But for a few years of his life, Dick Huether has made Niskayuna his home. And, to show his appreciation for the life he has made in his hometown, Dick recently established a scholarship with the Niskayuna Community Foundation. “Niskayuna is a very fine community” says Huether. “The quality of services and schools bespeaks the kind of people we have here.”

Huether graduated from Christian Brothers Academy in Albany (Niskayuna High School wasn’t built then), and earned his college degree at the University of Notre Dame in 1955. He spent the next two years in Korea as an Infantry platoon leader and later a regimental staff officer. After leaving the military, Huether began his marketing career at General Electric.

Huether’s 32 year career at General Electric included stops in Louisville, Kentucky and Fairfield, Connecticut, but he always found himself coming back home. “I left Schenectady for Louisville in 1964, and later went to Connecticut, but came back to Schenectady in 1978, until my retirement in 1989,” Huether said.

A lifelong bachelor, Huether has nurtured a second career in academia. He has served as a Faculty Lecturer at his alma mater, the University of Notre Dame, since 1985, where he teaches marketing and mentors students on campus for two weeks each semester. Huether also serves as a member of the Board of Trustees for the College of St. Rose in Albany, where he is responsible for campus life. And, he was also recruited by the student Cadet Colonel at Christian Brothers Academy to help improve their marching skills. “The common denominator in each of these roles,” Huether said, “is that young people are in most everything I do.” Huether has also volunteers as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Helen’s Church, and has spent more than a decade in leadership roles at Camp Boyhaven and Camp Chingachgook.

It’s fitting then that Huether’s gift to the Niskayuna Community Foundation would be a scholarship. “I’ve seen first-hand the importance of scholarships for some students to close the gap between what they have and what they need to make their education a reality,” Huether said.

The Richard Huether Scholarship is awarded to a Niskayuna-residing student at any area high school. The first award was presented in 2007, and will benefit Niskayuna students in perpetuity.

“I established a scholarship because I know it will help students who need assistance to further their education,” Huether said. “I did it through the Niskayuna Community Foundation because it was a fitting way for me to cement my relationship with my community,” he said.

Huether encourages everyone to experience the same feeling of community. “The nice thing is that, by supporting the Niskayuna Community Foundation, you know it is going to help people in Niskayuna,” Huether said. “This is our community. We are not just observers. There will always be a spread between what the public sector can do and what the community has to do for itself.”

If you would like more information on ways you can invest in Niskayuna through the Niskayuna Community Foundation, please call Cindy Phillippe at 518-935-7899.
President’s Message:

Making a difference … Helping your neighbor … Giving back to your community … Leaving a legacy for your children and grandchildren …

Ten years ago a small group of your neighbors came together to support and enhance the programs, services and activities that make Niskayuna a wonderful place to live. They wanted to make a difference, help their neighbors, give back to the community and maintain and enhance a hometown that will continue to be attractive to their children and grandchildren as a great place to live. Each of the original organizers spread the word among friends and neighbors, who then became supporters and donors. Schools, service organizations, community centers, and charitable organizations were contacted to determine their needs. Each organization was encouraged to continue to provide quality services to our community and offered financial assistance. Through this process scholarships have been funded, food banks have been assisted, senior services have been enhanced, youth programs have been created and lives have been touched. This is how the Niskayuna Community Foundation was created.

As NCF began to grow many of you contributed to the Founder’s Campaign. As Founding Members you gave NCF a tremendous start. Your continued generosity has enabled NCF to make grants of at least $20,000 annually for the past several years.

As NCF heads into its second decade, now is the time for NCF to build on our success. One of NCF’s major goals is building its endowment fund to enable NCF to continue to provide support into the future. The goal is to build NCF’s endowment fund over the next five years while increasing the current level of annual support to NCF’s general fund to $50,000 annually. We believe that with all of us joining together, this goal is well within our reach. We look forward to working with each of you to make a difference, help your neighbor, give back to the community and create a legacy.

Thank you for your support.

Vince Valenza

YOU ARE INVITED....

...to become a Charter Member of the Legacy Society. Through your generosity, YOU can make a positive impact on the Niskayuna community in the future. We want to recognize those who plan to make a bequest in their will or contribute through another planned giving tool such as a charitable gift annuity, a charitable remainder trust, a pooled income fund or a gift of life insurance.

A GIFT OF ANY SIZE IS WELCOME. The Legacy Society was formed to recognize those who have the courage and vision to plan for tomorrow through a planned or future gift. Let us thank you today for your future generosity. All members of the Legacy Society will be included in special annual events of the foundation and will receive other recognition.

Members of the Board of Directors have already made this commitment. Please consider joining us. For further information please call Cindy Phillippe at 518-935-7899.

HOW CAN I GIVE?

That’s easy!

