

A NOTE FROM OUR CHAIR

The Women's Fund of Central New York was a brainstorm in 1998, recorded its first donations with the Community Foundation of Central New York in March 1999, and gave out its first grants in 2001, when its endowment reached \$170,000 in donations and three-year pledges. Today, halfway through our campaign to boost our endowment to \$1M, it's clear we've come a long way. Over the years, the Women's Fund of CNY has given out nearly \$140,000 in grants to organizations that fulfill our mission:

To support, empower and recognize the advancement and full participation of women and girls in Central New York.

Our endowment was \$839,471 at the end of the 2012 fiscal year (March 31, 2012) and we distributed \$24,000 in grants at our Spring Event on April 17, 2012. We're creating a wonderful legacy for our community.

Some things haven't changed since those early days though. The Women's Fund continues to be managed by a passionate, dedicated group of women who volunteer their time and skills. Personally, I love the stories from the early days of the Fund. One former Chair told me how the Governance Council would meet in someone's living room to seal envelopes containing newsletters or event invitations. (With a mailing list of over 2,000, we now use a mail house!) The women put in this level of effort because they wanted, and we want, our donors' gifts to fulfill the Women's Fund mission as much as possible. The commitment and collaboration of Women's Fund volunteers strengthen the organization and foster a network of women in Central New York focused on helping one another.

Once our endowment reaches \$1 million, we'll be able to give out larger grants and start new initiatives, like the 2012-13 year "Kick Start" grant, where working capital is given directly to qualified women entrepreneurs. The Women's Fund Governance Council is beginning to look at other ideas that can leverage our funds to result in greater positive impact. I hope you'll be a part of the change and the legacy by contributing to the Women's Fund of Central New York – and help us get to \$1 million!



— Diana Gerrish

2012 GRANTEES

Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency **\$1,500**
Program: Domestic Violence Intervention Program (supports at least 25 women as they move to safety and self-sufficiency)
Funded Activity: wraparound supports

Child Care Solutions **\$1,500**
Program: The ABC's of Financial Management (a financial education program for women/family/child care business owners that increases knowledge of personal and micro-business financial management, empowers participants to make changes in how they manage money, and increases the financial stability of their businesses)
Funded Activity: one on one financial counseling

Community Action Partnership for Madison County **\$1,500**
Program: Transitional Housing (gives their homeless constituency a chance to pursue training actions and achieve goals of self-worth and self-sufficiency)
Funded Activity: client direct disbursement

Contact Community Services **\$2,000**
Program: L.A.D.I.E.S. (a mentoring program for girls involved in Paving "R" Way at Lincoln Middle School)
Funded Activity: overnight retreat

Falcone Center for Entrepreneurship/Whitman School of Management **\$9,000**
Program: Entrepreneurial Kick Start Program (offers scholarships, counseling, and technical assistance in preparing business plans that target low-income women who want to start a business)
Funded Activity: \$1,000 in scholarships for training; matching funds of \$1,000 for eight women with personal savings and IDA funds

Friends of Rosamond Gifford Zoo **\$2,450**
Program: Zoo Guides Fellows Program (returning interns conduct research projects at the zoo)
Funded Activity: Intern Stipends for three female fellows

Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority **\$1,140**
Program: Project Butterfly (character-building mentorship and intergenerational mentorship program for girls of African descent)
Funded Activity: Project Butterfly books and workbooks

Syracuse Habitat for Humanity **\$1,250**
Program: Women Build; Girls Build (empowers women and girls to acquire leadership skills, financial independence, and practical experience in construction, a nontypical career)
Funded Activity: implement Girl Build

YWCA Syracuse and Onondaga County **\$3,660**
Program: Girls Inc. Computer Upgrade at the YWCA (consultant to help with transition and use of new computers that have been purchased for the Girls Inc. facility)
Funded Activity: computer consultant to perform upgrade, train staff, and develop user manual

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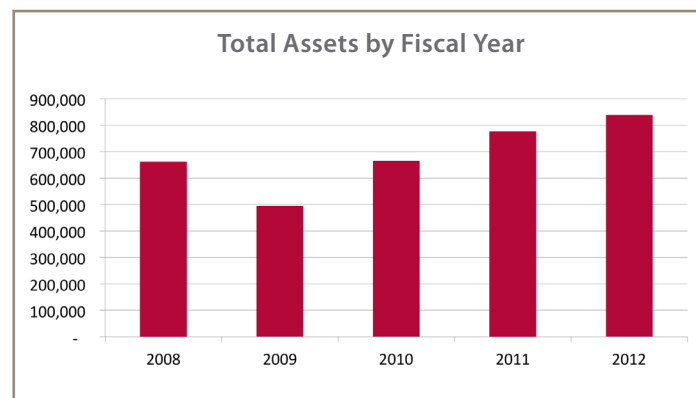
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Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2012

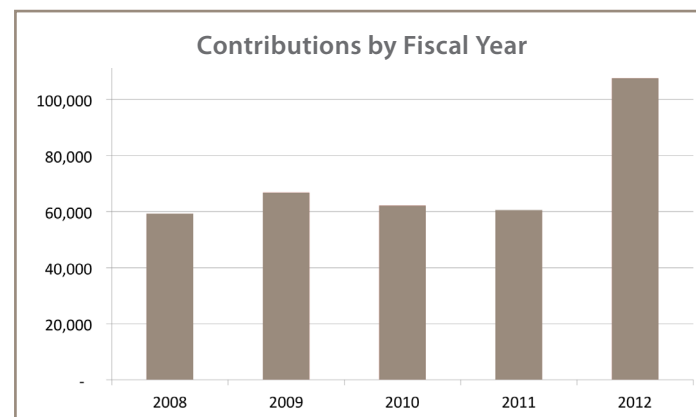
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Assets	
Investments	\$ 808,227
Receivables	\$ 31,244
Total Assets	\$ 839,471
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Liabilities	\$ 2,066
Total Net Assets	\$ 837,405
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 839,471



Statement of Activities

Revenues	
Contributions and Grants	\$ 107,511
Return on Investments	25,865
Other Income	161
Total Revenue	\$ 133,536
Expenses	
Grants	\$ 24,000
Operations	\$ 36,297
Total Expenses	\$ 60,297
Change in Net Assets	\$ 73,239
Net Assets Beginning of year	\$ 764,166
Net Assets End of year	\$ 837,405



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Tuesday October 30th, 2012

Rosamond Gifford Zoo

One Conservation Place, Syracuse, NY 13204

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Gregg Tripoli, Executive Director of the Onondaga Historical Association

And a special guest who will inspire!



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