First Legacy Society Donors Announced

For the past 18 years Briggs and Isabelle McAndrews have made Niskayuna their home. Briggs served as Superintendent of the Niskayuna School district for the first ten years while Isabelle was a real estate agent for Coldwell Banker Prime Properties. Through their work and their volunteerism they positively impacted the community of Niskayuna. Their biggest and most selfless gift however may be their work to establish NCF and their continued support of the Foundation.

Briggs was an integral member of the Steering Committee which established the Foundation. While initially an educational foundation was considered, the Steering Committee determined that a community foundation that could serve the entire community, including the schools, was the right fit for Niskayuna. Briggs then went on to become a member of the board, serving as president for several years.

When NCF was begun Briggs and Isabelle became some of its most strong and generous supporters when they established a Donor Advised Fund and became Founding Members. Briggs and Isabelle believe that the keys to a good life include “faith, family and community.” According to Briggs “Living in Niskayuna is an enriching experience for us and if you live in a community that gives you so much you have a responsibility to give back.”

Briggs and Isabelle also give to their colleges and other charities but they like the idea that the community foundation is so close that you can see what is happening to your gift. Frequently university or other gifts go into a larger pot. With a Donor Advised Fund they can target those issues they want to impact...their specific interest areas.

Briggs and Isabelle are especially interested in young people and education. They have provided resources for teacher education, for school libraries and for a CROSSFIT training program for those who cannot afford to participate. They supported the Penny Project in area school districts which collected pennies and then had elementary children make decisions about where grants would be made with the money. They worked with United Way and the Schenectady Youth Bureau to lead a youth philanthropy group made up of students from high schools throughout the county. As a training to be future leaders in their communities, these students made decisions about where the need was and then where to give their grants.

Five years ago Briggs and Isabelle established an annual Outward Bound Scholarship for Niskayuna High School students. The scholarship recognizes their son, Scotty, who taught in that program for ten years and who died in 2006. They feel Outward Bound is a “life changing experience for young people which trains them in leadership skills they can bring back to their community.”

Last year Briggs and Isabelle became the 1st Charter Members of the Legacy Society because they want to positively impact the future of Niskayuna long beyond what they can do on an active basis. They are directing their gift of $50,000 to the General Endowment Fund and are planning to make their Donor Advised Fund self sustaining. The solid leadership of the foundation and the impact that NCF has had on the community to date influenced their decision to join the Legacy Society. “NCF is a positive presence in the community and will be for a long time” declared Briggs. “We firmly believe it has a bright future.”

Briggs and Isabelle graduated from Pennsylvanian colleges and Briggs went on to receive a masters degree from Colgate University and his doctorate at Penn State where they became strong Nittany Lions fans. They have been married for 45 years and Isabelle says she loves him more today than when she married him. While they have moved to Sackets Harbor, their daughter Donna McAndrews lives in Niskayuna with her husband, Michael Pipa, and their children Isabelle and Cole. In this way they feel a continued commitment and connection to Niskayuna and its future.

The McAndrews were inspired by their opportunity to be part of Niskayuna and they inspire us with their vision, their generosity, their loving concern for their community and their actions. They will impact the Niskayuna community for generations to come.
**President’s Message:**

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

2010…Niskayuna Community Foundation is heading into its second decade as an organization that is working even harder to make Niskayuna a great place to live. This is the time of year when NCF reports on our activities through our newsletter and begins our Annual Fund Campaign to raise funds for future grants. Our distribution program provides organizations in Niskayuna with grants to help each and every resident in Niskayuna, from children to seniors.

Having celebrated our 10th Anniversary, our mission to gather, grow and grant becomes even more significant too. We look to strengthen our community bonds with the school district and various organizations in order to continue granting at least $20,000 annually. We also look to build NCF’s Endowment Fund over this next decade by $100,000 and we cannot achieve this without your continued support and generosity.

Like many of our residents, I am not originally from Niskayuna, however, hoping that the school district and area would be a wonderful place to live, I moved here when my children were little. It has more than fulfilled my hopes. I would hope each and every resident in the community feels that way too and creates a legacy for Niskayuna by supporting NCF.

