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HAVE YOU REMEMBERED THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF OTSEGO COUNTY IN YOUR WILL?

☐ Yes, CFOC is in my will. ☐ No, but I might be interested. Please send me more information.

I/WE WISH TO DONATE TO THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF OTSEGO COUNTY

☐ Enclosed is a check in the amount of $_____ payable to CFOC.

☐ Please charge $_____ to my credit card: ☐ AMEX ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ VISA ☐ DISCOVER

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address

phone email

my contribution will be matched by my company (company name)

credit card number

name(s) as you would like them to appear on listings (or anonymous)

city, state, zip

my gift is ☐ in honor of (name) ☐ in memory of (name)

☐ my company form is enclosed ☐ will be sent

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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

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SMART WAYS TO GIVE: THE POWER OF YOUR IRA

If you have an individual retirement account (IRA), you can do good while making a move that can lower your taxes. For those who are over age 70 ½ , a gift from your IRA directly to the Community Foundation of Otsego County can be made tax free. This type of gift, known as a qualified charitable distribution (QCD), is not tax deductible but still can benefit you. For example, a QCD can be used to establish lifetime income through a charitable gift annuity. After you turn 73, a QCD can be used to meet your obligation of taking a required minimum distribution.

Donors can make gifts to one or more charities totaling up to $108,000 this year from their IRAs. Make your QCD early in the year to ensure that it reduces (or eliminates) your need to take any required minimum distribution.

You can also use a QCD to establish a fund with CFOC, as Martha and Paul Clarvoe, featured in this month's newsletter, have done.

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

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ARE YOU CREATING OR UPDATING YOUR WILL?

If you are, the details below might be helpful to you if you would like to support CFOC with a legacy gift:

I give and devise to the Community Foundation of Otsego County, Springfield Center, NY (EIN 84-2243769) all (or state a percentage) of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific fund or program).

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THE UNADILLA COMMUNITY FARM EDUCATION CENTER

Transformed from an abandoned corn field, the Unadilla Community Farm Education Center (UCFC) was founded by a group of friends as an agricultural cooperative space for learning to grow their own organic produce, utilize natural building methods, make their own household products, and live off-grid in a solar powered community. UCFC incorporated as a non-profit organization in 2020, their agrarian and egalitarian origins exemplified by their school-bus dorms and barn kitchen. The farm showcases climate-resilient agriculture while increasing access to fresh and organic foods, herbs and education for low-income, low-access and food desert communities throughout NY state. Annually, UCFC provides fresh food, herbs, and education to over 6,500 people a year, free of charge.

This year, UCFC is breaking ground on an off-grid education center and commercial kitchen, with fundraising still underway. UCFC's work is a practical form of activism that concretely teaches the hands-on skills necessary to advance social, environmental, and economic regeneration in our local communities. The Community Foundation is proud to partner with UCFC to support its growth. More at unadillacommunityfarm.org.

SPRING GRANTS CYCLE SUPPORTS THE ARTS

Arts organizations in Otsego County are encouraged to apply for grants of up to $10,000 during CFOC's 2025 Spring Awards Cycle. The application process, which opened at the end of March, closes on May 16. The Community Fundation has allocated $100,000 for 2025 spring awards to local arts organizations — the largest amount CFOC has offered to the arts community to date. The Spring Awards for the Arts in Otsego County are funded in part by the Mildred Parish Foundation Donor Advised Fund. Those interested should visit cfotsego.org for a link to the application and for updates.

A March 7, 2025, breakfast hosted by CFOC brought together representatives from more than 20 arts organizations to discuss issues and ideas. Comments shared during the meeting helped to create the goals for this round of grants, including the need for general operating support given the uncertainty around federal and state funding.

CFOC BY THE NUMBERS AS OF MARCH 31, 2025

399
Total number of awards/grants

$1,512,120
Total amount awarded/ granted

DONOR FUND FOCUS: MARTHA & PAUL CLARVOE

Hartwick residents Martha and Paul Clarvoe have joined with the Community Foundation of Otsego County to establish a new fund that will support recycling efforts throughout Otsego County

The Martha and Paul Clarvoe Recycling Initiatives Fund was created at CFOC to be a long-term resource for local organizations. The Clarvoes, who have lived in Hartwick since 1980, are long-time advocates for environmental issues, including the importance of recycling. One of their largest recycling efforts was the restoration of a building in Hartwick, reusing many of the materials in the building and using construction methods to ensure energy conservation. They now operate the Freight Wheel Café and My Neighbor's Closet, which provides free clothing, in the restored structure. Martha served on the board of the Otsego County Conservation Association for 15 years and was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement award in 2015 for her commitment. "Recycling is important to us," said Martha. "We have grandchildren, and we want to do all that we can to ensure that they inherit a healthy planet."

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