It might be hard to believe that Niskayuna does not currently have a memorial to honor our town’s veterans. That situation will end in the spring of 2017, when the Niskayuna American Legion Post 1092 and the town construct a beautiful new memorial outside of town hall.

The idea was generated by Claude Dutcher and the members of Niskayuna American Legion Post 1092 and was proposed to the town earlier this year. Funds have been raised in a variety of ways, including a large grant from the Niskayuna Community Foundation, local fundraising and a “buy a brick” program. The town will also provide in-kind services from the Highways & Parks Department, including much of the labor, masonry and landscaping.

Currently, there is a U-shaped patio outside of town hall which features three flagpoles and lights. This structure will be dismantled and rebuilt to include the personalized engraved bricks, a low masonry wall and a large black granite monument. The monument will feature sculpted bronze emblems of each branch of the military and a message of dedication. Lighting will keep the memorial visible at night, and the low wall will allow for visiting and contemplation.

Once complete in the spring, there will an unveiling ceremony that will show off the new monument to our community.

Niskayuna residents are encouraged to buy a brick to honor family, friends or simply the military service provided by the veterans of Niskayuna. If you are interested, please visit www.Niskayuna.org and look for the Town Supervisor’s page. Brick sales will be ongoing and bricks can be added even after the memorial is unveiled.

The Niskayuna Community Foundation is proud to contribute to this essential element of our town.
President’s Message
Dear Friends of the Niskayuna Community Foundation

It’s hard to believe that the foundation turns 16 this year. Like a typical teenager, our organization is learning and growing and looking ahead to a very bright future. For us this means continuing our tradition of philanthropy in our community, expanding our reach and encouraging the next generation of donors and volunteers in Niskayuna.

We had an amazing year, kicked off with our first ever (but not last) Day of Service and capped off with a generous bequest from longtime Niskayuna resident Harriet Wall. We awarded nearly $20,000 in grants and over $5,000 in endowed scholarships. And our work continues.

Niskayuna’s needs are evolving – with community organizations dealing with significant budget cuts, a rise in food insecurity and an aging population in need of greater services. We are doing our best to help meet these needs, something we could not do without the generous support of people like you.

We encourage you all to stay with us and grow with us as we build our endowment, support our community organizations, and continue to help make Niskayuna a wonderful place to live for everyone – not just now but for years to come.

Maggie Rush Vinciguerra, NCF President

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- Rachel Darsinos
  Huether/Gillan Scholarship
- Audrey Debritz
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- Robert Hollocher
  School District 60th Anniversary Scholarship
- Laura Maxon
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- Erendria Garcia Pallares
  Niskayuna High School Class of 1965 Scholarship

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Call (518) 446-9638 for further details.
GRANT FOCUS:
Niskayuna Rowing Dock Expansion

With the help of the Niskayuna Community Foundation, Niskayuna Rowing was able to complete a much needed addition to its dock at Aqueduct Park. The $3,500 grant helped make the dock much safer and 50% bigger to accommodate the growing program that now includes over 75 Niskayuna families, as well as Town residents who use the dock for kayaking, canoeing and fishing. The grant will also help expand the adult “learn-to-row” program.

In addition to the grant from NCF, the dock project was completed with an additional $12,000 in materials and in-kind labor.

The construction of the new dock was part of a comprehensive partnership between the Niskayuna Rowing, the Town of Niskayuna, Niskayuna School District and the NYS Canals Corporation to improve access to the Mohawk and increase recreational opportunities for Town residents.

In 2017, Niskayuna Rowing will celebrate its 30th Anniversary thanks in large part to the continued support of organizations such as the Niskayuna Community Foundation. In those 30 years, Niskayuna rowers have achieved great success, including regional, state and national championships.

BOARDMEMBER FOCUS
Mike Mullaney

Mike Mullaney has been involved with the Niskayuna Community Foundation since its inception in 2000, serving as its Treasurer through 2014. He currently chairs the Distribution Committee, having also been a member of that committee since its inception.

Mike, a local estate planning attorney of counsel to the firm of Lavelle and Finn, is a lifelong Niskayuna resident and attended Niskayuna Schools. After attending Georgetown University and Albany Law School Mike returned to the community. He and his wife, Debby, raised their four children in Niskayuna and she and they also attended Niskayuna Schools.

