

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

THE  
POWER  
OF  
**RESILIENCE**



CENTRAL NEW YORK  
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## SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW STUDENT

**MAZAHER KAILA** recently took a break from final exam preparation to reflect on how her life might have gone had her family stayed in its native Sudan.

“Where I come from, there are no aspirations or dreams or goals for women or for girls like me,” she said. “By age 15 or 16, we’re married. I would have had about six kids. The highest education I would have had is high school.”

She was four when her family moved to Central New York, where she attended Syracuse public schools. “As a Black, Muslim, female immigrant, I learned to stick up for myself,” she said. “I had to learn to argue my point.”

Those experiences laid the foundation for a law career. “Lawyers were the ones who were doing the work standing up for people,” said Kaila, who has just begun her final year of law school.

Kaila earned a Syracuse University bachelor’s degree in political science on a **Say Yes Syracuse** scholarship that has opened many doors for her. She’s already networking with judges in Sudan, envisioning a possible career in international or immigration law. She hopes to make the path easier for women and girls seeking education and meaningful careers. She also wants to volunteer as a criminal defense lawyer.

Read Mazaher’s full story at [cnycf.org/ar](https://cnycf.org/ar).



COVER AND IMAGES SHOWN HERE OF MAZAHER KAILA  
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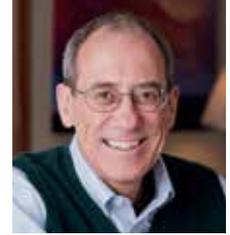
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# THE POWER OF RESILIENCE

This report covers the activities that took place between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021, a time in our collective experience that was punctuated by grief and uncertainty. We faced moments, individually and as a community, that could have brought us to our knees. We witnessed and endured pain, loss and trauma; these hardships were magnified for vulnerable communities due to poverty and racial disparities. But there were also moments of reckoning, resistance and resilience — moments of forward movement toward hope and change, and against adversity.

**WE STOOD TOGETHER.** At a time when we were required to stay apart to keep ourselves, our families, our friends and neighbors safe, our community of civic and nonprofit partners and donors found ways to collaborate across digital and social divides. In March and April 2020, we partnered with local government and regional funders to create a series of COVID-19 support funds across our service area. Bolstered by an outpouring of support from fundholders and donors, these funds provided rapid relief grants to the people, communities and nonprofits hit hardest by the impacts of COVID-19.

**WE STOOD FIRM IN OUR COMMITMENT TO ADVANCE RACIAL EQUITY.** The Community Foundation’s vision foresees a thriving community with opportunity for everyone, but we know this vision cannot be realized until we have eradicated systemic bias. In June 2020, we launched our Black Equity & Excellence funding priority, along with an initial \$1 million investment, to address disparities caused by 400 years of anti-Black racism and to advance equitable solutions and opportunities for and by the local Black community. This initiative,

supported by staff, board, donors and community partners alike, has helped us to take a closer look at how and whom we fund by spurring community dialogue and building new connections with Black-led organizations.

## WE STOOD UP TO BE COUNTED.

Everyone counts, and that’s why we supported local and statewide efforts to ensure all Central New York residents would be counted in the 2020 census. It is estimated that for every one person not counted, communities lose \$1,000 in funding per year toward hospitals, schools, transportation, parks and nonprofit organizations. Accounting for every individual living in our region will impact the allocation of government funding, congressional representation and private sector investments flowing to our community for years to come. Nonprofits also rely on census tract data to better understand where they are making an impact geographically based on the residency of those they serve.

We need only look within ourselves and our shared community to see the true power of resilience. You will recognize it in the stories that fill these pages and on the faces of your neighbors, your colleagues and your children. Resilience is not so much the ability to withstand adversity as it is the ability to stand back up after being knocked down, to take a stand against injustice, and to stand together when it is too difficult to walk the path alone. Thank you for standing strong with us this year and in the days ahead.

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# YEAR IN REVIEW

## OUR COMMITMENT TO RACIAL EQUITY

We committed to beginning our journey of dismantling systemic racism by engaging our staff and board of directors in ongoing listening and learning conversations, integrating equity into our work through open dialogue and committing to invest \$1 million in Black-led organizations through the creation of our Black Equity & Excellence Fund. Since the fund's establishment last June, we have made nearly \$550,000 in grants to support projects that counteract inequities.

## COVID-19 COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUNDS

In March and April 2020, we committed initial funding and management services to create a series of COVID-19 support funds across our region in partnership with local government and regional funders. These new coalitions resulted in stronger collaborations, streamlined resource deployment and, most importantly, responsive grants to nonprofits working with communities that were disproportionately impacted by economic consequences of the pandemic. Altogether, \$2.3 million was raised and distributed in response grants to meet basic needs.

