

## 2017 Competitive Grants for the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Field of Interest Funds

For 2017, the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds at the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo awarded funding totaling more than \$700,000 to 44 organizations from across Western New York. The organizations that were funded along with the specific program that was supported and the grant amount are included below. Grant awards are listed alphabetically within each interest area:

### I. The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Fund for Caregiving

Bornhava	to provide caregivers of children with special needs the opportunity to participate in planned networking, educational and social events	\$8,099
Buffalo City Mission	to fund educational classes for the Buffalo City Mission's direct caregiver staff that assist homeless clients	\$12,000
Child & Family Services of Erie County	to enhance support systems for caregivers in the foster care program	\$21,000
Cradle Beach	to help foster care families, kindship caregivers and post-adoptive families access much needed respite care services	\$19,500
Daemen College	to provide athletic-based respite programs for families of individuals with disabilities	\$25,000
Health Association of Niagara County, Inc.	to create a caregiver support network with a mission of improving the quality of life for the patient and caregiver	\$25,000
Mercy Hospital Foundation	to pilot a one year program providing caregivers direct communication with a registered nurse, physician and in-home patient visits to improve patient care and caregiver peace of mind	\$15,000
Roswell Park Alliance Foundation	to provide an annual retreat weekend for those dealing with the challenges of cancer	\$5,500
Summit Educational Resources	for a respite program that will coincide with current training programs allowing parents to attend without the worry of coordinating specialized childcare	\$15,000

## II. The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Fund for Community Assets

Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park	for structure improvements on the USS Little Rock	\$10,000
Buffalo Jazz Collective	for a year-round All City Jazz Ensemble for high school instrumental music students	\$8,000
Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Society	for a unique and high-profile celebration at the Richardson Olmsted Complex	\$10,000
Buffalo String Works	to expand programming and teaching staff to increase the number of children served	\$13,450
Center for Exploratory & Perceptual Arts, Inc.	to ensure continuity of in-school programming and expand access to all grade levels	\$10,000
Community Music School of Buffalo	to provide free private music instruction to students at Waterfront Academy in piano, guitar and clarinet	\$7,650
Explore Buffalo	to support the purchase of audio headset systems to improve the quality of the walking tour experience	\$5,000
Graycliff Conservancy, Inc.	to restore the flower garden, one of the iconic landscape elements on the Graycliff estate	\$15,000
Hull House Foundation	to restore the stair and landing of the Hull House and enhance accessibility	\$6,500
Just Buffalo Literary Center	to support The Civil Writes Project, which focuses on Buffalo's contributions to the literary arts field and Civil Rights movement	\$10,000
Martin House Restoration Corporation	to market signature events, tours and programs throughout a year-long celebration of Frank Lloyd Wright's birth	\$10,000
North Park Theatre of Buffalo, Inc.	for restoration efforts	\$8,000
Springville Center for the Arts	for renovation work to the multi-arts center to increase accessibility, safety and programming capacity	\$25,000
Squeaky Wheel   Buffalo Media Resources	to support low-to-no-cost media arts education programs serving youth living in Western New York	\$7,500

### III. The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Fund for Design & Access

Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper	to coordinate collective efforts around waterway restoration	\$50,000
Buffalo Lighthouse Association	for restoration efforts	\$50,000
GObike Buffalo	to empower residents to implement complete streets within their neighborhoods	\$29,157
Groundwork Buffalo	to support environmental design projects that are restorative and contribute to neighborhood health and wellness	\$40,500
Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, Inc.	to build an activity trail utilizing universal access design that will promote exercise, green living and empathy for all living things	\$30,343
Western New York Land Conservancy	to convene stakeholders, partners and the community to create a shared vision for the "High Line" Rail Trail	\$50,000

### IV. The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Fund for Youth Sports

Adam Page Sled Hockey Foundation	to alleviate the equipment costs for the recruitment and development of new sled teams for youth with disabilities	\$12,500
Algonquin Sports for Kids, Inc.	for training for the coaching staff to increase staff's core competencies in safety, motivation and skill development	\$18,299
Buffalo City Swim Racers Inc.	to provide water safety and swim lessons for low-income families in the City of Buffalo	\$10,000
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	to renovate and upgrade the soccer field at Rumsey Woods in Delaware Park	\$24,000
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County	to support Aim High, an archery program offered to youth throughout Niagara County	\$15,000
Cradle Beach	to provide equipment to enhance year-round youth sports and recreational programming for children with disabilities and disadvantages	\$11,500

Franklinville Central School District	to support the development of an after-school physical activity/recreation program for pre-K to 8th grade students	\$16,000
Girls Golf, Inc.	to support programs that provide girl-friendly environments for participants interested in learning the game of golf	\$5,000
Health Sciences Charter School	to purchase equipment that supports the expansion of physical education activities	\$5,000
MCC-DC dba West Side Community Services	to resurface an existing basketball court into a multi-sport court allowing for greater access to a variety of sports	\$25,000
National Center for Missing & Exploited Children New York	to train youth sport coaches, volunteers, kids and parents about child sexual victimization prevention	\$25,000
Rural Outreach Center	to support scholarships and equipment for children living in rural poverty to take part in physical extracurricular activities	\$12,500
Valley Community Association Inc.	to provide interactive age and developmentally appropriate activities promoting a healthy, active lifestyle based on the NYS Learning Standards	\$25,000
West Side Rowing Club, Inc.	to provide access to rowing for underserved youth, ages 12 to 18, from Buffalo Public and charter schools through scholarships	\$20,000
Willie Hutch Jones Educational and Sports Program	to expand a summer fitness and sports program for low income youth	\$5,000
YMCA Buffalo Niagara	to expand and enhance its current youth development and healthy living program offerings	\$15,000