Mike believes it is important to give back to his community. He had been a coach and member of the Board of several Niskayuna Youth Sports programs whose focus was to improve the quality of life for families and children. He helped to incorporate Niskayuna Community Action Program and served on that Board as well. His work with the Niskayuna Community Foundation was a natural outgrowth of his previous service to Niskayuna. Mike says “I am proud of being a member of the Foundation Board. I think what we do is vital to continue to have the strong community that is Niskayuna for current and future generations.”
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  Cindy and Dick Phillippe

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  Office Staff Breault & McGovern, D.D.S., P.C.

» In honor of Patricia Lanotte
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  Lynn Schnell

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YOUR Legacy

NCF is so grateful to Kathy Murray Crowe, her sister Jeanne Murray Veasey and her father Edwards B. Murray. In 2004 they had a vision to create a designated endowed fund with NCF that would benefit high school teachers. They chose high school teachers since the sisters were students there and appreciated their education and Mr. Murray helped to facilitate the building of the school.

The fund they established has enabled them to recognize outstanding educators. They not only made contributions to the fund during their lifetime but when Jeanne and Edwards passed away, they each left a very generous bequest so that this recognition would continue. What a wonderful legacy!

The Murrays also hoped to inspire other members of the community or alumni to create endowed funds, which would benefit the middle school and elementary level educators in the same way that the Murray Award for Excellence in Education honors exceptional high school teachers.

Donors have many reasons for giving. You may have an interest in another area of the community. Because of our affiliation with the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region we have access to the power of endowed giving, enabling donors to continue supporting the issues closest to their heart with minimal overhead costs. Regardless of the amount given, the motive is usually the same: to make a positive impact on our local community.

How would you like to leave a lasting and positive legacy for Niskayuna? Just imagine the possibilities! You and your family, or joining with a group of friends, establishing a fund that will make life better for Niskayuna's children, families and community – now, and far into the future.

We encourage you establish a donor advised fund or a designated fund in your name, or in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Please contact us at 446-9638 to talk about partnering with the Community Foundation for your charitable giving. We can also help you with planned giving opportunities. There is no better time than now to start thinking about the legacy you’d like to leave.

Apply for a Grant from NCF!

Would your 501c3 organization like to apply for a grant from NCF? The NCF offers two grant programs – a rolling mini-grant program for requests up to $1,000 and an annual grant-making program for requests up to $5,000.

For more information or to apply, please contact NCF at grants@niskayunacf.org.

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BOARDMEMBER FOCUS

Kathleen Kemp

Kathleen Kemp joined the Niskayuna Community Foundation as a board member in 2009. Kathleen coordinates the annual Murray Award for Excellence in Education selection and presentation. She is also a member of the grant distribution committee.

Kathleen moved to Schenectady with her husband in 1995, and has been a Niskayuna resident since 1998. She works at the Open Door Bookstore in downtown Schenectady as the school and institutional liaison. She and her husband have raised their three children in Niskayuna - two of whom are currently in college, and the youngest a sophomore at Niskayuna High School.

Before joining the Foundation, Kathleen was active in the PTOs on both the elementary and middle school levels, having served in various capacities, including a term as PTO President. Kathleen has enjoyed her time as a board member of NCF and, in particular, the annual Murray Award presentations at Niskayuna High School. She is honored to be a part of this organization that has such a direct impact on the residents of Niskayuna.
James Edgar and Meagan Hughes Join Illustrious Company with this year’s Murray Award

Since 2004, the Niskayuna Community Foundation has been awarding Niskayuna High School teachers with the coveted Murray Award. The award was created by two devoted alumni, Kathy Murray Crowe and Jeanne Murray Veasey, who wanted to honor our high school’s best teachers for their “uncompromising excellence.”

A committee comprised of students, parents and peers choose each year’s winners based on criteria such as exceptional classroom practices, growth potential and a school presence that positively impacts their students. Each teacher will receive $2,500 for use in a professional development activity of their choice.

Students describe Meagan Hughes as a teacher who goes above and beyond both in the classroom and outside of it. Whether working with students during Chemistry demos, helping out with the National Honor Society, or attending various school functions, she is always engaged in the Niskayuna HS community. Her students appreciate her ability to mix humor into chemistry and her personality shines through her teaching. She brings a depth to the classroom that results in her students learning to love chemistry.

James Edgar’s knowledge and appreciation for writing and literature extends beyond the classroom. In class, Mr. Edgar makes reading engaging. Through tackling everything from Shakespeare to Maya Angelou, Mr. Edgar brings joy to the classroom. Outside of class, he is equally dedicated to the betterment of Niskayuna High School through his work mentoring student editors at the Warrior newspaper and facilitating weekly discussions at Anime club.

Mrs. Meagan Hughes

Mr. James Edgar