THE ART OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE.
We all have a vision for our community.

A bright and prosperous future for Western New York: quality education and plentiful cultural opportunities, racial/ethnic equity, healthy homes and a vibrant environment. At the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, we believe that creating positive change is an art form. Continuous learning, imagination, collaboration and commitment are important tools in transformational change. Our community is a dynamic work of art. We are honored to do this work on behalf of our generous clients who give through the Foundation. Together, we are painting a more promising tomorrow for all.

Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker  
President/CEO

Marsha Joy Sullivan  
Chair, Board of Directors
Ruth Bryant can still hear her namesake, Aunt Ruth, saying, “May the works I have done speak for me.” Those words have stayed with her throughout her life of service to our community and shaped her legacy planning with the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo. Ruth says she has often thought about what she would like to be known for and the impact she wants to have on her community.

“I, like many others, want to be involved in something successful that benefits our community,” said Ruth. “That is why I decided to create a fund at the Community Foundation because I know my vision will be fulfilled and my gift will be leveraged to do the most good.”

Ruth is well aware of the benefits of working with the Community Foundation. She served as Board Chair from 2001-2002, was a founding member of the 21st Century Fund and is an active founding member of the Communities of Giving Legacy Initiative®(CGLI). Ruth talks passionately about how giving students new opportunities through the CGLI helps them envision possibilities.

She believes strongly in supporting these transformational experiences, which is why she established a legacy gift through the Community Foundation. A portion of her gift will also support the Community Foundation’s work in addressing the changing needs of our community over time.

“I trust the Community Foundation to do the best it can and use the funds wisely to address our community’s needs for generations to come,” said Ruth. “The Foundation has the reputation locally, nationally and internationally to be good stewards of its clients’ funds.”
Ruth D. Bryant, former Assistant Dean of the School of Architecture and Planning, in front of Hayes Hall on the State University at Buffalo South Campus.
Imagine being tasked with giving away $1.2 billion in 20 years to improve two communities important to a man who entrusted you with his legacy. The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation leaders consider this challenge an honor and a privilege. They are now creating a strategic playbook to carry out Ralph C. Wilson, Jr.’s wishes through a phased approach to make the greatest impact while creating long-lasting support for the communities he cared about.

“We see our Foundation as having four unique life phases with the first being Transition. It is what we call our ‘get smart’ mode and that is where we are now,” said David Egner, President and CEO of the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation. “This phase started with ‘legacy gifts’ that the trustees put in place knowing that Mr. Wilson would have wanted to see these funded right away, as well as a process of getting to know Southeast Michigan and Western New York.”

David describes Phase Two as the Impact Phase, which may encompass more traditional grantmaking and focus on funding multi-year pilot projects. Phase Three will be a Transformational Phase and may involve doubling down on funding to provide long-lasting and sustainable change. The final phase will be an Exit and Legacy Phase. It is still too early to set a timetable for these phases.

To kick off Phase One, the Foundation sought out trusted philanthropic partners in the communities to get on the ground and start learning about the needs and opportunities for impact.

“When we reached out to the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, they immediately set up a tour to show us places most in need in Western New York,” said Mary Wilson, Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation Life Trustee. “We needed a partner we could trust that would teach us best practices in philanthropy, as well as connect us to key players in the community.”

Additionally in its first year, the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation created multiple endowments at the Community Foundation to provide permanent funding for causes Mr. Wilson cared about deeply.

“These field of interest endowments will live in perpetuity beyond the limited lifetime of the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation,” said David Egner. “We have already expanded our investments based on the access to ideas and collaboration through the Community Foundation.”

The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation recognizes that it must operate differently, with urgency and a collaborative spirit, to create meaningful change in our community and to honor the remarkable legacy and generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.
“We needed a partner we could trust that would teach us best practices in philanthropy, as well as connect us to key players in the community.”

MARY WILSON
William Bobo, Jr. is celebrating his 50th year as a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. When he joined the fraternity, he never imagined the camaraderie or the opportunities to give back he would gain for decades. William is proud of the positive impact the Buffalo Alumni Chapter of his fraternity has made in the community by mentoring young leaders to carry on their shared core values for generations to come.

William’s fraternity brother Andrew Johnson, Jr., the self-described “keeper of the coin” for the Buffalo Alumni Chapter, knows that every penny counts toward making a difference in the community. When he became treasurer, he noticed there was an account that was not being used, so he gathered a couple of fellow brothers to figure out the best place to invest it. During that search, they were introduced to the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo.

“We wanted to find a way to invest the money that would provide us with opportunities to give additional funds outside of our scholarships,” said Andrew. “By establishing an endowment at the Community Foundation, we knew the money would not run out. It allowed us to put safeguards in place to ensure the money would be used to carry out our mission forever.”

The next generation of the Buffalo Alumni Chapter, led by current president Justin Lewis, is appreciative of the financial foresight and guidance put in place by the elder brothers to carry on the fraternity’s commitment to service.

“I have learned about what an endowment is and how important it is to carrying on our mission,” said Justin. “Sustainability and growth are important to me as a young leader in a historical fraternity that is more than 100 years old. I want to make sure we are still here and making a positive impact for another 100 years.”

“I want to be able to maintain a legacy of giving well beyond my lifetime.”

WILLIAM BOBO, JR.
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity brothers Justin Lewis, Andrew Johnson, Jr. and William Bobo, Jr. in front of Buffalo Public School 76 Herman Badillo Bilingual Academy, a school their fraternity supports.
Dr. Jon Kucera and Dr. Susan Graham fondly recall being raised by parents who taught them at a young age the importance of giving back in any way they were able to, whether it was helping family members in need or volunteering with community organizations. Now they would like to ensure that their family values live on through their sons.

“When our two sons were young we started giving them $100 each to give away at the end of the year around Christmas. It was important for us to start a conversation with them early on about philanthropy,” said Susan.

While neither is from Buffalo, Susan and Jon have spent most of their careers in Western New York and they have been impressed with the region’s strong spirit of giving.

“It has been gratifying to support local organizations because you know what the needs are and see the results,” said Jon.

One organization that the couple has supported for nearly 30 years is the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra. Music is a shared interest and they have been season ticket holders for more than 27 years. They are both passionate about supporting organizations with strong leadership and thoughtful strategic plans that create stability.

Understanding those philanthropic values, their financial advisor introduced them to the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo many years ago when the couple started thinking about their long-term charitable goals.

“We have been impressed with the Community Foundation’s approach to strategic planning and have seen what it can do. It is a well-steered ship and we have confidence in the long-term plan to address the needs of our community,” said Jon.

Jon and Susan have established a fund at the Community Foundation for their own giving during their lifetime. They take comfort in knowing they have enabled their grown sons to continue their family’s legacy of giving for generations to come.

“We want to give our sons a reason to continue gathering together for years to come and spend time discussing how to give back to causes that are important to them.”

DR. JON KUCERA
Dr. Jon Kucera and Dr. Susan Graham have a shared passion for supporting the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra.
Edmond and Margaretha Lawrence’s children remember their parents as quintessential members of the Greatest Generation. “They were hardworking people who wasted nothing and were always doing something for the greater good without expecting any kind of fanfare,” said their elder daughter, Cathy Slocum.

Ed was a devoted seed salesman known for his sense of humor and Margaret worked in the business office at the Springville Griffith Institute School District. Together they built a happy home for their four children, Cathy, Bob, Paul and Myra, in Springville, N.Y., centered on family, education and their faith. For the Lawrences, giving back was valued and expected. The couple was always making sure neighbors in their small town had a ride to church and food when they were sick, all while supporting family members in need as far away as the Netherlands.