*Christine Perlee, President*

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**10th Birthday Party… and More!**

On Tuesday June 8, 2010 NCF celebrated its 10th birthday at a birthday party at the Mohawk Golf Club. 150 people attended. With the theme of the party in mind, guests were entertained by a magician and a juggler. High school students provided music with Arunima Balan at the piano and a string quartet consisting of Zachary Evans, Teresa Spinelli, Maya Nath and Kelsey Wood. Volunteer Jacqui Marsh Krauss also provided music for the special occasion.

Special thanks to the committee Sally Arnds Willette, Cindy Ball, Bonnie Daggett, Linda Breault, Judy Dannes, Debrah DeLuke, Kathy Greenthal, Mary Ellen Haase, Sandy Kaplan, Terri Little, Debby Mullaney, Cindy Phillippe, Kathy Putz and Linda Reilly for planning this festive event.

Throughout the year the foundation also celebrated its 10th birthday by supporting various activities in the community. Ed Reilly and Frank Taormina presented a wonderful program on Niskayuna history. An International Music Cabaret was funded at the Jewish Community Center. We helped sponsor the Snow Ball at the Senior Center. Children were entertained by a juggler at the library and an actor playing Theodore Roosevelt visited the elementary and middle schools.

*It has been a great year!*

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*Call 518-935-7899 for further details.*

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**Niskayuna Alumni Fund**

The Board of Directors has established an endowed Alumni Fund to encourage the support of alumni who choose to give back to their hometown. The Fund has received gifts from alumni as well as from Reunion classes. The Class of 1964 was our first donor to the fund and since then the Class of 1966 and the Class of 1960 have given generously.

Annually interest from the fund will benefit the school district and the town. The foundation would like to reach out to future reunion classes and to individual alumni. If you have the contact information for alumni please call Cindy Phillippe, Amy DuFort Galvin or Debbie DeLuke at 935-7899.

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Students enjoy the new rock climbing wall at Craig School

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Kathy Putz, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, is pleased to announce the following scholarship and award winners for 2010.

*Richard Huether Scholarship
Chelsea Trant

*Scott McAndrews Outward Bound Memorial Scholarship
Paul Danielson and Emma Vandelinder

*50th Anniversary Scholarship
John Verra and Catherine Ziac

*Community Service Award
Andrew Chan

Special thanks to the following community members who served on the committee to award the Richard Huether Scholarship and the Community Service Award: Judy Dannes, Ginny Gritmon and Kathy Greenthal.
Endowment Donations Sought
With a booming local population, financially strapped local governments and school districts, and dwindling public monies for non-profit organizations, NCF continues to be an important resource for the Niskayuna town and school district.

In honor of NCF’s 10th Birthday, the Board of Directors has begun an Endowment Campaign to ensure that we have the resources to strengthen the community for current and future generations in perpetuity. Donors are encouraged to support this important endeavor. Pledges are accepted.

Questions? Call 935-7899

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.

Gifts in Honor/Memory (from 10/20/09 to 10/1/10)

Gifts were given in honor of special occasions in the lives of these people by those who care. Given in honor of...

» Dr. & Mrs. Charles Arnold...by Cynthia Bard Ball
» Ann F. Conway...by Ms. Kathleen Guarnier
» Wally & Addy Graham’s 50th Anniversary...by Cindy and Dick Phillippe
» Fred & Sandy Kaplan’s 40th Anniversary...by Cindy & Dick Phillippe
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» Jean McAndrews
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NISKAYUNA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

NCF Grants 2010

Hillside Elementary School $500
To provide funding for the purchase of books for the Leveled Book Library program.

Town of Niskayuna $2,500
To help defray the costs associated with holding the Niskayuna Fun Run.

Haven of Schenectady $1,000
To provide financial support to Haven’s ongoing children’s programs, both at Haven and in the Niskayuna schools.

Best Buddies of New York $2,000
To help match students with intellectual and developmental disabilities in one-to-one friendships with their non-disabled peers in Niskayuna schools.

American Red Cross $1,000
To train senior citizens in the Town of Niskayuna in basic emergency preparedness skills.

Concerned for the Hungry $1,200
To enable Concerned for the Hungry to continue its food programs in Schenectady County, especially for residents of Niskayuna in need.

Rosendale Elementary School $1,500
To help purchase stage curtains to continue the school’s efforts to bring quality cultural arts to the school community.

Ellis Hospital $2,000
To deliver a “Lunch and Learn” series to Niskayuna senior citizens to empower them to control health issues.