## LANDMARK FISCAL YEAR

Between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021, we received \$26.7 million in gifts and bequests, the second largest year in our history for new contributions. We distributed more than \$20 million in much-needed grant support to nonprofit organizations in Central New York and surrounding areas, the largest year of grantmaking in our history.

## \$300,000 GRANT RECEIVED FOR LEAD POISONING EFFORTS

Our LeadSafeCNY initiative received a \$300,000 grant from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation to replace exterior doors and windows in rental units in neighborhoods where lead poisoning is prevalent. Nearly 60 affordable rental units will have significant lead hazards removed through this effort.

## \$10 MILLION ESTATE GIFT FROM DR. ROBERT J. VITKUS

When Bob Vitkus passed away last year, his estate named the Community Foundation as the recipient of a \$10 million legacy gift to support outdoor parks and recreation areas and programs that involve youth, hunting and fishing, or conservation efforts to improve wildlife habitat and forest health.



WE PROVIDED THE LEARNING PLACE AND THE NORTHSIDE LEARNING CENTER WITH A GRANT FROM OUR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP FUND TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCIES, DECREASE OVERHEAD COSTS, AND EXPAND THEIR SERVICES.

# VIEW



## **BLACK EQUITY AND EXCELLENCE: WORKSHOPS TURN LENS ON FILM OPPORTUNITIES**

Mylz Blake and Eric Jackson created Black Cub Productions in 2018 to counteract stereotypes about Black people on screen and behind the camera. The two are now applying their philosophy to a new workshop to introduce Black youth to the film industry and empower them to tell their own stories.

“We want to change the narrative of what being Black can look and feel like,” Blake said.

Black people are under-represented in movie production and as talent. According to UCLA’s 2021 Hollywood Diversity Report, only 25% of directors, 26% of writers and 40% of lead actors for 2020’s top films were Black, Latino, Native/Indigenous or Asian/Pacific Islander. Films with people of color as leads were more likely than those with White leads to have the smallest budgets, the report found.

A grant from our Black Equity & Excellence Fund allowed Black Cub to launch its 10-week workshop, Life Through My Own Lens, where Black youth in grades 7 to 12 learn how to use technology to tell their stories and how to establish careers in the media industry.

Read the full story at [cnycf.org/ar](https://cnycf.org/ar).



AS PART OF OUR PANDEMIC RESPONSE, WE MADE A MATCHING GRANT OF \$100,000 TO CNY ARTS FOR ITS COVID-19 IMPACT FUND TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY SUPPORT TO THE ARTS, CULTURAL AND HERITAGE INDUSTRY ACROSS SEVEN COUNTIES IN CENTRAL NEW YORK. SINCE THEN, CNY ARTS HAS RAISED AND DISTRIBUTED MORE THAN \$800,000 TO ARTISTS AND CULTURAL GROUPS, INCLUDING THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF OSWEGO .

### ANONYMOUS \$2.2 MILLION BEQUEST

Last September, we received a \$2.2 million gift from an anonymous donor upon their passing. Their gift established an endowed fund that will support local nonprofit organizations providing healthcare and working to advance animal welfare.

### CENSUS

Census data informs lawmakers on policy and funding decisions that impact the lives of 330 million Americans. Not accounting for every individual living in our region can have a devastating impact on Central New Yorkers for years to come. Therefore, census numbers are particularly consequential for those whom the Census Bureau considers 'hard-to-count populations,' which include some of the country's most vulnerable residents — immigrants, the elderly, young children, those living in rural areas and low-income households. Over the past few years we provided nearly \$300,000 in grants toward efforts that encouraged hard-to-count populations to complete the 2020 census to ensure all Central New York residents are counted.

### PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

We partnered with the Transforming Communities Initiative (TCI) to develop a pilot participatory budgeting campaign on the Westside of Syracuse. The Peacemaking Program, facilitated through the Center for Court Innovation, was selected as the project lead. The goal of the campaign is to create a resident-led grantmaking opportunity. Residents identify potential projects in their neighborhood and decide how to spend the available funding.

### CENTERSTATE CEO NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR AWARD

We were humbled to be the recipient of this year's Nonprofit of the Year Award from CenterState CEO, but this honor really belongs to our entire community. The positive impact of our work over the past year would not have been possible without the extraordinary generosity of our partners and Central New Yorkers.

