



Fall Greetings -

We applaud and celebrate our donors and nonprofits for the amazing work accomplished in our five towns in 2021! The needs remained high as our region worked through continued challenges of the pandemic, but the generosity of donors, like yourself, made it possible to distribute nearly \$10,000 more in grant funds than in 2020. Our nonprofit volunteers soldiered on with creativity to meet the needs of all citizens and re-focus on projects that offer future value to their communities. The work is not complete. Our fund will continue to grow in perpetuity with every donated dollar, guaranteeing available grant funds each year. We are excited for the projects of 2021 to be complete and to explore the visions of our nonprofits for 2022! Please consider a gift to our fund this season.

- Mindy Preuninger, Committee Chair

\$26,079 Grants Awarded in 2021

- Adirondack Community Outreach** - The Food Pantry Goes to the Farmers Market Program
- Adirondack Community Outreach** - 2021 Kids Summer Meals Program Fresh Fruit and Veggies *
- Family YMCA of the Glens Falls Area** - Supplies for After School Club at North Warren Central School
- Johnsburg Historical Society** - Newsletter for JHS 2021, and Partial Funding for their New Historic Home Location
- Johnsburg Youth Committee** - Supporting Ski Instruction Program for Local Children at Gore Mountain *
- Johnsburg's Jr Outdoor Club, Inc** - Equipment & Instruction for Youth; Promoting Outdoor Activities
- Minerva Central School** - Enriching the Community with Culture & Arts Programs *
- North Country Ministry** - Family Development Program
- North Creek Railway Depot Preservation Assoc** - Purchase of Scanner/Printer for Archiving Documents
- Paradox Lake Association** - Informative Invasive Water Species Signage at Lake Access
- Schroon Lake Association Inc** - Shelter for a Boat Wash Station Minimizing Impact of Invasive Species to the Lake
- Schroon - North Hudson Historical Society** - Technology Upgrades for Historic Records Research
- Schroon Lake Public Library** - Purchase of Cricut Machine for Library Programs and Public
- Seagle Music Colony** - Supporting Local Performance of "Harmony", a World Premier Opera
- Tannery Pond Center** - Support of Operating Funds & Online Programming Equipment *
- Town of Chester** - Pottersville Playground Project
- Town of Horicon** - Cemetery Headstone Revitalization/Repair Project
- Town of Johnsburg Library** - Signage for Library StoryWalk Program *
- Town of Minerva** - Support of the Sleeping Giant Senior Active Outings Programs *

*Funding in part made possible by our Named Grants that direct funds to causes these donors are most passionate about: Woody Widlund, Ernest Johnson, John & Wanda Callihan, and The McGee - Whitney Family



The Sleeping Giants (picture below), a group of senior citizens from Minerva, took a fall cruise on Lake George aboard the Lac du San Sacrement thanks, in part, to funding provided by the Community Fund for the Gore Mountain Region.

After sharing her time, energy and community insight with the CFGMR committee since 2008, Ann Breen Metcalfe will move on this year. A talented and published writer of Adirondack history, Ann did much of the writing for our newsletters. We appreciate all she did and wish her all the best.



Ann Breen Metcalfe

"I joined the Community Fund because it is so locally focused. Members of the committee are members of the community. They know the people and their needs. Through them, financial help gets to the right places."



Our Community Libraries

When we think about libraries, buildings filled with all kinds of materials available for our reading pleasure may come to mind. But libraries today are so much more. While they remain a great source of books, newspapers and magazines for readers, they now also serve as a center for a wide range of programming for people of all ages. As illustrated below in the two unique programs featured in Johnsburg and Schroon Lake, our local libraries are a hub of activity for the communities they serve. The Community Fund for the Gore Mountain Region has sponsored programming, not only in Johnsburg and Schroon, but for the Town of Chester Library as well. Pre-school story hours, summer reading programs, computer instruction for seniors, increased computer access are just a few examples of how our local libraries engage with the community in new and interesting ways and improve the quality of life in the communities they serve.



Johnsburg Library Storywalk

What is better than a simple walk through our beautiful Adirondack backyard with some of our youngest citizens? Try a hike enhanced by a wonderful story! The Town of Johnsburg Library's *Storywalk* provides a perfect opportunity to enjoy these two favorite activities together. Start your *Storywalk* on an established trail beside the gazebo near the back entrance of the library. For a perfect adventure, follow the numbered signs displaying a portion of the story and activities with each page. Currently on display is the story, "Six Creepy Sheep". Check with the library for the changing schedule, and enjoy this new kind of reading experience.



Schroon Lake Library: Cricut Machine

The Schroon Lake Library recently purchased a Cricut Machine, utilizing a grant from CFGMR. The staff is currently learning the various uses of their new Cricut. They designed and printed a library banner advertising the town's Halloween festivities this fall. The machine resides near the circulation desk and has drawn much interest and attention. The ultimate goal is for the staff to offer instruction to patrons so that they might avail themselves to the machine, while at the library, for their own projects.



Schroon Lake Association – Boat Wash Station

The Schroon Lake and Paradox Lake Association's were in need of a building at their boat wash station on Route 74 in Severence, NY. They wanted this building to provide shelter from inclement weather for its workers, as well as to serve as a venue from which they could share information regarding the invasive species program with boaters. With the help of a grant from CFGMR, the associations purchased a sturdy garden shed which also serves as off-season storage for the tent, mat, and supplies for the boat wash station.



Your gift in any amount is meaningful when invested in the CFGMR fund managed by the Adirondack Foundation. If you are interested in learning how to establish a named grant fund for your family, or you know of someone who may be, please reach out to us.



The Community Fund for the Gore Mountain Region is one of more than 250 charitable funds at Adirondack Foundation, a nonprofit community foundation that proudly serves as a philanthropic hub for the Adirondacks. Our partnership with Adirondack Foundation ensures that all gifts qualify for the maximum available tax deduction and means we are part of a much larger effort to support local communities through grantmaking. For more information call 518-523-9004 or visit www.adirondackfoundation.org

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Town of Johnsburg: Mary Ann Bowers, Beth Maher

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To learn more, including how to contribute, contact one of your local committee members or Mindy Preuninger at 518-586-6557, e-mail CFGMRAdkF@gmail.com, or follow the fund on Facebook.

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