment. With carefully designed activities, we create moments where children can build confidence, practice social skills, and find emotional support in a setting unlike anything else in their lives.



BUGBEE CHILDREN'S CENTER

The Bugbee Children's Center at SUNY Oneonta offers a unique early care and educational experience to children and families of the university as well as the greater Oneonta community. The Center maintains a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment where children learn, play and explore. The Center believes children of all ability levels are entitled to the same opportunities for participation, acceptance and belonging in child care. To ensure this level of care training is provided to new board members – six this year. Also, child care employees receive 30 hours of training every two years.

Bugbee currently has about 140 enrolled children and 42 (30%) receive some form of tuition assistance either from SUNY or the county.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF DELAWARE AND OTSEGO COUNTIES

Catholic Charities supports outdoor play in cold weather as an important part of childhood education and socialization. Yet many children often lack warm clothing. Using funding from CFOC, Catholic Charities supplied items like boots and snow pants.

CCDOC "Recognizes human need at all stages of life and responds to all persons regardless of race, creed, or lifestyle."

CCDOC also supports youth dental hygiene in child care settings using developmentally appropriate methods for each age group. The objective is to promote and support dental health for a lifetime by establishing good dental hygiene practices in early childhood.



NONPROFIT AWARDS AT WORK



CATSKILL AGRARIAN ALLIANCE

For the past five years Catskills Agrarian Alliance has partnered with CADE and members of the Otsego County Hunger Coalition to provide neighbors with the same high-quality, nutrient-dense, locally grown food they provide to their high-end NYC restaurant customers. The Alliance is expanding delivery to encompass 15 pantries and 4 meal sites, and collaborating more closely with Community Cupboard's mobile food truck, doing the important work of getting food directly to underserved neighborhoods. The Alliance has also expanded a program delivering custom, full-diet CSA shares to local, undernourished, home-bound residents.

In 2024, through various programs, over \$600,000 flowed through CAA to 60 participating farms, a 25% increase from 2023.



COMMUNITY ARTS NETWORK OF ONEONTA (CANO)

CANO's Summer Arts Program provides nine weeks of arts education for children and seven weeks for teens.

According to the National Endowment of the Arts, "Students with high arts participation and low socioeconomic status have a four percent dropout rate—five times lower than their low socioeconomic status peers."

Creating equitable opportunities for kids and teens to explore their self-expression, creativity and critical thinking in a safe space is central to CANO's mission of supporting artists, engaging with the entire community, and promoting the arts.



COMMUNITY CUPBOARD OF EDMESTON

The Backpack Program brings food access to families who are food insecure, providing easy-to-prepare, nutritious foods to students, and a weekly distribution of food to families to help them become more food secure. Using the Mobile Food Pantry, the Community Cupboard brings food closer to families in need. CCE's mission is to combat food insecurity with compassion and care by providing access to nutritious foods, fresh produce, and other necessities of life to all those who need it.

This project partners with the Regional Food Bank, Pathfinder Village School, Morris Central School, and Chobani.



2024 AWARDS TO NONPROFITS



FRIENDS OF RECOVERY IN DELAWARE & OTSGEO COUNTIES (FOR-DO)

FOR-DO provides access to nutrition on holidays and at special events by having healthy food at our Recovery Community Outreach Center in Oneonta. Holidays are a risky time for those in early recovery for addiction as local food resources are not always open or available. FOR-DO provides healthy meals at the recovery center and also for a few special events, such as the Harvest Dinner, where FOR-DO collaborates with the Lord's Table to provide a large community meal in October at no cost to the community.

FOR-DO is dedicated to promoting addiction recovery through every available means including advocacy, education, and peer support.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OTSEGO

Opportunities for Otsego received CFOC support to provide winter coats, snow pants, winter buntings, and other outdoor gear to 300 children (ages birth to 5) enrolled in agency early childhood programs.

Since 2018, Opportunities for Otsego has distributed coats and gear to 2,176 children. Annually, OFO serves over 3,000 individuals from nearly 1,000 households across Otsego County.

It is estimated 239 of the 300 children were enrolled in Head Start home-based and center-based programming, with the remaining children enrolled in the Building Healthy Families home visiting program, WIC, or staying at the agency of domestic violence or the emergency homeless family shelter.

PATHFINDER VILLAGE

Pathfinder Village collaborates with the Edmeston Community Cupboard to support each entity's community outreach deliveries, specifically focusing on helping community members facing social isolation and food access issues. A weekly "Hello Neighbor!" delivery service provides food-insecure and transportation-challenged households with fresh produce and basic supplies.

"Pathfinder Village helps people find their way in life to independence, success, and maturity — all the things you want for your family."

Pathfinder provides bags of produce and delivery services to at-risk households for 50 weeks of the year. The Edmeston Community Cupboard further assists with additional staples.



2024 AWARDS TO NONPROFITS



RICHFIELD SPRINGS COMMUNITY CENTER

The Richfield Springs Community Center serves a variety of programs, providing healthy meals, and/or snacks at each. The Center strives to offer low or no cost healthy food options during each program. The SOUPer Seniors program meets every Wednesday and is served a catered, hearty lunch while they socialize. T-Zone is a youth program for ages 12-15, letting them relax from the rigors of the school day while enjoying a healthy snack, socializing with peers, and getting positive guidance and support from staff.