### SAY YES SYRACUSE

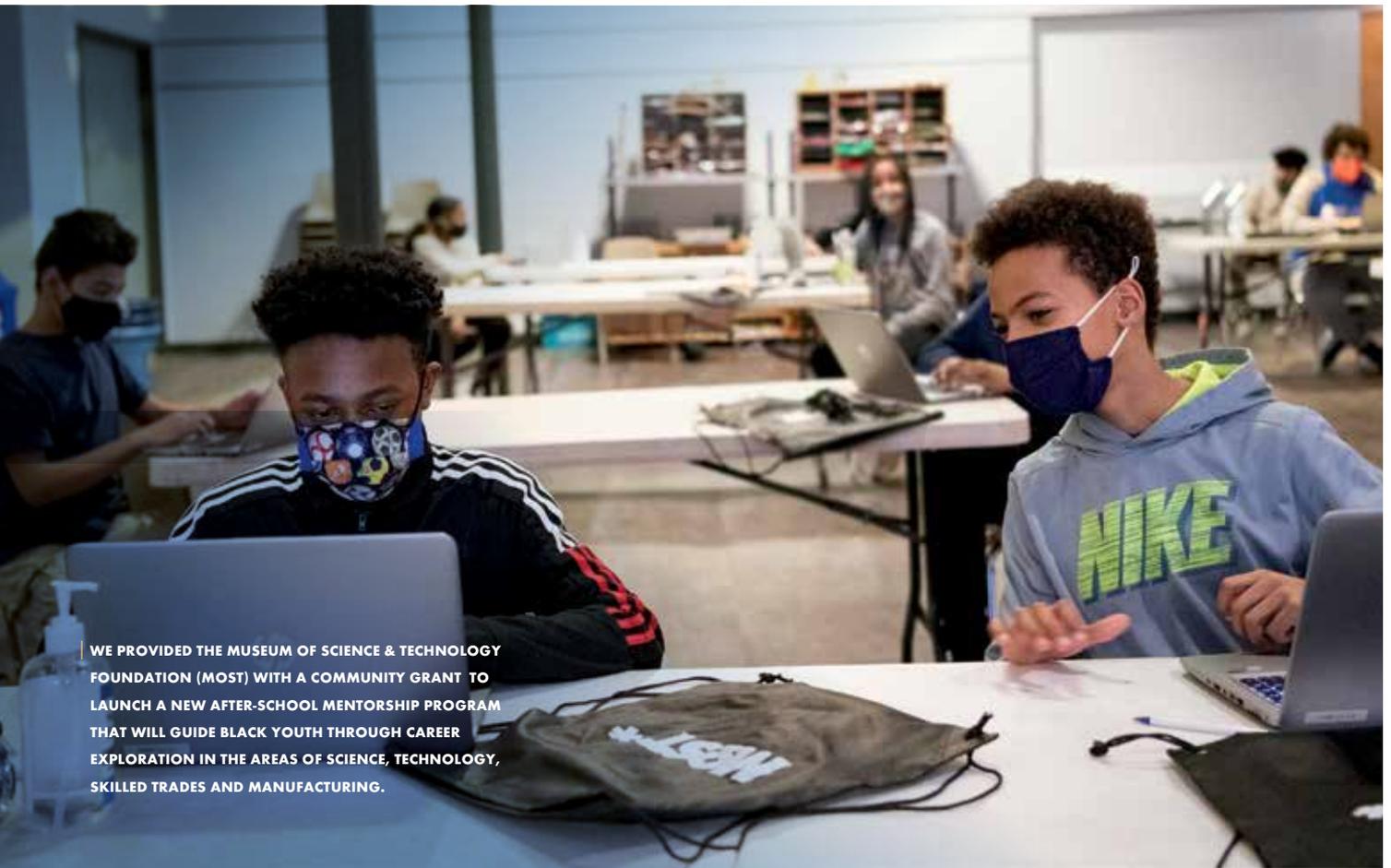
As the national office of Say Yes to Education concluded its work and devolved responsibility to local affiliates, we stepped in to take on the role of managing the local office and employing its staff. With permanent support for students in place through the Say Yes scholarship endowment, and continuing engagement among our partners, we're looking forward to the next chapter for Say Yes Syracuse.

### AFFILIATE FUNDS

Our four Affiliate Funds had an outstanding year of fundraising and grantmaking to nonprofits across the region. In partnership with local funders including the United Way of Cayuga County, the John Ben Snow Memorial Trust, the Shineman Foundation and the United Way of Oswego County, the Cayuga Community Fund distributed \$178,559 in grants, the Greater Pulaski Community Endowment Fund distributed \$28,977 in grants, the Oswego County Community Foundation distributed \$253,534 in grants and the Women's Fund of Central New York distributed \$48,450 in grants.



WE PROVIDED GOD'S TEMPLE OF FAITH WITH A GRANT FROM OUR BLACK EQUITY AND EXCELLENCE FUND FOR ITS SECOND HAND CLOSET INITIATIVE, WHICH PROVIDES WARDROBE, STYLING, AND CAREER ENHANCEMENT SERVICES TO POTENTIAL JOB CANDIDATES.