1. Write a check to the Niskayuna Community Foundation and send it to P.O. Box 9711, Niskayuna, NY 12309.
2. Give online at our web site www.niskayunacf.org and use your charge card.
4. Establish a fund in your name with an initial gift of $10,000.
5. Set up a bequest in your will or arrange another type of planned gift (such as an investment in a charitable gift annuity, a charitable remainder trust, or a pooled income fund).

Call 518-935-7899 for further details.

2010 GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Board of Directors of NCF is pleased to announce the continuation of its annual grant program for the calendar year 2010. Grant applications and details of eligibility are available on our web site www.niskayunacf.org or by calling Bill McPartlon at 371-9922.

Organizations must have 501(c)(3) status or operate under the sponsorship of an organization that does, or be sponsored by the Town of Niskayuna or the Niskayuna School District and must serve the town of Niskayuna or the Niskayuna School District. Letters of Inquiry are due by March 1, 2010 and completed applications are due by April 15, 2010.

Mini grants for requests up to $1000 may be available all year.
$1,500 to Albany Symphony Orchestra, Inc. to provide partial funding to cover the cost of school visits by the musicians for the Niskayuna Adopt a School Program.

$3,000 to Friends of Niskayuna Rowing provides partial funding to assist in the purchase of a “cox” rowing shell for the Community Rowing Program.

$1,000 to Niskayuna High School provides partial funding for the construction of a memorial court yard.

$1,000 to Center for Community Justice provides partial funding to expand services in Niskayuna.

$500 to Schenectady Museum Association provides partial funding to support the delivery of science education programs to Niskayuna students.

$2,000 to Concerned for the Hungry, Inc. provides funding for the purchase of food for the Thanksgiving Food Basket Program for Niskayuna residents.

$500 to Arts Center & Theatre of Schenectady d/b/a Proctor’s Theatre provides partial funding for the Stories that Dance Project at Hillside Elementary School.

$1800 to Schenectady Theater for Children, Inc. to fund the Great Minds Series performances in the Niskayuna schools bringing Benjamin Franklin and Theodore Roosevelt into the classroom.

$500 to Hillside Elementary School provides funding for purchase of books for the Leveled Book library.

$500 to Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York, Inc. provides funding to allow Niskayuna Girl Scouts to attend the STEM Program.

$500 to the Town of Niskayuna provides partial funding to purchase an Automatic External Defibrillator.

$600 to Niskayuna 2009 After Prom Party Committee to fund the rental location for the Junior Class After Prom Party located at the GE Theatre and Wright Atrium.

$500 to Schenectady Symphony Orchestra Association, Inc. provides partial funding to underwrite a classical concert featuring Wei-Jen Yuan.

$500 to Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York, Inc. provides funding to allow Niskayuna Girl Scouts to attend the STEM Program.

2009 Grants Awarded

Distribution Co-Chairmen, David Putz and Bob Sowinski, have announced the results of the 2009 grant application process. Chosen from a very competitive pool of grant applications, the following are the grants approved by the Board in 2009.

A Gift from the Heart

Looking back on over 50 years of living in Niskayuna, Phyllis Demont noted that the community has great spirit and friendly residents with many diverse interests.

“lt was a wonderful place to bring up children—they were always satisfied with their lives in Niskayuna. I’m always thankful that we moved there.” A well-loved member of the Niskayuna community, Phyllis was one of the original Founding Members of NCF.

When Phyllis Dirks Demont considered giving a gift of $10,000 in memory of her son, Steve Dirks, she thought about the positive impact the Niskayuna Community had on their lives. Steve graduated from Niskayuna High School in 1963 where he served as a Class Officer, an officer of the Ski Club and a football player. Niskayuna High School taught Steve to seek the right goals and ideals. His football coach, Don Booth, had a very big influence on Steve’s life and values as he led the team to win the Suburban Council division.

Steve met his wife, Carlinda, in poetry class at the University of Arizona, volunteered for the Army after college and then started his own business. He built a kiln and designed and produced decorative tiles. In addition, he and Carlinda produced the apple of his eye—his daughter Zoe.

According to his sister, Ginny Dirks Krauss (Class of 1961), Steve loved his friends and activities in Niskayuna. During his high school years he developed a great loyalty to those friends and he kept in touch with them all his life. Steve was caring, outgoing and friendly. He was appreciated for his ability to express his feelings to friends and family and even wrote poetry in later years.

Steve is missed by his family and many friends but the living memorial his mother gave in his name will impact future generations of Niskayuna residents.

COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTORIES

Please let us know if you did not receive a community service directory by calling 518-935-7899. Special thanks again to Senator Hugh Farley and Assemblyman James Tedisco for member items, which enabled NCF to provide this community service.
Community Celebration

In honor of our 10th birthday, NCF will sponsor the following programs, which the community is invited to enjoy:

- **Niskayuna Library**
  - Niskayuna History presented by Ed Reilly, Frank Taormina
    - December 2, 6:30 p.m.
  - Great Minds Series from Schenectady Theater for Children
    - December–January
  - Great Minds: Theodore Roosevelt
    - December 8, 7 p.m.