When Ed passed away in 1995, Margaret wanted to do something to honor her husband. Around that time, she was introduced to the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo and decided to set up a fund, through her Will, in her husband’s name. Over time as she got to know the work of the Community Foundation, she broadened her fund to support the changing needs of our community to make a greater impact. Her children also convinced her to add her name to the fund.

“She loved that the Community Foundation would address community needs she would not know about or foresee. She also knew every penny would be invested wisely,” said Bob Lawrence, Ed and Margaret’s son.

“That was important to her since she had managed money for organizations her entire life,” added their daughter, Myra Lawrence, CPA and longtime staff member of the Community Foundation.

Margaret passed away in 2013 at age 90. Her three living children take comfort today knowing that good is still being done in their parents’ names through the Community Foundation in ways they could have never imagined.
Ed and Margaret’s children, Myra Lawrence, Bob Lawrence and Cathy Slocum in Larkin Square.
As our region continues to blossom, it is important to identify the issues that need our attention and care. The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo brings stakeholders together who share a passionate vision for progress. Our leadership approach creates unique solutions that foster growth, connections and sustainable systems change. Aligning and leveraging resources allows us to strengthen our community for the long term. Opportunity stands in front of us much like a work of art in progress.
IDENTIFY ISSUES
CONVENE STAKEHOLDERS
DEVELOP A SHARED VISION
CREATE A PLAN
IMPLEMENT THE PLAN
ALIGN AND LEVERAGE RESOURCES
**Leadership and Community Goals**

To drive long-term change in the region, the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo has prioritized four community goals through a thoughtful strategic planning process. To demonstrate the role we play in addressing these goals, below are four examples of initiatives in different stages of development. You will learn more about this leadership work on the next 10 pages of this report.

### OPPORTUNITY

A majority of the jobs in our region require a postsecondary credential of some kind, yet only 24.4 percent of Buffalo adults have a four-year college degree.

### ACTION

The Community Foundation brokered an unprecedented partnership, which today totals more than 200 partners from the public, private and nonprofit sectors to make education a priority that creates long-term economic growth in our region.

### IMPACT

Since the launch of Say Yes Buffalo, the high school graduation rate has increased by 15 percentage points and the postsecondary enrollment rate has increased by 10 percentage points.

### OPPORTUNITY

Our region is experiencing a renaissance and we need to ensure that all residents have the opportunity to fulfill their highest potential and contribute to our growth.

### ACTION

The Community Foundation convened 30 local leaders from public, private, nonprofit and faith institutions to form the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable to advance racial equity in our region.

### IMPACT

When we close racial gaps in workforce participation, we will see a broader tax base; more income for families and households; and our region will be an estimated $12 billion wealthier and even more competitive for future investment and development.

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### Big-Picture Visionaries. Change Makers.

**PERMANENT ENDOWMENTS FOR CHANGING NEEDS**

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### Improve educational achievement for students living in low-income households

**Say Yes Buffalo**

### Increase racial/ethnic equity

**Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable**
OPPORTUNITY
Western New York is home to more than 150 organizations working to protect and steward our environment and natural resources.

ACTION
The Community Foundation convened these organizations and facilitated the creation of a Shared Agenda for Action to promote environmental change in our region.

IMPACT
The Western New York Environmental Alliance is now an independent, member-run coalition of more than 100 organizations, associates and supporters committed to working together to ensure that the environment is a key factor in local and regional planning.

OPPORTUNITY
Our region’s arts and culture sector enhances the quality of life in our community and boosts our local economy. Every dollar invested in the arts returns nearly $10 in economic impact.

ACTION
The Community Foundation administers a funders cooperative of public, private, family and corporate foundations that assesses the needs of our arts community, promotes collaboration and strengthens the sector.

IMPACT
The Fund for the Arts has distributed more than $2.6 million to strengthen our arts and culture sector and supported the creation of Arts Services Initiative and Arts Partners for Learning.

Western New York Environmental Alliance
Enhance and leverage significant natural resources

Fund for the Arts
Strengthen the region as a center for architecture, arts and culture

Change Makers.
ANNUAL CHANGING NEEDS CONTRIBUTORS

1:12
COMMUNITY GOAL MULTIPLIER EFFECT, 2005-2016
$74.6 MILLION TOTAL

$6,834,784
Grants awarded by the Community Foundation for leadership and community goals.

$68,784,262
Grants secured by the Community Foundation to advance leadership initiatives and community goals.

*deceased
“You go from having your mom there to wake you up every day and make you breakfast in high school to living on your own in college. You are solely responsible for your own success. It is a huge shift,” said Duncan Kirkwood, Say Yes Buffalo mentor.

Research shows that to set students up for success in college, they need supports ranging from help filling out financial aid forms to mental health services to access to individuals willing to share their personal experiences in a meaningful way. In 2015, Say Yes Buffalo launched the Scholar Mentoring Program in partnership with Compeer of Greater Buffalo. The objective is simple: to ease the transition from high school to college and help put students on a path to success.

Say Yes Scholar Joshue Cruz is a freshman at Buffalo State College majoring in media production. As the first in his family to attend college, he says the transition has been a challenge. Thanks to the Scholar Mentoring Program and his mentor, Duncan Kirkwood, Joshue has already gained confidence in navigating those challenges and is working on his public speaking skills.

“I was looking for a good, strong connection with a mentor, someone who is in the field of work I am interested in. Duncan was a good fit,” said Joshue.

“He knew I wanted to major in communications, so he had me go into everyone’s office at Say Yes and introduce myself and share one interesting fact about me.”

Duncan, who works for the Northeast Charter Schools Network, moved back to Buffalo in early 2016 and started hearing about Say Yes Buffalo. He decided to call the office to see how he could be involved. The mentoring program was a perfect fit.

“It was obvious from the first time I met Joshue that he was a young leader with a lot of potential,” said Duncan. “Now it is my job to find a balance of listening to him, sharing my life experiences and being a friend to him so he has all the support he needs to succeed in college.”

The addition of support services such as the Scholar Mentoring Program would not be possible without a growing number of community partners and the generous donors who have committed more than $25 million to fund the Say Yes Buffalo scholarships. The scholarships provide Buffalo Public School graduates (traditional and charter) with up to 100 percent of the tuition needed to attend a postsecondary institution.

Together we are creating a path to a brighter future for thousands of young students that will contribute to making our region stronger for everyone.
INCREASE IN ENROLLMENT IN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

10
PERCENTAGE POINTS

BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS DATA SINCE THE SAY YES BUFFALO LAUNCH

INCREASE IN GRADUATION RATE

15
PERCENTAGE POINTS

Duncan Kirkwood and Joshue Cruz at WUFO AM studio.
Students take lessons to learn how to paint or play an instrument. Why would we not offer them an opportunity to give back to our community? Educating the next generation of philanthropists and giving them the opportunity to practice the art of giving were important goals for the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo’s Communities of Giving Legacy Initiative (CGLI) in 2016.

Starting with the launch of The Young Philanthropists in early 2016, a group of Buffalo high school students had an opportunity to learn more about how to award grants while touring local tablet manufacturer, BAK USA. The students received tablets preloaded with apps that make charitable giving accessible to students. At the end of the program, they heard pitches from youth-focused agencies and chose to award three local organizations grants of $1,500 each.

To continue moving through the philanthropic pipeline, the Emerging Philanthropists of Color® (EPC) was reconvened as a giving circle to provide an innovative approach to giving for professionals of color.

In 2016, the EPC awarded two $2,500 grants to Western New York youth-serving nonprofit organizations. A new grant cycle led by EPC will begin in early 2017.