WE PROVIDED THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATION (MOST) WITH A COMMUNITY GRANT TO LAUNCH A NEW AFTER-SCHOOL MENTORSHIP PROGRAM THAT WILL GUIDE BLACK YOUTH THROUGH CAREER EXPLORATION IN THE AREAS OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, SKILLED TRADES AND MANUFACTURING.



## **THE ROY, KATHIE AND GUY GARNSEY FUND: FAMILY FUND PROVES GIVING IS ELEMENTARY**

Over the years, the Central New York community has come to serve as the Garnsey's home and they have supported a variety of local causes that hold importance to them.

More recently, the couple's financial advisors helped them realize that while they enjoy giving major gifts to the community now, they can also leave a lasting impact through a legacy fund after they pass away. The Roy, Kathie and Guy Garnsey Fund will allow them to continue supporting wildlife, the environment, animal shelters, libraries, small museums and other organizations in Central New York, year after year.

The Garnseys love their Central New York home and lifestyle. Their fund will supply resources to the broader community based on the greatest needs at the time with a preference for supporting organizations within Cayuga County.

Read the full story at [cnycf.org/ar](https://cnycf.org/ar).

# OUR IMPACT

## STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

**REALIZING THAT RESPONSIVE GRANT FUNDING ALONE CANNOT ADDRESS OUR COMMUNITY'S COMPLEX CHALLENGES, OUR STRATEGIC INITIATIVES FOCUS ON ONE COMMON GOAL — TO MAKE A DEMONSTRABLE IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY.**



CENSUS VOLUNTEER CANVASSES NEIGHBORHOOD

Knowing that an accurate **census** count is critical to ensuring adequate funding and representation for Central New York, we worked with community partners to encourage a complete 2020 Census count in our region. We provided funding and joined in statewide public policy advocacy in support of a complete census count.

The **Early Childhood Alliance** is a collaboration that promotes a holistic approach to addressing the general needs of children in Onondaga County. We provide grant, management and facilitation support to the ECA.

**Greater Syracuse HOPE** is a collaborative effort to help address and decrease poverty in CNY. We provided administrative and capacity support to HOPE this past year.

The **Human Service Leadership Council** is comprised of human service agencies working together to identify opportunities and provide response to basic human needs. We provide grant, management and facilitation support to HSLC.

Our **LeadSafeCNY** initiative is a multi-year commitment to help decrease the region's alarming childhood lead poisoning rates through funding, impact investing, collaboration and public policy. This past year, we worked with the City of Syracuse to support and expand its housing code enforcement efforts. We awarded \$233,125 in grants to support lead-free housing construction, existing home renovations, community outreach and training and workforce development. So far, 736 windows and 101 doors have been replaced in rental units to eliminate lead dust. In addition, 112 safe and affordable rental units have been constructed or renovated in target neighborhoods. [leadsafecny.org](https://leadsafecny.org)



A HOME HEADQUARTERS HOUSE

We provide funding, management and research support to programs in Onondaga, Madison and Cortland counties to improve the issue of **literacy** across the lifespan.

**Say Yes Syracuse** provides opportunities and scholarships to remove financial barriers for Syracuse City School District students to attend college. Say Yes Syracuse is now independently governed and administered by the Community Foundation. [sayyessyracuse.org](https://sayyessyracuse.org)

Local community groups provide career pathways to low-income individuals while fulfilling staffing needs of local employers through **Work Train**. We provide funding for this program.



## GIRLS ARE POISED, GIFTED AND READY FOR LIFE

In 2012, Debra McClendon-Boddie started mentoring girls in Syracuse. Her interest evolved into the PGR Foundation, which prepares girls to live in a diverse world.

A few mentors and five girls met twice a month for educational programs and

lessons on social etiquette and self-care; they also gathered monthly for community service projects. Now eight mentors serve 57 Onondaga County girls ages 6 to 18 who often don pink shirts that say Poised, Gifted, and Ready, the phrase created from the organization's formal name.

During the COVID-19 pandemic PGR provided virtual and socially distanced events. When

the new school year unfolded in fall 2020, mentors recognized that some girls did not have laptops or reliable broadband service at home. We provided PGR with a Community Grant to support its Back-to-School Pandemic Preparation Series with the purchase of technology equipment and tutors' pay.

Read the full story at [cnycf.org/ar](https://cnycf.org/ar).

## PROFESSIONAL & ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HAS FOR MANY DECADES BEEN A LEADING SPONSOR OF INITIATIVES TO STRENGTHEN OUR REGION'S NONPROFIT SECTOR.**

**BoardSTRONG** connects talented Central New York individuals with nonprofit board opportunities and provides online resources for nonprofit board members and leaders. We provide funding for this program.

