Many of us here in Niskayuna consider ourselves lucky to live in such a vibrant successful town. We have great schools, beautiful & well-cared-for properties, people who volunteer to help others, sports teams for our children, little decay, productive businesses, and so on. When your neighbor on one side of you pays upwards of $3000 a year for their 9 year old to play soccer, and the neighbor on the other side just took a fabulous vacation to Europe, it can be hard to see where there are needs that organizations like the Niskayuna Community Foundation serve.

But needs exist, and although they are not the overwhelming needs that many less fortunate communities face, NCF is here to help assure that what can be done, is done.

You might not know that there is a volunteer group of teachers and administrators that delivers bags of free food on Fridays to several struggling Niskayuna families. These essential items help families make it through the weekend when free lunch at school is not available. In fact, even while the population of Niskayuna has stayed relatively steady, the number of students who qualify for free lunch has more than doubled in the past decade, from 5% to 12% (2005-2006 and 2015-16 school years, respectively). An NCF grant helps pay for the food that is distributed.

Niskayuna also has an active and well-used Senior Center that benefits from local grants and donations. Our community’s seniors take advantage of free classes, trips, defensive driving instruction, computer facilities, help with grocery shopping or doctor’s trips and nominally priced hot lunches. There are social events and a garden to maintain. These programs, which are run by the town, help keep our seniors safe, engaged and looked after. NCF grants pay for some of these services.

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President’s Message
Dear Friends of the Niskayuna Community Foundation

It has been another great year for our community and our foundation. Thank you to all who supported us this year – and to those of you who continue to support us as we endeavor to make a positive impact in our town. This year we awarded over $28,000 in grants and scholarships – and we’re not done yet!

As the foundation’s president, one of my goals for this year is to boost awareness about what the Niskayuna Community Foundation does – so that more people understand that we’re here to help! We could really use your assistance with this. How? Like us on Facebook! Tell your friends and neighbors about what we do. Encourage nonprofit organizations that you may be involved with to apply for a grant. Share a story with us about how the foundation has helped you or someone you know. Tell us how we’re doing… we’re listening!

Maggie Rush Vinciguerra, NCF President

2017 Grants

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Please Send a Tax-Deductible Gift to NCF Today!

It’s easy!

1. Write a check to the Niskayuna Community Foundation, c/o Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region, 6 Tower Place, Albany, NY 12203.
2. Give online at our website, www.niskayunacf.org and use your VISA or Mastercard.
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.

Call (518) 446-9638 for further details.

2017 Scholarships

- Kathryn Krauss
  Huether/Gillan Scholarship
- Elizabeth Whelan
  Community Service Scholarship
- Tia Skidmore
  College Promise Scholarship
- Thomas Constantine
  Scott McAndrews Outward Bound Scholarship
- Alyssa Farkas
  School District 60th Anniversary Scholarship
- Jad Jacob
  School District 60th Anniversary Scholarship
- Omar Ali
  Niskayuna High School Class of 1965 Scholarship
Thank you to the donors who contributed to funds of the Niskayuna Community Foundation between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017. Funds included in this listing: NCF General Fund, NCF Scholarship Endowment Fund, NCF General Endowment Fund, NCF Alumni Fund, Niskayuna School District Education Enrichment Fund, the Ball Family Fund, the Neil and Jane Golub Donor Advised Fund of the Niskayuna Community Foundation, Neil and Jane Golub Unrestricted Fund of the Niskayuna Community Foundation, the McAndrews Family Fund, the Sally S. and Edwards B. Murray Designated Fund, the Phillippe Family Fund.

Please accept our apologies if we have erred by misspelling or omitting your name in reproducing our donor list.

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The Niskayuna Community Foundation has been giving grants for more than 15 years, to a variety of non-profit organizations – some of them addressing serious needs like those mentioned above, and some of them enhancing the quality of life of our residents. In fact, in addition to several scholarships each year, in the 17 years since its inception, NCF has given approximately 210 grants totaling more than $300,000. While it may feel like our little town of 22,000 doesn’t have serious problems, there are always ways to make life better for our residents. Our small size means that these goals are achievable, so let’s work together to get them done.

Please donate to NCF today!
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The donations below represent gifts made to funds of the Niskayuna Community Foundation in honor of special occasions in the lives of these people.

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  From his Office Staff

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  Frederica Anderson
  Robert B. Hamilton, III
  Debby and Michael Mullaney
  The Phillippe Family

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» In Honor and Memory of Loved Ones
  Sue Penny

» In Honor of Cindy Phillippe
  Peter and Valerie Bluhm

» In honor of Grandsons & Niskayuna Scholars: Michael Dean, Evan Schnell, Luca Polsinelli & Leo Polsinelli
  Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Polsinelli
  Ms. Lynn D. Schnell

Gifts in Memory
The donations below represent gifts made to the Niskayuna Community Foundation General Fund in memory of special people by those who were touched by their lives.

» In memory of Ruth Anker
  Linda and David Anker

» In memory of Donna Male Barrows, Niskayuna High School Class of 1966
  Mr. and Mrs. John M. Greenwalt

» In memory of Benjamin F. Bennett, Niskayuna High School Class of 1965
  Douglas M. Bennett

» In memory of Tina Bianchi
  Vincent Bianchi

» In memory of Felix Blanchard
  USMA 1947
  Marilyn and Ronald Tamoschat

» In Memory of Michael Cascio
  Carol M. Cascio

» In memory of Glen Davis
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» In Memory of Kathleen G. Frokedal
  John and Connie Soron
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» In Memory of Nancy Naumoff Gorgos
  James E. Gorgos

» In Memory of Lisa Holt
  Richard A. Holt

» In Memory of Jean and Alexander Huggins
  Karen Huggins

» In Memory of Lois C. Johnson
  Mark L. Johnson

» In Memory of Tina Shea
  Mr. Brian E. Shea

SAVE THE DATE!
Please plan on joining us on Thursday, February 8th at the new City Squire for the next NCF fundraiser
A fun night is planned with food, drink and your Niskayuna neighbors!
More information to come.

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 Maggie Vinciguerra at grants@niskayunacf.org.

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Congratulations Mr. Hughes and Mr. Lester!

Every year, the Niskayuna Community Foundation honors two amazing teachers at Niskayuna High School. This year, Mr. Hughes and Mr. Lester were chosen to join this distinguished group of teachers that embodies “uncompromising excellence.” The Murray Award for Excellence in Education is given annually through the generosity of Kathy Murray Crowe and Jack Crowe in memory of Kathy’s sister and her parents.

The Music Department’s Eric Hughes wears many musical hats. In addition to being the acting director of the Music Department, he is band director, teaches lessons, and is the director of our award-winning annual musical production. The students who nominated him love his big personality and his dry sense of humor. What has he done with his $2,500 award? He used it to complete his administrative certification program in the Leadership Academy at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.

You’ll find Thomas Lester teaching at every level of the English Department from freshman regents to college level English. He brings an engaging personal style to his classes that students find exciting and thought-provoking. He has a few big ideas about how to use his award; he may travel to England to take a course in methods to teach Shakespeare, or he may take additional graduate classes at Syracuse University that will inform his advanced classes at NHS. ❖