

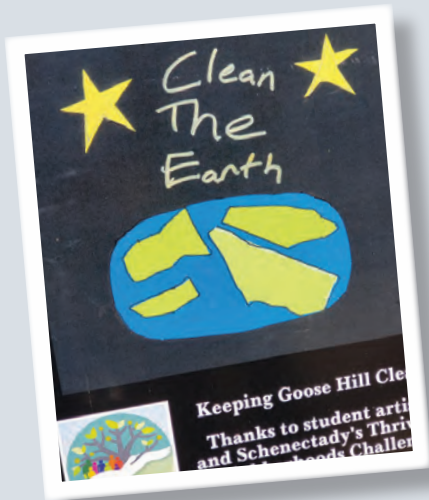


gifts & grants

Thriving Neighborhoods Spotlight

Schenectady and Me

Notice something new in front of Schenectady City Hall? It's the first of several sculptural benches produced with the help of hundreds of community members who contributed artistic tile collages reflecting places or attributes of Schenectady that they love. A second bench has been installed in Woodlawn Park, with more to come by next spring! (see photo above)



Northside Pride

The people of Goose Hill — the neighborhood on the north side of Schenectady — have launched a new anti-littering campaign called “Northside Pride”. The effort incorporates a public outreach and education component, as well as the installation of 50 new garbage receptacles decorated with artwork by children from local elementary schools. The students are learning about the environment, and getting involved in changing the look and feel of the neighborhood they call, “home”.

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WHAT'S YOUR IDEA?



ESYO Launches “Young Leaders” Mentorship Program

Foundation Grant Helps Catalyze New Youth Leadership Program

The Empire State Youth Orchestra (ESYO) has added a new element to its efforts to increase access to high quality music education for diverse students: “ESYO Young Leaders”. The Schenectady Foundation’s \$30,000 grant is helping to get the program off the ground for 20 young musicians of diverse backgrounds, including 4 students from Schenectady that will receive scholarships. The youth will experience leadership trainings and mentorship opportunities to help prepare them for college and career.

“We think this is an essential investment for us to make. Young Leaders scholarships provide a pathway for serious music students to advance through high school and into college-level music programs – an opportunity that might otherwise be inaccessible to them.”

The young leaders will be matched with mentors to guide them through their internship experience, as they explore careers in Music Education/Performance and Arts Administration. The young leaders will, in turn, mentor younger students, offering music lessons, assisting with the execution of special events, and many other college- and career-prep functions.

The Foundation has granted \$240,000 to-date to establish and expand ESYO programs designed to provide access to music education and performance for under-served elementary and middle school students.



Recent Grants

Nurturing Young Children

Child-Caregiver Relationship Coaching

Bright Side Up: \$10,000

A new pilot program seeks to interrupt the cycle of trauma by increasing parents' capacity to emotionally understand and address their child's needs. The program will work with children under the age of six and their parents to increase the frequency and quality of positive interactions and improve parents' relational skills.

Healthy Neighborhoods

Veggie Mobile Expands in Schenectady

Capital Roots: \$30,000

A Foundation grant will enable the Capital Roots Veggie Mobile to increase the number of weekly stops, providing fresh vegetables at low cost to city residents whose access to is limited by expense, mobility or transportation barriers. The grant will increase the number of Schenectady residents served from 6,000 each year, to 7,000.



Capital Roots' Veggie Mobile® brings low-cost produce to urban neighborhoods that lack easy access to fresh fruits and vegetables. Weekly stops provide housing developments and senior and community centers with more than 180 tons of affordable produce each year.

Call to Action for Youth Environmental Study Teams (EST)

Schoharie River Center: \$60,000

EST is an environmental education and youth development program serving ages 12-18. The goal is to increase the understanding and knowledge of youth as to environmental issues confronting their communities. Students learn new skills through their outdoor experiences sampling and testing water quality of streams, ponds, lakes and rivers in their community. The Foundation's

grant will expand the program to more youth, with a focus on students in the City of Schenectady.



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Reawakening East Front Street

The small 6-street neighborhood known as East Front Street, bordering the Stockade and Mohawk Harbor, chose to build identity and pride among the people living there. The area is branded by its rich history, and association with the former ALCO locomotive plant. The new look includes a fresh neighborhood logo displayed on new garbage receptacles, pole banners, historic street signs, and a refreshed rail underpass featuring a mural of a locomotive.

Gifts

The Schenectady Foundation is grateful to be a recipient of a gift from the estate of Karen B. Johnson. Johnson, a former mayor of Schenectady, a County Legislator, and a decades-long champion of the community, was deeply involved in the non-profit sector as a donor, fundraiser and board member.

"We are humbled and honored by this gift from Karen, and grateful for all that she did to make our community a better place" said Robert Carreau, executive director of The Schenectady Foundation. *"It's not surprising that she would have the forethought to ensure her community was well cared for beyond her life of service. Karen's impact will continue to be felt in Schenectady through every good work in which the Foundation has a hand."*

Foundation Achieves Platinum Rating

The Schenectady Foundation has achieved Guidestar's Platinum Rating for the highest level of transparency among non-profits nationally.