**LeadUP CNY** is a professional and personal development program for the next generation of nonprofit leaders. Thirteen participants were admitted this year. [cnycf.org/leadup](http://cnycf.org/leadup)

The **Marsellus Executive Development Program** is an individualized leadership development opportunity for executive directors of organizations within Onondaga or Madison counties. Thirty-four individuals have graduated since the program's inception. [cnycf.org/executive](http://cnycf.org/executive)

The **Nonprofit Essentials Workshop Series (NEWS)** is a training series designed for nonprofit professionals to gain knowledge on a variety of tools for professional and organizational development. [cnycf.org/workshop](http://cnycf.org/workshop)

**Nourishing Tomorrow's Leaders** is an eight-week training program focused on increasing the pool of diverse nonprofit board members in our community. We assist with program development, funding and implementation.

Our **Performance Management Learning Community (PMLC)** is a funding opportunity for nonprofit organizations to improve their ability to track data and measure performance outcomes. This year, we provided \$128,750 in grant support to participating organizations. [cnycf.org/measure](http://cnycf.org/measure)

Our **Staff Advancement Initiative** supports the professional development of non-management or entry-level management nonprofit staff members. Since inception, 720 participants have completed the program. [cnycf.org/staffadvance](http://cnycf.org/staffadvance)

The **Leadership Classroom (TLC)** helps residents or grassroots groups learn practical skills that make stronger, more effective neighborhood and grassroots leaders. [cnycf.org/tlc](http://cnycf.org/tlc)

## COMMUNITY RESOURCE & KNOWLEDGE

**BUILDING ON OUR COMMITMENT TO COLLECT AND ANALYZE LOCAL DATA, AS WELL AS THE EXPERIENCE WE HAVE ACCUMULATED OVER MORE THAN 90 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR REGION, WE SERVE AS A RESOURCE TO RESIDENTS SEEKING INSIGHTS ON SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY ISSUES.**

The **Community Data Group** is comprised of nonprofit and government sector members who gather to share ideas and data and improve measuring techniques to effectively move our community forward.

**CNY Vitals & CNY Vitals Pro** are state of the community websites that provide a common source of data and interactive visualizations on critical topics that affect the health and progress of our region. [cnyvitals.org](http://cnyvitals.org)



FRANK RIDZI, VICE PRESIDENT, COMMUNITY INVESTMENT, PRESENTS DURING A PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT LEARNING COMMUNITY SESSION.

# CONTRIBUTING TO A THRIVING A YEAR OF GRANT

**BETWEEN APRIL 1, 2020 AND MARCH 31, 2021, WE HAD THE LARGEST YEAR OF GRANTMAKING IN OUR HISTORY. WE DISTRIBUTED MORE THAN TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS IN GRANT SUPPORT TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN CENTRAL NEW YORK AND SURROUNDING AREAS. TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS IN GRANTS FROM OUR DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS PROVIDED GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT FOR NONPROFITS.**

## **COVID-19 COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

Even as the COVID-19 crisis disrupted day-to-day activities, we remained committed to our mission by distributing funding to local charities to enhance local communities and enable local residents to thrive. Through our COVID-19 support funds, launched in March 2020, we prioritized emergency relief efforts in Onondaga, Madison, Oswego and Cayuga counties. We leveraged longstanding partnerships with local government and regional funders, raising and distributing \$2.3 million in grants to support individuals and communities affected by the economic and social consequences of the pandemic.

## **COMMUNITY GRANTMAKING**

Guided by a pledge to urgently support those hit hardest by the pandemic, we adjusted our Community Grants program to prioritize emergency relief efforts. This meant that in addition to our typical funding parameters, we also supported general operating expenses to meet pandemic-related needs. We distributed \$1,634,732 in Community Grants to 53 organizations.

## **RURAL POVERTY SUPPORT**

The Madison County Rural Poverty Fund is our effort to support poverty-related causes in Madison County. We committed to tackling this issue through multiple approaches, including funding, impact investing and community leadership. The fund distributed \$149,892 to 25 organizations this year.

## **BLACK EQUITY & EXCELLENCE FUNDING**

We established our Black Equity & Excellence Fund in June 2020, to invest in Black-led organizations working in historically underserved communities and projects that counteract inequities. Twenty-seven grants totaling \$544,889 were distributed through the fund's first two rounds of grantmaking this past year.

## **STRATEGIC INITIATIVES**

We distributed \$223,966 in small grants to 107 organizations; \$128,750 in Performance Management grants to 11 organizations; \$233,125 in LeadSafeCNY grants to 10 organizations; \$200,692 in literacy grants to 6 organizations; and 2 Strategic Partnership grants totaling \$17,200.