For the sixth year, the CGLI sponsored a group of Western New York students on a trip to Washington, D.C., to experience government and democracy in action through a partnership with the Close Up Foundation. In addition to providing local students the opportunities to connect with professionals of color, the Success Looks Like Me® initiative, in partnership with GM Powertrain Tonawanda Engine, provided a group of young men of color the opportunity to explore science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) careers in New York City. The group enjoyed tours of Cadillac World Headquarters and the New York International Auto Show.

“This is not just about giving money, but about the desire to give back to someone… it means the world to the person who received funding.”

DERRICK PARSON
EPC Member
The Emerging Philanthropists of Color hosted a networking event with Buffalo Urban League’s Young Professionals.

The 2016 Pay It Forward Awards recognized three honorees for their commitment to cultivating positive change in the lives of trailblazing youth of color in our region. Honorees included: Charles E. Balbach, Tracy J. Cardwell and Buffalo Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Emerging Philanthropists of Color presented a check to a new grantee.

Young philanthropists at a CGLI event.

The Emerging Philanthropists of Color hosted a networking event with Buffalo Urban League’s Young Professionals.
As you look around our region, we are feeling new energy, seeing new construction and hearing about new opportunities. To continue this momentum – even accelerate it – we must ensure that all members of our community have the opportunity to fulfill their highest potential.

In late 2016, the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable, a group of 30 community leaders from public, private, nonprofit and faith institutions convened by the Community Foundation, announced the release of The Racial Equity Dividend: Buffalo’s Great Opportunity. This report documents how systemic disparities in the Greater Buffalo region create differential outcomes by race and quantifies the economic gains to be realized by all of us when we achieve racial equity.

“I urge all members of our community to learn more about this racial equity initiative and to get on board with it. Together we can confront the challenges facing our city as we build toward a stronger, brighter future for Buffalo,” said Most Reverend Richard J. Malone, Catholic Diocese of Buffalo.

More than 70 organizations are already in the early stages of partnering with the Roundtable to develop more coordinated solutions in areas such as workforce development, education and citizen re-entry.

The Roundtable is also promoting the use of the Racial Equity and Impact Analysis. This user-friendly tool helps corporations and organizations think about how they can contribute to closing the racial equity opportunity gap while strengthening their performance. More than 130 leaders representing government, business and nonprofits have already participated in this training.

To read the full report, learn about Racial Equity and Impact Analysis training or find ways to join the collaborative efforts of the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable, visit www.RacialEquityBuffalo.org

“Tackling existing gaps in racial equity is critical to our region fulfilling its potential as a community of promise and opportunity for all.”

ALPHONSO O’NEIL-WHITE
Chair of the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable
Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable Members

Dr. LaVonne Ansari, Community Health Center of Buffalo, Inc.

Lana Benatovich, National Federation for Just Communities

Willow Brost, Buffalo Prep Board of Directors, emeritus

Hon. Byron Brown, Mayor of Buffalo

Richard Cummings, Black Chamber of Commerce of WNY

Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker, Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo

The Right Reverend R. William Franklin, Episcopal Diocese of WNY

Dottie Gallagher-Cohen, Buffalo Niagara Partnership

Dr. Danis Gehl, University at Buffalo Educational Opportunity Center, retired

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Brenda McDuffie, Buffalo Urban League

Blythe Merrill, The John R. Oishei Foundation

Rev. George F. Nicholas, Concerned Clergy Coalition of WNY

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Rev. Darius Pridgen, City of Buffalo Common Council

Hon. Jack Quinn, Erie Community College

Hon. Rose Sconiers, New York State Supreme Court, retired. Racial Equity Roundtable Co-chair

Hon. Hugh Scott, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Shandra Spicer, Community Volunteer

Rev. Jonathan Staples, First Shiloh Baptist Church

Marsha Joy Sullivan, Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo Board of Directors

Dr. Francisco Vasquez, Child & Family Services

Paul Vukelic, Try-It Distributing Co., Inc.

Edward Watts, Jr., Watts Architecture & Engineering, P.C.

Maria Whyte, Deputy Erie County Executive

Howard Zemsky, Empire State Development
Our region has long been recognized for its architectural beauty. While the homes that line our city streets enhance our community's character, if not properly maintained they can also put our children at risk for home health hazards, such as lead poisoning.

In 2010, the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo began convening public, private, nonprofit and individual stakeholders to address this critical issue to ensure that all children are able to reach their full potential. In the last year, greater national attention on lead in drinking water added urgency to our local efforts, which continue to generate results for hundreds of families across Western New York.

2016 Highlights and Accomplishments

- In March, the Community Foundation reconvened the Western New York Lead Coalition, a monthly meeting of housing partners, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, the New York State Attorney General’s office, community partners and concerned citizens to work collaboratively on addressing lead poisoning.
- Erie County, the City of Buffalo and the Community Foundation partnered to relaunch the Wipe Out Lead Campaign. This award-winning public awareness campaign, which consisted of 28 billboards and 120 NFTA bus ads in areas with the highest incidences of lead poisoning, was created to connect residents to resources.
- The Western New York Lead Coalition supported legislation and policy changes at both the city and county levels, resulting in additional funding for lead inspections and remediations, increased educational services for residents and stronger code enforcement.
- With grantwriting support from the Community Foundation, Erie County received a $3.4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that provided additional resources for children with elevated blood lead levels.
- Cara Matteliano, Community Foundation Vice President, Community Impact, attended the National Lead Summit in Washington, D.C., a convening of leaders, policymakers, strategists and advocates from diverse communities to engage in crafting a national blueprint for action and to build the public and political will to end lead poisoning within five years.
Developing solutions.

Louis Petrucci, City of Buffalo Department of Permit and Inspection Services, David Hahn-Baker, community activist and Dr. Gale Burstein, Erie County Commissioner of Health, on an NFTA bus that featured ads from the Wipe Out Lead public awareness campaign.
“Our organization is only as strong as our board,” said Gamileh Jamil, Executive Director of ACCESS of WNY. “This is why it is so important for us to connect with passionate, talented individuals who are committed to advancing our mission.”

ACCESS – the Arab-American Community Center for Economic and Social Services – is just one nonprofit organization in Western New York taking advantage of charitySTRONG to help strengthen its board.

In mid-September, the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo was joined by nearly a dozen local partners to launch the Western New York pilot of charitySTRONG. The initiative was created with support from New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman to assist nonprofit organizations in achieving the highest standards of board leadership, governance and oversight.

To achieve this mission, charitySTRONG created two online programs:

- **onBOARD** – an innovative matching service designed to connect community-minded individuals interested in board service to nonprofits in need of board members

- **Directors U** – an online library of educational and training resources that focuses on governance best practices and nonprofit laws and regulations

Since launching, 335 candidates and 121 nonprofit organizations from Western New York have registered, with the numbers continuing to grow!

charitySTRONG’s services are free of charge and open to individuals interested in board service, nonprofits seeking help with board recruitment and governance resources, and employers looking to provide their employees with community leadership opportunities.

To register, visit www.charitySTRONG.org.

“Not only does charitySTRONG connect us to community-minded board candidates, it also provides access to tools and resources through Directors U, which helps our current board members stay informed and knowledgeable on nonprofit governance.”

ANTHONY BANNON, Ph.D.
Executive Director, Burchfield Penney Art Center at SUNY Buffalo State
Chavuanne Wills from M&T Bank and Gamileh Jamil, Executive Director of ACCESS of WNY network at charitySTRONG launch.

charitySTRONG’s Western New York Advisory Council gathered at the launch press conference.

