

When our community needs us most, we step up

What The Schenectady Foundation has achieved so far in 2020

The last thing the The Schenectady Foundation saw itself doing at the start of the year was organizing a Coalition to respond to a deadly pandemic through the collective efforts of dozens of organizations. But when COVID-19 showed up that's exactly what we had to do, and we went to work.

Most plans for this year were laid aside to attend to the basic needs of the community: food security, child care for essential workers, financial assistance for families, employment services, and supporting our non-profit sector. Our supply distribution center, developed with County government and non-profit partners, made nearly 17,000 home deliveries last spring. Over the summer, we provided refrigerators and freezers to food pantries and helped them expand hours and days of operation.

Throughout the year, our investment in SCAP's Community Crisis Network helped financially stressed families with rent, utilities and other basic necessities. Our funding catalyzed a partnership connecting the unemployed with employers. And our Child Care Relief Fund assisted 31 child care providers reopen safely.

As we look toward 2021, we shift our focus to the plight of Schenectady students who are required to be virtual learners – some 8,000 of them! Some students do not have access to internet, or the devices they need to participate in virtual classes. Other students who needed additional supports in school to keep up, are now going without.

The Foundation, along with community partners, has formed a new coalition called **Bridge the Gap**. Our plan is to develop community-based locations that are COVID-safe, where students can gain access to the web, receive tutoring and academic help, and also partake in social-emotional and therapeutic programs.

With COVID on the rise as we head into winter, The Schenectady Foundation is prepared to re-activate the Schenectady County Pandemic Response Coalition to meet the basic needs of those quarantined, isolated, elderly and at risk.



Top: Volunteers packed delivery bags as part of a food delivery system for the quarantined, isolated, elderly and at risk.

Above: Children in the YWCA's child care program receive art supply bags to bring home.

See the \$1.2 million we distributed in 2020 on reverse!

One Schenectady

As non-profit leaders worked through a difficult spring, a sense of shared urgency and responsibility developed. Coalition members selflessly shared information and coordinated resources leading to a

collective impact that was beyond what each of us could do alone.

A "One Schenectady" concept surfaced and gained support, capturing our highly collaborative culture. A logo, in Schenectady County's orange and blue colors, signifies any of projects where we collaborate broadly with a coalition of partners. When you see this logo, you'll know we are working together to address urgent needs and solve problems.



How You Can Help

Consider donating to The Schenectady Foundation, where 100 % of every donation goes right back into our community to deliver vital services.

Your gift today will make a direct impact for those needing a bit of help, whether they be agencies needing support to re-open safely or families struggling to put food on the table or individuals looking to re-enter the workforce.

Stephanie Mitchell of the Schenectady County Job Training Agency, works with Jason on his resume in mid-November.

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Far left: Leah Egnaczyk prepares a garden bed for planting a winter crop at the Hulett Street site of the Schenectady Urban Farm.

Left: A \$4,000 grant supported CREATE Community Studio's work with students who could not access therapeutic art activities at school.

\$1.2 million committed to date as COVID re-emerges

Pandemic Response and Recovery

Aided by community donations to the Rebuilding Families Fund, we helped community organizations respond to emerging needs caused by the pandemic as well as to begin the recovery and reopening process.

Grants | \$385,650

Bethesda House | \$6,000
 Better Community Neighborhoods | \$22,000
 Capital District YMCA | \$30,000
 City Mission | \$10,000
 Community Foundation for Greater Capital Region | \$20,000
 Crossroads Center for Children | \$6,000
 Habitat for Humanity of Schenectady | \$2,000
 Regional Food Bank | \$83,500
 Salvation Army | \$12,000
 SCAP | \$120,000
 Schenectady ARC | \$37,153
 Schenectady Community Ministries | \$3,000
 Schenectady Jewish Community Center | \$2,497
 YWCA NorthEastern NY | \$31,500

Child Care

A Child Care Relief Fund was established to help 31 child care providers reopen safely and sustainably. The Foundation also provided direct grants to local child care programs of the YMCA, the YWCA and the Schenectady Jewish Community Center, which made it possible for parents, especially those deemed essential, get back to work.

Grants | \$200,000

Brightside Up | Child Care Relief Fund | \$80,000
 Schenectady JCC Child Care | \$20,000
 YWCA Child Care | \$30,000
 YMCA Child Care | \$70,000

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Food Security

Funding helped alleviate food insecurity across our county. Grants to the organizations listed below helped increase their abilities or capacity to help Schenectady families regularly access and include healthy and fresh food in their diets.

Grants | \$548,128

Boys & Girls Club to-go meals | \$19,250
 The Bridge Christian Church | \$400
 Capital Roots | \$20,000
 Concerned for the Hungry | \$7,500
 Field & Fork Network | \$240,000
 Food Pantry Capital District Referral Line | \$18,000
 Grace & Mercy Pantry | \$378
 Messiah Lutheran Bread of Life | \$1,400
 Regional Food Bank | \$13,500
 Schenectady Community Ministries | \$15,000
 Schenectady Urban Farms | \$80,000
 St. Luke's Daily Bread | \$4,650
 State Street Food Pantry | \$1,400
 Weekend Backpack | \$126,000
 Zion Lutheran Church | \$650

Employment

To address the growing unemployment rate as well as the needs of employers during the pandemic, the Foundation supported a collaboration of six agencies: the City Mission, Schenectady ARC, Schenectady Job Training Agency, Schenectady Community Action Program, SUNY Schenectady and the Employer Resource Network.

Grants | \$30,000

City Mission One Schenectady
 Employment Partnership | \$30,000