The center is more than a place to hang out and do fun things. Teens help the community by participating in community events, doing community service, and helping at RSCC events and fundraisers.

RURAL HEALTHCARE NETWORK (RHN)

RHN provides educational programs to empower rural residents, and advocates for rural communities' needs.

As a longstanding organization in the Southern Tier, RHN knows this region has great agricultural assets and a community of people who are passionate about local foods. RHN has expanded access to local foods for families with young children. They know that challenges remain in getting these foods into early care sites. In connecting with Otsego County stakeholders, RHN develops training that responds to community needs. By working with providers in Otsego County, RHN addresses community-specific needs, and supports cultural relevance by drawing on the county's strong agricultural background and identity.

UNADILLA COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

The Winter Warmup Program provides winter clothing to children ages birth to 13 in our community who might otherwise go without. Many children do not have winter clothing that keeps them warm and dry, which helps them stay healthy so they are able to go to school ready to learn.

The Unadilla Community Food Pantry serves Unadilla and the Unatego School District. The Winter Warmup Program is administered with confidentiality and dignity.

Families with needs are identified, then they request sizes and articles of clothing they would find useful. The Food Pantry offers coats, snow pants, boots, scarves, hats, and mittens. All items are good quality clothing that ensure warmth and dryness.



ALL DONORS 2024



Our generous donors make it possible for us to provide grants to nonprofits doing great work in Otsego County. They also support all that we do to further key initiatives, such as economic development and housing, and help us to address food insecurity, children's well-being, water quality, and other pressing issues. There's much to do, and we could not do it without our community's philanthropic commitment. We thank you.

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JOIN THE SCHLATHER LEGACY SOCIETY TODAY

The Robert B. Schlather, Esq., Legacy Society, named after a CFOC founder and dedicated member of the Otsego County community, is a group of like-minded individuals who care about the future of Otsego County and are committed to helping it thrive. To continue their impact, they include CFOC in their estate plans.

Your legacy can be ensured with something as simple as naming the Community Foundation of Otsego County (EIN 84-2243769) in your will or as a beneficiary of your IRA or life insurance policy.

You can also establish a gift that will provide you with an immediate tax deduction as well as guaranteed income during your life, such as a charitable gift annuity.

If you establish a donor-advised fund with us, which also provides an immediate tax deduction, you will then be recognized as a member of the Schlather Society. Joining the Schlather Society can have tax benefits for you and for your heirs. It's a smart way to give—

and a way to ensure your lasting impact. We will gladly work with you or your legal or tax adviser to help you realize the benefits of legacy giving.

For questions or for more information, please contact Joanne Tobey, Director of Development, at joanne@cfotsego.org.

The Community Foundation of Otsego County gratefully acknowledges the following members of the Schlather Society, which includes those who have established donor-advised funds with us:

- Anonymous (2)
- Robert and Marcy Birch
- Dennis Fowler
- Harry and Ellen Levine
- Mildred Parish*
- Robert* and Karen Schlather
- Thomas Simpson
- Michael Stein and Doris Motta
- Joanne Tobey
- E. C. Winsor*
- Edie* and Pat Yinkey
- Marianne Younkheere

** deceased*

HOW ONE COUPLE CAME TO EMBRACE THE SCHLATHER LEGACY SOCIETY

For Middlefield residents Mike Stein and Doris Motta, making the Community Foundation of Otsego County part of their estate plan was not a decision they came to lightly, but it was one that made perfect sense.

Participating in community has always been important to Doris and Mike. A little over 40 years ago, they were living in Westchester and planning to start a family. It was important to them to find a place out of the metro area with a more low-key and affordable way of life. They had both gone to college in Albany and had a good friend in Middleburgh whom they visited frequently. They became familiar with this area and decided to make the move when Mike was offered a position in human resources at



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Bassett Medical Center in Cooperstown.

“I like to integrate my lifestyle with my workstyle,” said Mike. “In the city, you spend every minute of the work week working or commuting to work. Here, it’s a much more integrated lifestyle, where your work and life can co-exist. You work hard, but when you aren’t working, you are still interacting and are a part of your community.”

A few years into his Bassett career, Mike became the first director there for public relations and development. He has worked in philanthropy ever since, either as an in-house fundraiser or, for the past 20 years, as a fundraising consultant.

“At a very fundamental level, I believe in philanthropy as something that can be transformative for communities, for organizations, and for individuals,” said Mike. “I have seen first-hand how it changes lives.” With their daughter grown and a granddaughter recently joining the family, Mike and Doris felt they were at a stage in their lives where they should consider estate planning and how they could make an impact after they were gone. Mike had worked with a few community foundations in his role as consultant



Doris Motta and Michael Stein and had come to understand the vital role they play.

“Initially, as someone who spent the bulk of my career as an in-house fundraiser, I always viewed community foundations as a type of competition. But what I learned when I started working with them was that they truly transform communities and impact communities not just in terms of their philanthropy but in encouraging and motivating others to engage in philanthropy as well.