WNY Advisory Council Members
Michael Weiner, United Way of Buffalo & Erie County; Molly Anderson, Center for Leadership and Organizational Effectiveness, University at Buffalo School of Management; Brian Ahern, Williams Lea; Karen Lee Spaulding, The John R. Oishei Foundation; Althea E. Luehrsen, Leadership Buffalo; Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker, Chair, Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo; Tod Kniazuk, Arts Services Initiative of Western New York, Inc.; Liz Callahan, Buffalo Niagara Partnership; Adam Bartoszek, The Service Collaborative of WNY; Paul Hogan, The John R. Oishei Foundation (served 2012-2015)
Not pictured: Karen Christie, United Way of Buffalo & Erie County; Tasha Villani, Leadership Niagara
Managing the charitable legacies of generous individuals is central to the work of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo. The Community Foundation Legacy Society was created in 1999 to acknowledge those individuals who have committed to supporting the community in the future through a planned gift. According to their specific directions, the Community Foundation will support the organizations, issues and communities these individuals care about, in their names, forever, in Western New York and beyond.

Making arrangements for your charitable legacy is a simple process and we are here to help. If you are interested in supporting the community beyond your lifetime, please contact Betsy Constantine at (716) 852-2857, ext. 217.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. John Angelbeck
Mr. Andy Anselmo
Mr. Lawrence Appleby*
Mr. C. Dixon Arrick* & Mrs. Ione B. Arrick
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen C. Ash
Mr. Charles E. Balbach
Allene C. Barans
Henry and Susan Beamer
Thomas R. & Judy Beecher
Ms. Dianne Bennett and Mr. William Graebner
Mr. Harry J. Beu*
Dr. Mary H. Botsford*
Mr. James A. Bourne
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Gail & Bruce Johnstone
Mr. & Mrs. A. David Jones
Belton and Mabel McCarley were among the founders of St. John Baptist Church in Buffalo. Their daughter, Nan Wood, wanted to preserve her parents’ memory and their love of this church by establishing a fund at the Community Foundation to benefit students who attend St. John Baptist Church.

*deceased
OUR APPROACH TO CHARITABLE INVESTMENTS

The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo’s Investment Committee has oversight of nearly $400 million in charitable assets. Members of the Committee are specifically recruited because of their knowledge of investments. They receive advice throughout the year from our independent investment consulting firm, Colonial Consulting, LLC, which specializes in advising large endowments and foundations. Together they work to allocate the charitable assets entrusted to the Community Foundation’s care into a highly diversified mix of global equities, fixed income and alternative investment strategies. This includes 43 different investment management organizations pursuing strategies within 13 different asset classes. Within each asset class, the Community Foundation seeks to utilize world-class investment managers who are able to outperform appropriate target market benchmarks over long periods.
The size of the Community Foundation’s investment pool allows us to have a highly diversified portfolio with access to a full range of asset classes and top investment managers, increasing the likelihood of exceeding performance objectives under varying economic and market conditions.

As of December 31, 2016

The Community Foundation received an unmodified (clean) audit opinion on its most recently issued audited financial statements. Audited financial statements are available at cfgb.org or by request. Please contact Gerald F. Reger, CPA, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer, at (716) 852-2857, ext. 226.
The investments of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo regularly outperform our benchmarks, on average adding 5.5 percent per year over the last 10 years. Investing a fund in the Community Foundation portfolio provides stability and growth over time. This growth provides significant value to the charitable assets entrusted to the Community Foundation. In 2016, the investment pool posted a 7.2 percent gain for the year.

As an organization, the Foundation remains focused on long-term investment results, which continue to be very strong. These results are the product of the Foundation’s decision to maintain a strategy that is driven by long-term objectives while utilizing the size of its asset pool to access exceptionally capable investment management firms.

Average Annual Returns as of December 31, 2016

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<td>Custom Market Benchmark*</td>
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Investment results are presented net of all investment-related fees. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

*Weighted average of sector benchmarks.
To learn how the investment strength of the Community Foundation can benefit the causes and organizations you care about, please contact Betsy Constantine, Executive Vice President, at (716) 852-2857, ext. 217.

Compared to other large endowments and foundations nationwide,* the Community Foundation investments have consistently performed in the

**TOP 25%**

**OVER A TEN YEAR PERIOD**

*Per the MSCI InvestorForce Endowments and Foundations Index*
THE POWER OF ENDOWMENT

How will you be remembered?
When you create an endowment fund through the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, you can support the community you love in your name, forever.

Your gift is invested over time.
Earnings from your endowment fund are granted to support organizations and needs in the community, based on your direction.

Your legacy is ensured.
Clients who endow gifts can make a difference in their communities during their lifetimes and at the same time, establish legacies that last forever.

We can help.
Please call Betsy Constantine at (716) 852-2857, ext. 217 to arrange a consultation.

How It Works:
This endowment was established with $2.1 million in 1978 through a legacy gift (bequest) to the Community Foundation from a parent in honor of his son who died tragically as a young man.

Today, decades after both father and son have passed on, the initial gift has grown to $6.7 million, all while giving $8 million in grants to the organizations they cared about. Their fund will continue to honor this family’s charitable giving legacy by making grants to their favorite organizations in their name, forever.
Since opening our doors in 1919, the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo has partnered with hundreds of attorneys, CPAs and financial professionals to serve the needs of our clients.

We are grateful to the many practitioners who think of us when looking for a way to honor their clients’ wishes. We welcome the opportunity to meet with those who are interested in learning about how the Community Foundation’s services can help maximize their clients’ charitable giving.

In 2015 and 2016, we were proud to partner with more than 75 professionals who brought the message of the Community Foundation to their clients. We are pleased to recognize them here for their leadership.

Victor Anastasia, CRPC
Michael L. Andriaccio
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John G. Brenon, Esq.
Dennis Cleary
Mary Ann Coulson
David DiMatteo, Esq.
Kenneth C. Drake, MBA
Gayle L. Eagan, Esq.
Catherine B. Eberl, Esq.
Paul Eberz, CFP
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Jennifer G. Flannery, Esq.
Lawrence C. Franco, Esq.
Sue Gardner
Robert F. Gaylord
Warren B. Gelman, Esq.
Patricia A. George, Esq.
John Gibson
Kevin K. Gluc, Esq.
Michael F. Godshaw, CLU, CPCU
Jeffrey M. Goldfarb, CFP
George H. Gray, Esq.
Christopher T. Greene, Esq.
Peter J. Grogan, CFP, CLU, AIFA, AEP
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Thomas R. Hyde, Esq.
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Jones, Jamieson and Redekop
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Robert J. Kresse, Esq.
Sally B. Logan, Esq.
Ronald Lojacono, CFP
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James Magavern
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Laurie L. Menzies, Esq.
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Daniel Roblin
Laurence Rubin
Mimi Schanzlin, MBA, CFP
Alan K. Scheff
Hyman M. Scheff
Mr. Daniel D. Shonn, Jr., Esq.
David Siwiec
Jamie M. Smith, Esq.
Michael Songin, CPA
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Lisa J. Walsh
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Sharon Wick, Esq.
Richard Wojciechowski, CPA
Lee C. Wortham, MBA
Suzanne W. Yount, ChFC, CLU
Thomas R. Zugger, ChFC, CLU
Gordon R. Gross, Esq. Award

Established in 2013, the Gordon R. Gross, Esq. Award recognizes a professional advisor who helps the Community Foundation connect people, ideas and resources to improve lives in Western New York, both personally and professionally. The award was named after Gordon R. Gross, Esq., a champion of the Community Foundation’s mission of driving change in our region.

In 2016, Rosemarie Steeb was honored posthumously with the Gordon R. Gross, Esq. Award. She is remembered for her kind and generous spirit and her deep commitment to our Western New York community.