Niskayuna Lacrosse Club $750
To enable the Club to purchase needed training equipment.

Cailin’s Memories $500
To help fund the program of supporting families experiencing infant loss.

Things of My Very Own, Inc. $500
To help in the purchase of clothing, care items and transportation for clients.

Schenectady Theater for Children, Inc. $1,800
To bring the Great Minds Series to Niskayuna Schools.

Niskayuna High School Junior Class $600
To help create a safe environment for after prom events

Young Musician’s Series $1,000
To fund two concerts at the Public Library

Iroquois Middle School $650
To purchase a new stage lighting controller

Jewish Community Center $1,000
To fund a new program for after school tutoring and mentoring

Create YOUR Legacy

Are you grateful for the quality of life that you have enjoyed as a resident of Niskayuna or as a graduate of the school system? The Legacy Society is an opportunity for you to say “thank you.” In partnership with the Niskayuna Community Foundation you can make a positive impact on the Niskayuna community in the future.

The Legacy Society was formed to recognize those who have the courage and vision to plan for tomorrow through a planned or future gift to NCF. We invite you to become a Charter Member of the Legacy Society. 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. 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.

Call Cindy Phillippe at 518-935-7899 to learn more.
A gift of any size is welcome.

2011 Grant Applications

The Board of Directors of NCF is pleased to announce the continuation of its annual grant program for calendar year 2011. Grant applications and details of eligibility are available on our website www.niskayunacf.org or by calling Bill McPartlon at 370-0178.

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. Letters of Inquiry are due by March 1, 2011 and completed applications are due by April 15, 2011.

Mini grants for requests up to $1000 are available all year using a modified process.

WHAT DOES NCF DO?

GATHERS funds from philanthropically-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 ten years of operation, almost 180 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.
A Special Friend

Few names are as synonymous with Capital Region philanthropy as Roy Hershey. The Niskayuna Community Foundation deeply regrets the loss of one of our earliest and most generous supporters. Roy Hershey passed away on July 12, 2010. He is survived by wife Nancy, three daughters and four grandchildren.

NCF is grateful for his many years of support. He was one of our first Founding Members and has served on the Honorary Board since its inception. He encouraged the formation of NCF and helped to guide us in the formative years. He also served on the Board of the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region.

Roy and Nancy Hershey have supported numerous not-for-profit programs in the Capital Region including Proctor’s Theatre, Ellis Hospital and Union College. Roy has also served on the Consistory of the First Reformed Church of Schenectady. He will be missed by many but will long hold a special place in our hearts.

Murray Award Winners

The 2010 awards were presented to Charisse Steinberg, a school social worker, and Jill Paquette, a chemistry teacher, in surprise announcements at the high school. Each recipient will receive $2500 for use in a professional development activity of their choosing. Given in memory of Edward B. and Sally Murray and Jeanne Murray Veasey, the award was established by Jeanne and Kathy Murray Crowe, her sister, to recognize the involvement of their parents in the formation of Niskayuna High School.

Charisse Steinberg came to Niskayuna in 1986 as the school Social Worker. She has her MSW degree and has designed and implemented many of the supports for students now in place at NHS. She is a tremendous resource for kids with mental health issues, drug and alcohol abuse, eating disorders, school phobia and family unit break-ups. She is the advisor to Natural Helpers, the Co-Advisor to SADD, and she is involved in many community out-reach programs such as the Community Coalition which encourages safe choices and helps to educate the community about drug and alcohol issues. She is a member of the Crisis Team and the Student Support Team. Charisse is also a long-time member of the NTA and often works many hours beyond the school day counseling families and students.

Jill Paquette teaches chemistry with enthusiasm and makes it a subject available and understandable to every student. She has her MSW degree and has designed and implemented many of the supports for students now in place at NHS. She is a tremendous resource for kids with mental health issues, drug and alcohol abuse, eating disorders, school phobia and family unit break-ups. She is the advisor to Natural Helpers, the Co-Advisor to SADD, and she is involved in many community out-reach programs such as the Community Coalition which encourages safe choices and helps to educate the community about drug and alcohol issues. She is a member of the Crisis Team and the Student Support Team. Charisse is also a long-time member of the NTA and often works many hours beyond the school day counseling families and students.