Mike and Doris have always been generous supporters of the causes that matter to them, but they realized that a legacy gift was the best way for them to have the greatest impact. They decided to establish the Michael Stein and Doris Motta

Fund in Support of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at CFOC through a bequest of \$100,000.

For Doris, who is a Buddhist, the concept of inclusivity and compassion is inherent in her way of life. Mike, who serves on the executive committee of the local chapter of the NAACP and has been on the board of Family Planning, is committed to supporting marginalized members of the community. Doris and Mike see a practical aspect to their commitment to diversity and inclusion.

“In Otsego County and other rural upstate areas, there is a severe shortage of workers. We are an aging population, we are losing population, and our employers here have workforce issues. We have a fundamental problem that can only be solved by attracting people to our area who may have never considered moving to a remote rural community.”

Mike and Doris believe that creating a welcoming environment is essential for Otsego County to thrive. For them, establishing a fund dedicated to supporting organizations committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion will be a powerful legacy that helps move Otsego County forward.

CFOC BY THE NUMBERS



The above data is from CFOtsego.org on 12/31/2024.

2020 OTSEGO COUNTY SURVEY

We asked people who live in Otsego County for input

JUDGED TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT NEEDS

BASIC HUMAN SERVICES

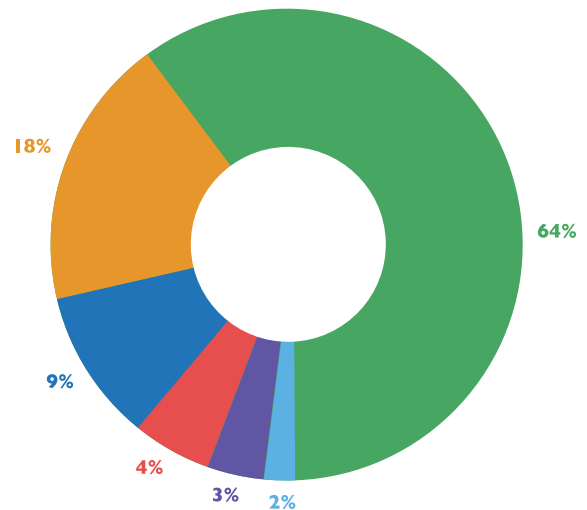
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NUMBER OF CFOC AWARDS THROUGH 2024

COMPARE THIS TO THE 2020 SURVEY

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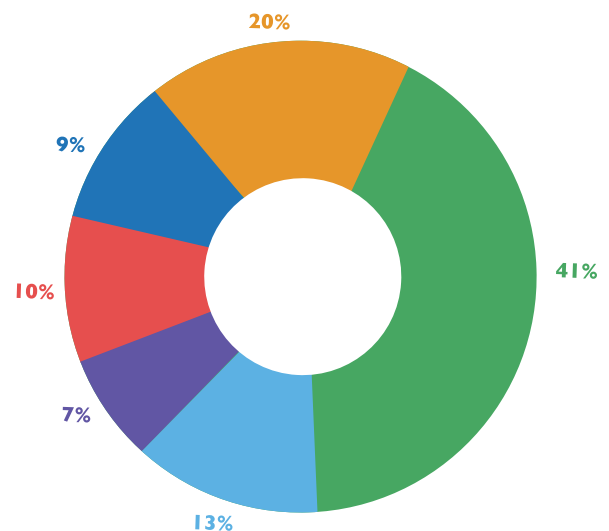
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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2024

(UNAUDITED)

Our full audited report and our tax return will be available on line at cfotsego.org when completed.

FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

ASSETS

Unrestricted Cash	\$ 887,179	
Restricted Cash	\$ 2,282	
Pledges Receivable (<1 year)	\$ 173,462	
Total Current Assets		\$ 1,062,923
Pledges Receivable (>1 year)	\$ 63,665	
Investments	\$ 6,968,073	
Total Non-Current Assets		\$ 7,031,738
Organizational costs and Website		\$ 13,601
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 8,108,262

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	\$ 630	
Agency Funds Payable	\$ 443,014	
Total Liabilities		\$ 443,644
Without Donor Restrictions	\$ 1,679,596	
With Donor Restrictions	\$ 5,985,022	
Total Net Assets		\$ 7,664,618
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		\$ 8,108,262

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

Contributions		
Restricted	\$ 3,500,661	
Unrestricted	\$ 467,594	
Total Contributions		\$ 3,968,255
Grants		\$ 203,613
Administrative Fees		\$ 39,868
Gain (Loss) on Investments		\$ 140,796
Program Income		\$ 68,436
Other Income (Interest)		\$ 112,232
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT		\$ 4,533,707
Functional Expenses		
Program	\$ 31,356	
Grants	\$ 331,711	
Management and General	\$ 321,072	
Fundraising	\$ 33,846	
Total Functional Expenses		\$ 717,985
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets		\$ 3,815,722
Net Assets at Beginning of 2024		\$ 3,848,896
Prior Period Adjustments		-
Net Assets at End of 2024		\$ 7,664,618



*Supporting the Community Foundation of Otsego County
helps create a better future for us all.*



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