As a small-business owner and Tax Principal with Chiampou Travis Besaw & Kershner LLP, Rosemarie was always striving to provide effective solutions for her clients’ tax planning needs. It was this commitment to educate her clients that provided Rosemarie the opportunity to consistently recommend the Community Foundation as a trustworthy partner to her clients who were looking to give back to the community.
Every year a tree adds a new ring to its trunk, making it stronger and more powerful. As the Niagara Area Foundation expands its giving and connects people to opportunities, the Niagara County community also grows stronger. Founded in 2000 as a division of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, the Niagara Area Foundation is rooted by dedicated Council members committed to Niagara County.

Over the years, the Niagara Area Foundation has granted more than $1 million to local organizations that show a commitment and enthusiasm for maximizing the impact of funding through collaboration. Grants awarded have supported community needs ranging from early childhood education initiatives to the arts and protecting the environment.

Niagara Area Foundation council members are energized and committed to continuing the vision of the Foundation by strengthening the base of support and gaining a clear understanding of the critical needs of their neighbors so they can collaborate to create solutions that address those needs.

For more information on the Niagara Area Foundation, please contact Betsy Constantine at (716) 852-2857, ext. 217.

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<td>Family Engagement - Parent Coaching and Child Mentoring in Niagara County</td>
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2016 Niagara Area Foundation Leadership
Pictured from left to right:
Betsy Diachun*; Patricia George, Esq., Vice Chair; Daniel Aikin*; Molly Anderson*; Bruce Elliott, Treasurer
Not pictured:
Michael Gold; Janice Nichols, Secretary; Mary Ann Oliver; Michael A. Piette, Esq., Chair; Charles Wright
*2017 Council Member-Elect

Niagara Area Foundation Funds

Dale L. Askey Memorial Fund
Henry E. & Susan W. Beamer Endowment Fund
Thelma L. & Milfred R. Beck Fund
Martha H. Beeman and Judge William L. Kellick Endowment Fund
The Lorraine M. & Eugene P. Brady Memorial Scholarship Trust
Barbara C. and Edward M. Brink Fund
BRI-NK Foundation
Agnes Clarke Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund
Stanley A. Brzezinski Memorial Fund
Jerry and Liz Canada Fund
Joanne and Franklyn Collins Fund
Eugene A. DeFelice, M.D. & Maryanne Harvey Fund
Eastern Niagara Fund
Ross & Mary Alice Eckert Fund
Barbara Ennis Endowment Fund
Theresa Elizabeth Insana Memorial Scholarship Fund
Laird Family Foundation
Lewiston-Porter Alumni Association Endowment Fund
Lockport Public Library Endowment Fund

Lockport Public Library Endowment - Andrews Fund
Stephen C. McKinney Scholarship Fund
Joseph and Riva Mehr Fund
Thomas F. Miklejn Scholarship Fund
Niagara Area Foundation Endowment Fund
Niagara Education Foundation Fund
Fund for Niagara Hospice
Elsie & Eugene Oliver Memorial Scholarship Trust
Our Lady of Lebanon Fund
Patricia L. Parkinson Scholarship Fund
Positive Youth Development Philanthropic Fund
The Thomas K. Singer Charitable Trust
Daunt & Irene Stenzel Scholarship Fund
Fern J. White & Neva A. Jackling Scholarship Fund
Wilson Free Library Forever Friends Endowment Fund
YWCA of Niagara Fund
YWCA of Niagara Munk/Human Memorial Scholarship Trust
YWCA of Niagara Ruth N. Downes Fund for Domestic Violence
For many of us, staying connected with our family, friends and professional networks is easy. We have access to the technology and resources we need to communicate with others in an instant.

Since 2014, the Wyoming Foundation has led the Thiel Roundtable, a group of Wyoming County healthcare professionals. The Thiel Roundtable has been instrumental in sharing information, addressing issues and identifying opportunities as they arise within the fast-paced field of healthcare.

A survey conducted by the Roundtable revealed that for our seniors, staying connected is not so simple, even though it is critically important to their mental health and quality of life. To address this, the Wyoming Foundation worked with the Roundtable to provide tablets through the Wyoming County Office for the Aging and partnered with Wyoming County Community Action to offer training on how to use social media applications to stay connected to loved ones.

Additionally, the Wyoming Foundation and Thiel Roundtable organized the first Thiel Roundtable Care Coordination Summit. The event allowed healthcare workers the opportunity to build their professional network and learn new skills that will help them provide better solutions for the issues their clients may have.

These are only a few examples of the “mission in action” for the Wyoming Foundation, a geographic division of the Community Foundation. Local Wyoming Foundation council members are committed to improving the quality of life in their community by identifying the needs of its residents and finding ways to work together to address them.

For more information on how you can establish a fund with the Wyoming Foundation, please call (585) 285-4135.
2016 Wyoming Foundation Council Members
Pictured from left to right:
Front row: Joan Mokdessi; Anne Conable, Vice Chair; Adrianna Betts
Back row: Scott Gardner, Chair; Dave Almeter; Barbara Dominesey; Eric Szucs, Secretary & Treasurer; Meghan Nulty; Allan Smith
Not pictured: Laura Lane

Wyoming Area Foundation Funds

Michael & Elaine Almeter Fund
Lawrence M. Appleby Fund
Leonard M. Barkin Environmental Conservation Trust for Youth
Dr. Charles E. Bartlett Memorial Essay Contest
Russell C. Christ, Jr. Fund
James and Ethel DeAmesy Fund
Stacy Marie Geercken Scholarship Fund
Katharine Pingrey Hopkins Memorial Scholarship Fund
Mabel Mason Fund
Middlebury Historical Society Fund

Mr. and Mrs. George Schaumleffel Scholarship Fund
Mark E. Strome Scholarship Fund
Marjorie and Charles Van Arsdale Family Fund
Marjorie Z. Van Arsdale Fund
Gary Weidman Fund
Wyoming Foundation Endowment Fund
Wyoming Free Library Fund
NEW CLIENTS
ESTABLISHED IN 2016

Buffalo City Mission Fund
Angela Y. Coniglio Memorial Scholarship Fund
Madeline Davis LGBT Archives Endowment Fund
Virginia Deuel Memorial Fund
Everywoman Legacy
The Celia Lipton Farris & Victor W. Farris Foundation Home Community Fund
Victor W. Farris Textbook Scholarship Fund
Garman Family Foundation
L. Nelson Hopkins, Jr. and Jane D. Hopkins Fund
The Jacobs Foundation
Kenneth R. Kahn & Linda Angert Kahn Fund
KeyBank Inclusive Economy Fund
Robert and Tammy Laughlin Fund
Life Storage Foundation for A Better WNY
Jo Ann Long Charitable Fund
People Inc. Foundation Endowment Fund
People Inc. Foundation Support Fund
Hy & Marjorie Scheff Foundation #6
Vogt Family Foundation
The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation Endowment for Design and Access
ALL FUNDS

For more than 96 years, generous individuals, families, foundations and organizations have entrusted the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo to steward their charitable resources. We are honored to help these clients make the most of their generosity and take great care to deliver grants in their names exactly as they have directed.

The following pages list all of the charitable funds that made up the Community Foundation in 2016.

For information about how the Community Foundation can help you establish a permanent source of support to benefit the communities, causes and organizations you care about, please contact Betsy Constantine at (716) 852-2857, ext. 217.