- **Senior Center**
  - Snow Ball
    - February

- **Jewish Community Center**
  - International Music Cabaret*
    - April 17

- **Niskayuna Library**
  - Juggler
    - April 24

- **Mohawk Golf Club**
  - NCF Birthday Party**
    - May 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

*Tickets will be on sale in April  
**Tickets may be ordered now.

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**BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Please return the form below to attend the Community Celebration:

Name ___________________________________________  Email __________________________
Address ____________________________________________  Phone __________________________

I/We would like to support the Community Celebration on May 14, 2010. I understand profits benefit the Endowment Fund.

I/We would like to purchase _____# of tickets at $50 per person

I/We would like to become members of the Honorary Committee. Please reserve:

  ______# of tickets at $100 per person
  ______# of tickets at $200 per person

Recognition of Honorary Committee members will be on the invitation and in the evening’s program.

_____ Check is enclosed

_____ Please charge to my _______Visa _______Mastercard

Account #________________________________________
Expiration Date______________________________  Signature_____________________________

Return to: Niskayuna Community Foundation • P.O. Box 9711 • Niskayuna, NY 12309

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It’s Our Birthday!

On January 1, 2010 NCF celebrates its 10th birthday. It was founded to maintain and enhance the quality of life in Niskayuna in the 21st Century. With a booming local population, financially strapped local governments and school districts, and dwindling public monies for non-profit organizations, the Foundation continues to be an important resource for the Niskayuna town and school district.

In honor of the 10th anniversary, NCF is embarking on an exciting new endeavor to build our endowment fund to ensure that we have the resources to take care of the community for the long term. An endowment fund will allow us to continue to strengthen the community for current and future generations in perpetuity.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Endowment Fund should indicate on the enclosed response envelope or give online at niskayunacf.org. Pledges are accepted and should be noted on the reply envelope.
Gifts were given in honor of special occasions in the lives of these people by those who care. Given in honor of...

Lola Frederick’s 95th Birthday...by Janet Olin Altschuller
The Friends of Scott McAndrews...by The McAndrews Family
Mike and Debby Mullaney’s Birthdays ...by Carol Jo and Duke Dufort
Dick and Cindy Phillippe
Seventh Grades of Iroquois and Van Antwerp Middle Schools...by Vanessa Tyler
The Class of 1964’s 45th Reunion...by Bruce and Mary Clarckson Phillips

Gifts were given in memory of special people by those who were touched by their lives. Given in memory of...

Harry Apkarian...by Dick and Cindy Phillippe
Judge D. Vincent Cerrito...by Cynthia Hamilton
Cindy and Dick Phillippe
Glenn Davis, USMA, 1947...by Ronald and Marilyn Tamoschat
Lloyd Rivest...by Cindy and Dick Phillippe
Barbara Lawrence...by Cynthia Hamilton
Cindy and Dick Phillippe
Scott McAndrews...by Larry and Pat Bjurstrom
Friends of Scotty McAndrews ...by Bernadine and Terrence Hannon
Nancy Hoffman
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Briggs and Isabelle McAndrews
Jean McAndrews
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Martha and Peter Luzinas
J. Briggs and Isabelle McAndrews
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McAndrews
Kay Nardella
Cindy and Dick Phillippe

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Kathy Putz, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, is pleased to announce the following scholarship and award winners for 2009.

*Richard Huether Scholarship
  Rachele Marra
*Scott McAndrews Outward Bound Memorial Scholarship
  Equinardo Corro
*Niskayuna Schools 50th Anniversary Scholarship
  Lisa S. Rufer and Joseph W. Twitty
*Community Service Award
  Erin Montrello

Special thanks to the following community members who served on the committee: Judy Dannes, Ginny Gritman, Kathy Greenthal, and Katie Kelleher.

Establishing a Charitable Gift Annuity is a win-win situation!

- You receive a stream of income that is fixed, regardless of market conditions.
- You receive an immediate tax deduction for the charitable portion of your gift.
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For more information, talk to your financial advisor or call us today.

Honorary and Memorial Gifts Welcome

We welcome gifts given in memory of special people by those who were touched by their lives. In addition gifts may be given in honor of special people, by those who care, to recognize special occasions in their lives. We believe that the deceased, or the honored person, would appreciate being remembered and that they would like to see good things happening in their community through the work of NCF.
ANNUAL FUND — “The Power of Many”

Thank you to the donors who contributed between November 1, 2008 and October 31, 2009. Please accept our apologies if we have erred by misspelling or omitting your name in reproducing our donor list. Please contact us so we do not err in future publications at 935-7899 or dputz@nycap.rr.com.