**TO VIEW A LIST OF ALL OF OUR GRANTS, VISIT [CNYCF.ORG/GRANTS](https://cnycf.org/grants).**

# COMMUNITY: MAKING



## **LIBERTY RESOURCES: VIRTUAL UPGRADES HELP RE-ESTABLISH CARE CONNECTIONS**

When the novel coronavirus pandemic shuttered schools and businesses, Liberty Resources kept the doors of its four Madison County residential supportive care facilities open — virtually. But the organization's outpatient clients living with substance abuse and mental illness experienced

additional isolation because they could not attend counseling and support programs in person, and they could not easily access the organization's virtual sessions.

"People were missing appointments," said Kristin Slater, residential programs manager.

"They didn't have the ability to access self-help meetings online. We have one gentleman who struggled even to use his phone."

Staff worried that quarantine, coupled with the technological divide and an already worrisome

level of substance abuse and overdoses in Madison County, would stall clients' recovery.

A grant from our Madison County Rural Poverty Fund helped the organization purchase technology and upgrades for its telephone system. "We were able to use this grant to re-establish connections for residents," Slater said.

Read the full story at [cnycf.org/ar](https://cnycf.org/ar).



## **AMINY AUDI EMBRACES RESPONSIBILITY TO SHARE SUCCESS**

Aminy I. Audi was finishing dinner and listening to the news in mid-March 2020 when she heard about the COVID-19 Community Support Fund. "I didn't even have to think twice about contributing," she said. "I was thinking, 'How can I be enjoying all that I have without sharing it?'"

The impulse came naturally to Audi, CEO and chairwoman of the Manlius-based L. & J.G. Stickley furniture company and a longtime Community Foundation supporter. Growing up, she watched every New Year's Eve as her father would go around her hometown and visit with widows and orphans who were alone for the holidays. She carried that tradition of generosity with her.

Her philanthropy supports issues close to her heart, including education, women's opportunities, New Americans and hunger.

She was a founding member of the Women's Fund of Central New York, which we administer. Her family started a scholarship fund, which we also administer, for graduating high school students who are the children of full-time Stickley employees.

Mrs. Audi set up a donor-advised fund with the Community Foundation in 2011, "I love seeing people enjoy gifts during my lifetime," she said.

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# NEW FUNDS

**WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE GENEROUS COMMUNITY-MINDED INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT ESTABLISHED NEW FUNDS AT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION THIS YEAR. THESE 32 NEW FUNDS WILL BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY NOW AND FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.**



#### **VICTORIA & ELIZABETH TULLY FOUNDATION**

David Tully's wife, Victoria, worked as a Parent and Child Advocate at Hillside Children's Center. She believed strongly in the beauty and power of connecting with others and enjoyed volunteering at local schools in the community. Their daughter, Elizabeth, was working towards a degree in humanities. She loved all animals, especially those with special needs.

Upon Victoria's and Elizabeth's tragic death by car accident, David Tully and his daughter Samantha established this fund to support education, environment, animals, health and human service causes in their memory.

#### **DR. ROBERT J. VITKUS FUND**

Bob Vitkus was a successful oral surgeon and an avid hunter and fly fisherman who loved the outdoors. He spent much time with the lands, lakes, oceans and mountains that he bonded with over the years. He also served as president of the Onondaga County Dental Society and a member of the 5th District Dental Society, DeWitt Rod & Gun Club, Ruffed Grouse Society of CNY and the Syracuse/Canadian Fish & Game Club.

When Bob passed away last year, his estate named his fund as the recipient of a \$10 million legacy gift to support outdoor parks and recreation areas and programs that involve youth, hunting and fishing or conservation efforts to improve wildlife habitat and forest health.



**FOR A FULL LIST OF OUR FUNDS, PLEASE VISIT [CNYCF.ORG/FUNDS](http://CNYCF.ORG/FUNDS).**

## AGENCY FUNDS

BRADY FAITH CENTER SUSTAINABILITY FUND  
CAZENOVIA LAKE ASSOCIATION FUND  
CNY ARTS COVID-19 IMPACT FUND  
EISENHOWER COLLEGE LEGACY FUND  
ENGAGE CANASTOTA EDUCATION FUND

## COMMUNITY FUND

RUTH E. KRULL FUND

## DESIGNATED FUNDS

MATILDA M. CHIARMONTE MEMORIAL FUND  
KRUPKE FAMILY MEMORIAL AWARD FUND  
SANDY & ART MAGER SOCIAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
PHILIP D. & RITA G. ROMBACH FUND

## DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

BASTABLE FAMILY FUND  
LARRY & ANNETTE BELL FOUNDATION  
BITZ FAMILY FUND  
LYNN CLEARY & DAVID DUGGAN FUND  
CALVIN & SANDRA CORRIDERS FAMILY FUND  
DUNBAR DISNEY DREAMS FUND  
MARK & POLLY FULLER FUND  
KING FAMILY SPRINGDALE FUND  
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## FIELD-OF-INTEREST FUNDS