Anonymous
21st Century Fund
Acacia Park Fund
Advancing Arts & Culture Endowment Fund
The AJL Fund
Charlotte Albright Fund
Dorothy & Eugene Allbert Fund
James & Kristin Allen Fund
The Robert A. & Ruth E. Allen Memorial Fund
Allentown Village Society, Inc. Scholarship Fund
Michael & Elaine Almeter Fund
Paul & Jean Almeter Fund
Ina D. Alt Trust
Amherst South Rotary Club Endowment Fund
Amico Fund
Anna May Andrews Trust
Joseph & Margaret Andrews Educational Trust Fund
William Henry Andrews Bequest
Elizabeth & John Angelbeck Foundation
The Joyce and Stuart Angert Fund
Annual Odd Fellows- Rebekah Award
Lawrence M. Appleby Fund
Charles and Ione Arrick Charitable Fund
Arts Academy Fund
Dale L. Askey Memorial Fund
Augustine Family Fund
Emily E. Babchak Memorial Fund
Cameron Baird Endowment Fund for BP Chorus
Cameron Baird Fund
Dara L. Barker Memorial Fund
Leonard M. Barkin Environmental Conservation Trust for Youth
C. Edgar Barlow Scholarship Fund
Nora Shea Barnwell Endowment Fund
James M. and Barbara J. Barrett Family Foundation
Dr. Charles E. Bartlett Memorial Essay Contest
Oliver G. & Sarah Sloan Bauman Fund for the Arts
Henry E. & Susan W. Beamer Endowment Fund
Thelma L. & Milfred R. Beck Fund
George E. Becker Fund for Heart Research
Martha H. Beeman and Judge William L. Kellick Endowment Fund
Grover E. Bell Award
Lawrence D. Bell Bequest
Bell Fund Trust #1
Bell Fund Trust #2
Edgar Bellersheim Scholarship Fund
Benaiah Fund
Lana and Howard Benatovich Philanthropic Fund
Adrian A. & Betsy B. Bennett Fund
Bennett Alumni Association Foundation Fund
Bennett High School Alumni Scholarship Fund
The Berardi Fund
The Better Buffalo Fund
Harry J. Beu Scholarship Fund

Community Foundation clients meet Dr. Janne Siren, Director of the Albright Knox Art Gallery, at a learning event.
Alanson C. Bigalow Scholarship Fund
Josephine Biontollo Bequest
Charles A. & Anne L. Bird Fund
Corrine G. Bird Bequest
Reverend A. Joseph Bissonette Memorial Fund
Peter D. Blacher Health Care Fund
Virgil A. & Margaret L. Black Memorial Fund
Brian H. Blesy Memorial Scholarship Fund
Anna Kowalska Bley Music Memorial Award
Maurice G. Bley Drama Memorial Award
BlueCross/BlueShield Physicians Fund
for Children’s Health
The Robert Bodkin Foundation
Jule Bogner Philanthropic Fund
Robert Bojdak & Sarah Williams Fund
Bollier Family Fund
Dr. Germante L. Boncaldo Scholarship Fund
Book and Material Buying Endowment Fund
Richard Boyd Bowen Memorial Scholarship Fund
Richard W. Bowen Fund
Kathleen M. Box-Krycia Mem. Scholarship Fund
Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo Fund
Boys & Girls Club of Eden Fund
BP/Carborundum Scholarship Fund
The Lorraine M. & Eugene P. Brady Memorial Scholarship Trust
Irma Brand Bequest
David & Jessica Brason Philanthropic Fund
James E. Braunberns Bequest
Anthony A. Brese Scholarship
Rosalie H. Bretzfelder Fund
John Bridge Memorial Fund
Belmore Hicks Bridgford Fund
BRI-NK Foundation
Barbara C. and Edward M. Brink Fund
Maureen E. Brinkworth Memorial Scholarship
Agnes Clarke Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund
Jean Knowlton Brown Fund
Jean M. Brown Fund
Henry W. & Martha L. Bruner Philanthropic Fund
Stanley A. Brzezinski Memorial Fund
Brzezinski Philanthropic Fund
BTF Make a Dream Come True Scholarship Fund
Martin A. Buecking Bequest
Buffalo Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Endowment Fund
Buffalo Audubon Endowment Fund
Buffalo City Mission Fund
Buffalo Eye Bank Foundation Endowment Fund
Buffalo Forward Foundation
Buffalo Green Fund
Buffalo Green Fund - Mosicki Fund
Buffalo Niagara Manufacturing Alliance Scholarship Fund

Clients enjoy a performance by the Great Hill Banters, a Native American group, at a Community Foundation event at Tifft Nature Preserve.

Members of the Communities of Giving Legacy Initiative’s Emerging Philanthropists of Color shared inspiring stories of personal giving during an event in partnership with the Buffalo Urban League’s Young Professionals.
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy Fund
Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Permanent Endowment Fund
Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Society Endowment Fund
Buffalo Prep Endowment Fund
Buffalo Rotary Foundation Fund
Buffalo Seminary Alumnae Association
Buffalo Seminary Board Designated Investment Fund
Buffalo Seminary Brown Funds
Buffalo Seminary Core Investment Fund
Buffalo Seminary Historic Dollar Value Preservation Fund
Buffalo Yacht Club Fund
Buffalo Yacht Club - Sean Gregory Fund
Joseph E. Buran Music Fund
Burtssel-Steuernagel Memorial Fund
Michael R. Butler & Glenys Maschoff Butler Fund
Walter L. Byram Bequest
Kate Cady Endowment Fund
The Caerus Forum Philanthropic Fund
Christopher Callan Memorial Scholarship Fund
Callan Family Scholarship Fund
Calpin Family Fund
Jerry and Liz Canada Fund
Elizabeth J. Cappella Birthday Trust
Career Aspiration Scholarship Fund
Cargill Scholarship Fund
Gustaf & Sigrid Carlson Memorial Fund
Margaret E. Carnahan Bequest
Edna L. Carroll Trust
Leonard M. Castrionno Scholarship Fund
Philip & Joyce Celniker Family Fund
Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature Fund
Eldon H. Chaddock Bequest
Robert J. Chambers, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
R. Mark Chandley Scholarship Fund
Clifford C. Chapman Memorial Fund
Dr. Norman Chassin Endowment Fund
Irwin H. Cheskin Fund
Children’s Programming & Resources Endowment Fund
Willis E. Chilson Memorial Fund
Mark Chowaniec Memorial Fund
Russell C. Christ, Jr. Fund
William & Ida Christie Fund for Music
Mary & Robert Chur Scholarship Fund
Frances G. Churchill Bequest Fund f.b.o. the Churchill Memorial United Methodist Church
Helen Anderson Cobb Bequest
Velma C. Cobb Scholarship Fund
The Ilka Cohn Fund
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Bronson & Margaret Collins Scholarship Fund
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DePerno Family Fund
Virginia Deuel Memorial Fund
Loraine Altro Dietz Scholarship Fund
Alfred H. & Irene N. Dobrak Trust
David Donald Fund
Holly Augspurger Donaldson Fund
Dopkins Philanthropic Fund
Stu & Nancy Dorfman Foundation
Jeffrey T. and Jeane R. Dorn Fund
Paul P. Dosberg University of Pennsylvania Scholarship
Paul P. Dosberg Charitable Fund - Endowed
Paul P. Dosberg Charitable Fund - Non-Endowed
Francis P. Douglas Memorial Fund
Henry and Constance Drew Foundation for Children
Jerome Dreyfuss Scholarship Fund
Peter Dominik, Helen & Paul Leon Drumsta Memorial Fund
Eagan Family Endowment Fund
Eastern Niagara Fund
Ross & Mary Alice Eckert Fund
Dr. Kenneth H. Sr. & Marjorie B. Eckert Fund
ECMC Lifeline Fund
Economic Self-Sufficiency Endowment Fund
Eden Community Foundation
Darwin E. & Evelyn E. Ellis Fund
Pauline Ellis Scholarship Fund
Marjorie & Mary Louise Emerson Bequest
Esther Link Emig Fund
Empire of America Federal Savings Bank Scholarship Fund
Barbara Ennis Endowment Fund
Erie County SPCA Fund
Herman G. & Emma A. Ernst Fund
Emmons B. Farrar Scholarship Fund
June Farrington Fund
Ruth E. Farrington Bequest
Worth L. Farrington Fund
The Celia Lipton Farris & Victor W. Farris Foundation Home Community Fund
Victor W. Farris Textbook Scholarship Fund
Anne Catt Filer Fund
Fischle - Laesser Endowment Fund
Fisher Family Fund
Burt Flickinger, Jr. Leadership Fund
Doris L. Fliert Trust
G&W Follies Scholarship Fund
George & Lydia Richards Form Endowment Fund
Frank S. Fosdick Scholarship
M. Florence Fraley Fund in memory of her son, George K. Fraley, Jr.
The Philip Frandina Scholarship Fund
Harriet Frank Scholarship Fund
Fay & Fred Friedman Family Foundation Fund
Friends of Night People Endowment Fund
Marjorie D. Frink Scholarship Fund
Foundation For Jewish Philanthropies Fund
Fund for the Arts
Fund for the Environment
The Fund for Nature
Fuzak Family/Joan M. & Victor T. Fuzak Fund
Galbraith Family Fund
Sean P. Galliher, Jr. Scholarship Fund
William Paul Ganley Scholarship Fund
Elizabeth Crosby Gardner Fund
Garman Family Foundation
Helen S. Garms Bequest
Gateway - Longview Future Fund
Stacy Marie Geercken Scholarship Fund
Gelman-Koessler Foundation
Eleanor M. and Willard A. Genrich Scholarship Fund
George Family Foundation