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($1,000 to $2,499)

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($500-$999)

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WHAT DOES NCF DO?

GATHERS funds from philanthropic-minded residents, alumni and businesses. Today over 700 community foundations are supported by caring, visionary individuals who are ensuring healthy futures for their communities and it is happening right here in the Capital Region.

GROWS endowment funds through investments and active management to ensure that they generate support in perpetuity. CFGCR oversees this role with input from the NCF Board of Directors.

GRANTS funds to not-for-profit applicants, including the town and school district, who request grants to benefit Niskayuna residents. In the first seven years of grant making, almost 90 grants, scholarships, and awards were distributed.

NCF enables donors to see their dollars at work in diverse projects through a tax-deductible donation to a central organization.

By fulfilling these goals Niskayuna is able to:

- Meet the needs of its diverse residents.
- Be a responsive and proactive community.
- Build for the future.
- Continue its premier educational system.
- Strengthen Schenectady County and the Capital Region.

2009 Murray Award winners

Christine Perlee, 2009 Committee Chair, announced the recipients of the sixth annual Murray Award for Excellence in Education. Based on the wishes of the donors, the award is intended for Niskayuna High School educators to recognize the belief of Edward B. and Sally Murray, and their daughters Niskayuna alumni Jeanne Murray Veasey and Kathy Murray Crowe, that outstanding educators who continue to learn are essential to fostering student growth, improving schools and enhancing the education of students.

The 2009 awards were presented to Mary Eads, a social studies teacher and Jason DeRocco, a math teacher in surprise announcements in their classrooms. A crowd of students, parents and teachers stunned Mrs. Eads and Mr. DeRocco, as they were in the middle of teaching their classes, by walking in with plaques and balloons and reporters. Each recipient will receive $2500 for use in a professional development activity of their choosing. In developing the award, the Murray daughters recognized their parents’ high school focus but also hoped this award would initiate other awards that recognized excellent educators in the K-8 grade levels as well.

Mrs. Eads and Mr. DeRocco were recognized as teachers who make a difference by positively impacting students, fellow teachers and the entire school. Mrs. Eads has served as a 9th and 10th grade social studies teacher with the district for 15 years. She was described as a leader in her department and effective in the classroom. She is a true mentor for new teachers and works with student teachers from Union College. She initiated APPR, the performance review process, and is Nationally Board Certified. She is the building liaison to the district and the class advisor for the junior class. A constant volunteer at student activities, one student mentioned that she would be the teacher they would turn to if they had a problem or needed help.

Mr. DeRocco was described as 100% committed to the students and inspirational to them. He is a strong motivator and always encourages all his students regardless of their challenges. He is an advisor for HATP (High School Assistance Team Program). With his strong work ethic, he works tirelessly between teaching commitments and coaching 3 seasons of track. As a great and motivating track coach, he has changed the running commentary for the district by starting a web site for track and always reminding students that they are a student before athlete. In fact he checks report cards before a meet. He has been a strong role model in the district for eight years.

The $5000 in award money has been provided for by a fund held at the Niskayuna Community Foundation and contributed by the Murray daughters to honor their parents’ involvement in the formation of the Niskayuna High School and their belief that educators in the high school are the foundation of the “uncompromising excellence” that is typical of the education throughout the school district. A selection committee of students, parents and teachers considered a number of criteria in choosing these recipients.
HONORARY BOARD MEMBERS MOURNED

Harry Apkarian, a graduate of RPI, passed away on March 3, 2009. A renowned area business man, he was honored with over a dozen recognition awards for his contributions to RPI, to area business and to not for profit organizations. Harry enthusiastically supported NCF. He and his wife, Betty, are Charter Members of the Honorary Board.

Harry was an energetic and respected community leader. Some of the boards on which he served were Proctor’s, RPI, Russell Sage, Sunnyview Hospital, Albany Medical Center, Hospice, and State Street Arts Center. Harry was involved with technology and business development in the Capital Region and at his death was the CEO of TransTech Systems.

Roy Stratton died on March 9, 2009. He graduated from Brown University and went on to work at GE. He served as manager of PR & Communications and worked with Walt Disney Studios to develop GE’s World Fair pavilion. He became manager of Creative Services Operation in Schenectady.

REUNIONS & ALUMNI NEWS

Class of 1995 planning 15th reunion in 2010

The Class of 1995 has set up a class group on Facebook that will be updated with reunion information. Contact Laurel Read Jones at joneslr@nycap.rr.com with questions or to help organize. If you know of other reunions, please notify us at 518-935-7899, and leave a contact name and number.

Roy was an active community volunteer. He served as a Fire Commissioner in Fire District #1, was a Board Member of Northeast Parent & Child Society, Annie Schaefer Senior Center and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Schenectady. Roy and his wife, Barbara were also Charter Members of the Honorary Board.