BILFORD FAMILY FUND  
MAGGIE & ROGER REID FUND  
DR. ROBERT J. VITKUS FUND

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

LORMA ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
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# HOW TO GIVE

**YOU CAN MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE IN THE  
COMMUNITY BEYOND YOUR  
LIFETIME.**

**LET US BE YOUR PARTNER.**

**YOUR GIVING CAN BE  
MADE EASIER**

Since 1927, generous Central New Yorkers have relied on the Community Foundation to help achieve more with their giving. Our work with you is personal and individualized. Together, we can help transform your giving passions into lasting, measurable impact.

**YOU CAN CONTINUE YOUR  
CHARITABLE GIVING IN PERPETUITY**

There is no time like the present to think about how you want to deploy a portion of your assets for community benefit after you are gone. Legacy planning at the Community Foundation focuses on helping you transmit your values, identify the issues you care about and capture your personal life story.

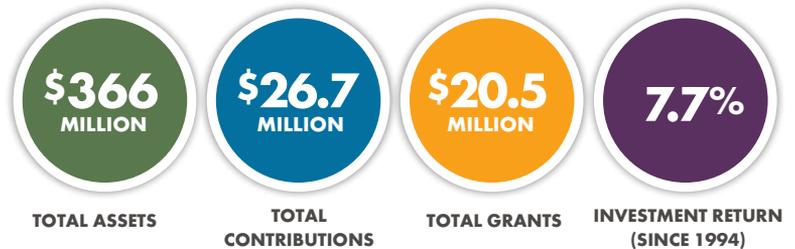
**YOU CAN GIVE FLEXIBLY  
THROUGHOUT YOUR LIFETIME**

Donor-advised funds are simple to set up and easy to operate. They allow you to address a wide variety of issues and fulfill your charitable interests as they evolve over time. The flexibility of the donor-advised fund makes it a convenient option to manage your giving and enjoy hands-on involvement.

**INTERESTED IN EXPLORING OPTIONS  
FOR YOUR PERSONAL GIVING?  
CALL US AT 315.422.9538 OR  
VISIT CNYCF.ORG/GIVE.**



# FINANCIAL INFORMATION



## MESSAGE FROM THE CFO

Our fiscal year began just after the coronavirus caused the stock market to crash and life as we knew it changed in what seemed like a blink of an eye. As I reflect back on all that occurred this year, it seems impossible to summarize it in a short message. My hope is that the stories contained within our annual report will offer you a glimpse into the support provided to neighbors, successes experienced by our community and the impact of responsiveness.

Our financial statements are a direct reflection of the power of resilience. From a rebound in the stock market impacting our investment returns to a 16% increase in gifts received as a result of a community coming together to support one another, we saw resilience. The combined power of our operating model, our long term focus, and the support of our donors and many community partners enabled us to grant more than \$20 million to nonprofit organizations this past year.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our people. Without them, we would not be able to move our community forward. From the staff behind the scenes to those individuals working directly with our constituents, it takes intentionality to build the team we have — a team that is heart-centered, hardworking and yes, resilient. Those same people would be happy to discuss our work with you.

Kimberly P. Sadowski, CPA  
Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

## 2021 SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2021

### BALANCE SHEET

#### ASSETS

Receivables & Other	\$ 20,498,085
Investments	345,786,059
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 366,284,144</b>

#### LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Funds Held for Other Agencies	\$ 21,877,084
Grants Payable	1,569,783
Other	5,893,144
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>336,944,133</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 366,284,144</b>

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

#### REVENUES

Gifts, Grants, Bequests	\$ 26,708,525
Net Return on Investments	97,966,393
Other	534,865
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 125,209,783</b>

#### GRANTS & EXPENSES

Grants	\$ 20,528,480
Program Support	1,753,609
Operating Expenses	2,014,094
<b>Total Grants &amp; Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 24,296,183</b>

#### CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

	\$ 100,913,600
Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$ 236,030,533
<b>Net Assets End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 336,944,133</b>

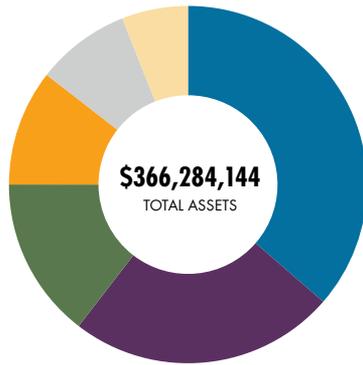
The Community Foundation's audit is conducted by The Bonadio Group. The complete Consolidated Financial Statements, with accompanying footnotes, as well as Form 990, are available for inspection at the Community Foundation office and online at [cnycf.org](http://cnycf.org).