Roxette Burgos shared her experiences as a participant of The Young Philanthropists, a three-week program of the Communities of Giving Legacy Initiative designed to spark curiosity about grantmaking and inspire a passion for generosity.
Jean E. Gilmore
Philanthropic Fund
The Anthony H. and Richard E.
Gioia Fund
Robert and Sally Gioia Fund
The Gisel Family Fund
Norman Goldfarb Award Fund
Dena Goldstein Memorial
Scholarship Fund
Gondree Family Fund
Diane J. Goodberry Memorial
Scholarship Fund
William F. Goodson Bequest
Josephine Goodyear
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Philanthropic Fund
Joanne Champion
Granger Fund
Grassroots Gardens J. Milton
Zeckhauser Memorial
Endowment Fund
Great Lakes United
Endowment Fund
Greater Buffalo Alumnae
Panhellenic Scholarship Fund
Grelick Family Foundation
Robert Grimm
Charitable Gift Fund
Leonard L. & Blanche F.
Hank Fund
Andrew C. Hansen
Scholarship Fund
Daphne Hare Fund
Harvard Summer Community
Service Fund
Harvey Family Fund
Dominik Hasek Sports &
Scholarship Fund
Hawk Creek Foundation Fund
Health Foundation of Western
and Central New York
Philanthropic Fund
HealthNow Healthy Living
Endowment Fund
HealthNow Healthy Living Fund
William J. & Frieda H.
Heckelman Memorial Fund
Leo J. Winter & Marie R. Winter
Heim Fund
Leo J. Winter & Marie R. Winter
Heim Fund II
Ilene N. Hein Fund
Loren Hendrix Memorial Award
William Hengerer
Company Fund
Heritage Christian Services -
Anne Wolf Quality of Life Fund
Margaret Bierl Herr
Memorial Fund
Herbert A. Hickman Fund
Mildred T. Hill Fund
Harry S. Hilliker Bequest
Hispanic Heritage Council’s
Ralph R. Hernandez Bilingual
Education Scholarship
Hispanic Women’s League
Endowment Fund
Historic & Architectural
Landmarks Endowment Fund
Carolynne Schutz Hoddick
Memorial Campership Fund
Katharine Pingrey Hopkins
Memorial Scholarship Fund
L. Nelson Hopkins, Jr.
Family Fund
L. Nelson Hopkins, Jr. and
Jane D. Hopkins Fund
The Mary Lou Hopkins Fund
The John R. Hotchkin Memorial
Endowment Fund
Marie S. and Frederic K.
Houston Fund
Dr. Irene Hu and Ronald Chang
Scholarship Fund
Anne Sage Hubbell Fund
Jayne & Phil Hubbell
Foundation
Margaret Huffman
Scholarship Fund
Martin R. Hughson
Memorial Fund

David Nelson and Caroline Organ, team members at Brock, Schechter & Polakoff, LLP, a local CPA firm, listen to a panel of speakers discussing the revitalization of Buffalo’s waterfront at a Community Foundation event.

The Community Foundation hosted a learning exchange called “Build Broader Communities in the Americas” for international philanthropic leaders through a collaboration with the C.S. Mott Foundation, the Inter-Americas Foundation and CF Leads, a national network of community foundations.
Edmond & Margaretha Lawrence Fund
David & Marie Leamy Endowed Fund
Legacy II Fund
Hubert George & Alice Shyne Leising Fund
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Edward H. Letchworth Bequest
Edward H. Letchworth Memorial Fund
Mrs. Rosemary LoDestro Lett Memorial Fund
Lewis Family Fund
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Barbara Wirtner Liberatorone Fund
The Library Foundation of Buffalo & Erie County Anonymous Donor Endowment Fund
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Life Storage Foundation For A Better WNY
Olga Murray Lindberg - National League of American Pen Women Scholarship Fund
Lions Blind & Charity Fund
Stanford Lipsey Scholarship Fund
L.K.P. Trust
Lockport Public Library Endowment Fund
Lockport Public Library Endowment - Andrews Fund
Locust Street Art Classes Forever Foundation
Phillip C. and Josephine R. Saglibene-Lombardo Endowment Fund
Jo Ann Long Charitable Fund
William F. Long Fund
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Lutheran Charities of Western New York Endowment Fund
Lutheran Foundation of Western New York Endowment Fund
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Katherine & John MacDonald Foundation
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Meals on Wheels of Buffalo & Erie County Endowment
Barbara T. Meech & Robert B. Meech Fund
Joseph and Riva Mehr Fund
Robert H. & Rita Meier Memorial Scholarship Fund
Melson Fund
Ida M. Mevius Bequest

Through a grant from the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo and a partnership with the Buffalo Public Schools, Dr. Tererai Trent visited Waterfront Elementary students to share a compelling and motivational story about her humble beginnings in Zimbabwe and her new book, *The Girl Who Buried Her Dreams in a Can.*
Community Foundation President/CEO Clotilde Dedecker joined fellow charitySTRONG Board Member Janet Farrell, M&T Bank, and charitySTRONG Western New York Advisory Council member Michael Weiner, United Way of Buffalo & Erie County, at the launch press event in late September. The Executive Director of the Burchfield Penney Art Center, Anthony Bannon (center), spoke at the event about his organization’s motivation for joining charitySTRONG.

MIBBS Fund
Middlebury Historical Society Fund
Thomas F. Miklejn Scholarship Fund
Benjamin Milak Memorial Scholarship Fund
Thomas and Jennie Militello Family Foundation
Dr. Gustave P. Milkey & Janet B. Milkey Fund
Alice Greger Miller Memorial Fund
Lloyd A. Miller Scholarship Fund
Susan & Richard Minekime Family Fund
Sperry W. Miner Bequest
Amos J. & Leigh Hunt Minkel Memorial Student Fund
Marcella & Felix Moducki Fund
Miss Buffalo Fund
Mitchell Family Philanthropic Fund

MJBH Fund
Edward H. Moeller Scholarship Fund
Mildred Moffat Bequest
Richard H. Morse Fund
Mothers’ Club of Buffalo Scholarship Fund
MPZ Endowment Fund
Dr. Carol A. Munschauer Charitable Foundation
Sarah & Richard Munschauer Fund
Nativity Fund
NativityMiguel Middle School of Buffalo Fund
Henry M., Patricia A. & Mary Brainard Naylon Bequest
Robert B. Newcomb Trust
Jon Newman Memorial Scholarship Fund
The NFJC of WNY Fund
Niagara Area Foundation Endowment Fund

Niagara Education Foundation Fund
Fund for Niagara Hospice
Niagara Relicensing Environmental Coalition Fund
Normandy Fund
Robert and Marion North Fund
NTHS Alliance for Higher Education & Development Fund
The O’Neil-White Family Fund
John R. Oishei Foundation Scholarship Program Fund
Nathalie Hawthorne Olena Bequest
Elsie & Eugene Oliver Memorial Scholarship Trust
Mary Louise Olmsted Fund
Open Key Fund
Orchard Park Lions Club Trust Fund
Orchard Park Public Library Endowment Fund
Robert Oristaglio Humanitarian Award
Pearl B. & J. Lawrence Osborne Memorial Fund
Our Lady of Lebanon Fund
James R. Owen Scholar/Athlete Cross Country Award Scholarship
The Park School Foundation of Buffalo
Patricia L. Parkinson Scholarship Fund
Norma & Samuel Payne Fund
Pediatric Digestion & Motility Disorders Society
Gretchen Rand Penney Bequest
The Ralph F. Peo Fund
People Inc. Foundation Endowment Fund
People Inc. Foundation Support Fund
The Perelandra Fund
J. Warren Perry & Charles Donald Perry Memorial Trust
Michael J. Perry Scholarship Fund
Pet Emergency Endowment Fund
The Peter and Tommy Fund
Hanna Peters Trust

The John R. Oishei Foundation Senior Vice President Blythe T. Merrill and Community Foundation Board Member Danis Gehl, both of whom are members of the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable, attended a train-the-trainer event for the Racial Equity Impact Analysis tool.
Members of the 43 x 79 Group, a business organization, met with Community Foundation scholarship recipients and shared stories about their backgrounds, education and careers.

Norma E. Pfeifer Fund
PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara Endowment Fund
Albert & Mildred Pfrender Bequest
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Marnie Currie Quinones Scholarship Fund
Mary A. Hodson & Josephine Radziwon Memorial Scholarship Fund
Elizabeth A. Rambo Bequest
George F. Rand Bequest
Mr. & Mrs. George F. Rand Memorial Fund
George F. & Isabel W. Rand Memorial Fund
Rare Book and Special Collections Endowment Fund

The Power of Endowment

At her death in 1975, a widow gifted $400,000 to the Community Foundation to create a fund as a tribute to her late beloved husband. Originally from Germany, the couple made Buffalo their home and she wished to take care of their adopted community in perpetuity. By the end of 2016 the fund had grown to $1.3 million and had given another $1.6 million to support the changing needs of the community.
ALL FUNDS

Ted Borowiak brought his two young children to the 21st Century Fund Presentation Event where members heard from eight organizations vying for a $100,000 grant that is awarded by its members every two years.

Gregory K. Raynor Memorial Fund
Read to Succeed Buffalo Endowment Fund
Douglas L. Rehlaender Trust
Reilly Family Foundation
Ruth B. Reinhardt Memorial Scholarship Fund
Eugene T. Reville Memorial Scholarship Fund
Charles Elbert Rhodes Scholarship Bequest
Molly & Luke Rich Mental Health Fund
Sara B. Richmond Scholarship Fund
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond J. Riefler Memorial Fund
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond J. Riefler Scholarship Fund
Charles and Alice Rolland Scholarship Fund
Arthur H. & Olga M. Rosche Environmental Education Fund
Ross Family Fund

Mr. and Mrs. George Schaumleffel Scholarship Fund
Alan and Michele Scheff Family Fund
Hy & Marjorie Scheff Foundation
Hy & Marjorie Scheff Foundation #6
Edward C. Schlenker Trust
Harley J. & Alice M. Schlieder Scholarship
William Kenneth Schmitt Fund
Schneider Family Fund
Norman A. Schoell Charitable Foundation Inc. Philanthropic Scholarship Fund
Norman A. Schoell Scholarship Fund
Alfred H. Schoellkopf-Elizabeth Pierce Olmsted, M.D. Center for the Visually Impaired
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Emmie F. Schoellkopf Fund
Jacob F. Schoellkopf-Jefferson Penn Fund
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Jacob F. and Wilma S. Schoellkopf Trust
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J.F. Schoellkopf IV Memorial Fund
Judith Abbott Schoellkopf Fund
Judith Abbott Schoellkopf Memorial Fund
Walter H. Schoellkopf Memorial Fund
Laura C. Scholl Memorial Fund
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Melba & Richard Seibold Fund
Irene Klingener Selover Fund
Albert R. & Alma E. Shadle Endowment Fund
Sgt. Daniel Shaw Memorial Fund

Community Foundation Board Member Gary Mucci chatted with Foundation team member Mignon Otis during a Board luncheon.
Charles L. “Bud” Van Arsdale asked the Wyoming Foundation to carry on his late wife Mardi’s legacy by supporting the organizations she loved during her lifetime, in her name, forever.

“I absolutely believe that we should all do what we can to help future generations. The Foundation makes it easy for us to do this.”

– Charles L. “Bud” Van Arsdale.
Members of the community attended a presentation by the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable at the Buffalo History Museum.

Jim & Donna Tyrpak Family Fund
United Way of Buffalo & Erie County Endowment
United Way Human Services Fund
Urban Christian Ministries Fund
USS The Sullivans (DD537) Fund
Marjorie and Charles Van Arsdale Family Fund
Marjorie Z. Van Arsdale Fund
William L. Van Schoonhoven Fund
Blanch H. Van Valkenburgh Scholarship Fund
Variety Club Foundation Fund
Gertrude Angert Victor Child Development Fund
James W. Vogel Memorial Scholarship Fund
Vogt Family Foundation
Frederick A. Vogt Scholarship Fund
Wadsworth Fund
Wagner Family Fund
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Elizabeth DeWees Walker Scholarship Fund
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The Ward Family Fund
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Edward and Kathleen Warnke Foundation
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Frieda W. Waugh Memorial Fund
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The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation Endowment Fund for the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Wish Gift program to benefit Hunter’s Hope Foundation
The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation Endowment Fund for Youth Sports

Michael Butler, Community Foundation client, greets former Board Chair Jerry Castiglia at a client learning event in early fall.
To honor his wife’s lifelong dedication to community, this client established a fund in their names to support the organizations she cared so much about during her lifetime. The original gift of $2 million in 1991 has since grown by more than 2.5 times its original value to $5 million and has given $3.4 million in grants in their names to the community and organizations she cared about so deeply.
PERMANENT LEGACIES, CHARITABLE INVESTMENTS AND FUNDING PARTNERS

Individuals, families, foundations and organizations entrusted more than $57 million to the Community Foundation in 2016. These dollars gave individuals and families an instrument for passing down family values while providing support for favorite causes, created sources of perpetual support for treasured nonprofit organizations and helped co-fund work on education, the arts and the environment.

Below is a list of those who entrusted $1,000 or more in charitable assets to the Community Foundation in 2016.

Anonymous (2)
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Amherst Central School District
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Community Foundation clients and 21st Century Fund members Glenys and Michael Butler cast their votes during the Final Vote Event.
Attendees celebrated the importance of philanthropy during the Communities of Giving Legacy Initiative’s fourth annual Pay It Forward Awards.
Established in 1936 through the bequest of a local businessman who died suddenly, this fund has grown from $100,000 to more than $1.6 million today. In the meantime, it has given grants of $2 million in the client’s name to organizations in our community.
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