## INVESTMENT POOL ASSET ALLOCATION

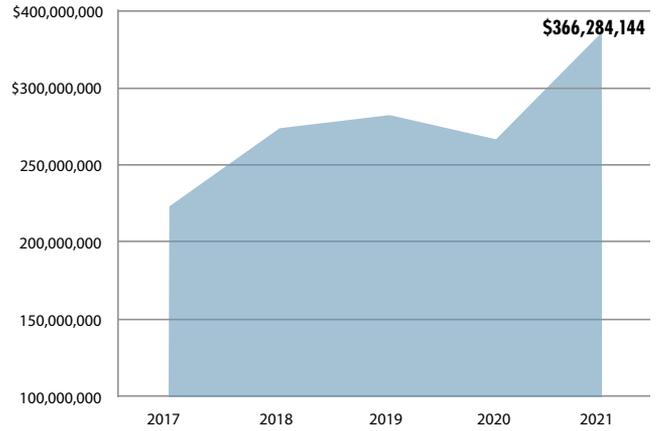


## ASSETS BY FUND TYPE

- Donor-Advised  
\$133,243,789
- Community  
\$88,190,692
- Scholarships  
\$53,309,797
- Field-of-Interest  
\$38,534,984
- Designated & Special Projects  
\$31,127,798
- Nonprofit Agency  
\$21,877,084

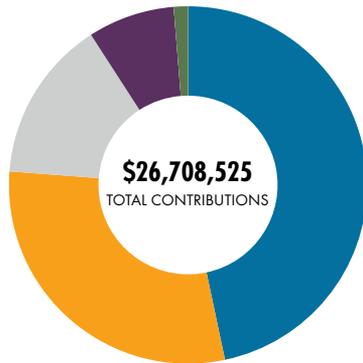


## ASSETS BY YEAR



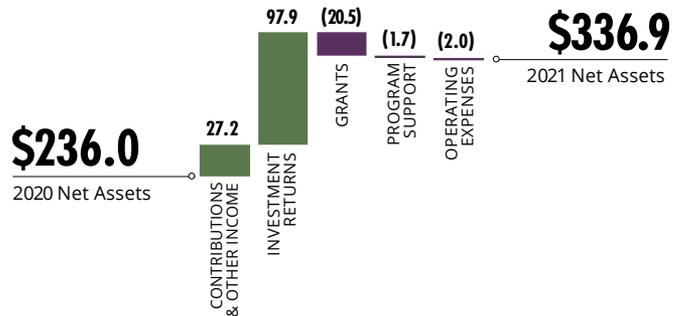
## CONTRIBUTIONS BY FUND TYPE

- Donor-Advised  
\$12,470,594
- Field-of-Interest  
\$7,886,130
- Designated & Special Projects  
\$3,917,322
- Community  
\$2,092,054
- Scholarships  
\$342,425



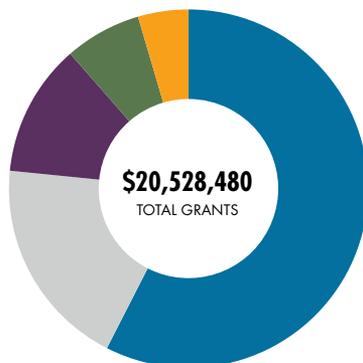
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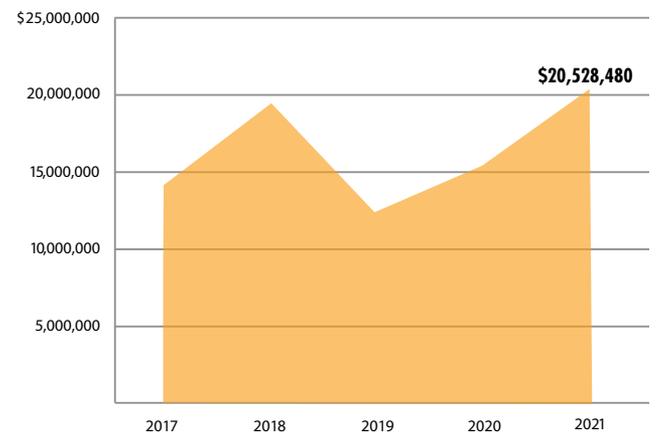


## GRANTS BY FUND TYPE

- Donor-Advised  
\$11,805,392
- Designated & Special Projects  
\$3,917,442
- Community  
\$2,455,575
- Scholarships  
\$1,418,844
- Field-of-Interest  
\$931,227



## GRANTS BY YEAR



Graphs represent financial information as fiscal years ended March 31.



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