

Yates Community Endowment Distributes \$34,022 to Nonprofits

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The Yates Community Endowment awarded \$34,022 in grants to seven organizations that are serving Yates County residents. An additional \$10,000 in support was a co-investment by Rochester Area Community Foundation for one of the grants.

The Endowment's all-local advisory board hosted the 2017 annual meeting and grant reception at Climbing Bines Craft Ale Company in Penn Yan.

At the event, advisory board members announced a new goal — to add another \$1 million to the permanent fund that provides current and future support for the Yates County community. In 2016, the Endowment exceeded its first goal to raise \$1 million in five years.

Tom and Carolyn Argust announced a \$50,000 gift to jumpstart this fundraising effort. Tom was one of the founders of the Yates Community Endowment, served as co-chair of the advisory board in its early years, and continues to serve as a

board member. The Argust gift combines with \$164,000 in other gifts and interest to push the endowment total to \$1,214,000.

Since its founding in 2011, the Yates Community Endowment has awarded more than \$190,000 to support projects and programs in Yates County. The 2017 grants, totaling \$34,322, were awarded by the Endowment and several of its affiliate funds to:

- Arc of Yates, Inc.: Camp Week 2017 includes every one of the 400 individuals supported by the Arc of Yates — from the preschool to the DRIVE program, and all-day program participants. \$5,000 (Includes \$4,000 from the Spring Hill Fund)
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Greater Rochester: The Mentoring Youth for Educational Success project focuses on enrolling mentees who are chronically truant, at high risk of educational failure, reside in female-headed households in poverty and/or have parents who are incarcerated or affected by incarceration. \$5,000

• Yates Cultural & Recreational Resources, Inc.: The "You're Welcome" program, in conjunction with several partners, creates a well-trained workforce in the tourism sector. The grant will allow the Yates County unemployed to access these trainings. \$4,222

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(Includes \$1,800 from the Robert F. Flickinger Fund).

- Friends of the Outlet New "Welcome to the Outlet Trail" signs will give interpretive information and enhance visitors' experience on the trail. Five initial signs will be posted. \$4,500 (Includes \$700 from the Robert F. Flickinger Fund and \$1,300 from the Willie Taaffe Memorial Fund).
- 52AV Rural Health Network, Inc.: Supports the purchase of age-appropriate books and supplies for the Fair-ly Tale Festival and refreshments for the community reading nights and Back to School Community Gathering. \$5,000 (Fully funded by \$2,000 from the Robert F. Flickinger Fund and \$3,000 from the Spring Hill Fund).

• ProAction of Steuben & Yates, Inc.: The proposed Hope Center will assist individuals and families living in poverty by offering support to meet basic needs and providing a full assessment to identify other individual/family needs. The Hope Center also will serve as the main food pantry for the county. Referrals for additional resources also will be provided, along with any other needed supports. \$17,000 (Includes \$10,000 from Rochester Area Community Foundation and \$2,000 from the McMullen Family Fund).

For more information on the Yates Community Endowment, visit www.ractf.org/Yates or call Jonathan Hoose at 585.341.4363.

If you are interested in making a contribution to the Endowment, you can mail a check payable to Yates Community Endowment, 500 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607, or make an online donation at ractf.org/SupportYates.

• YMCA of Greater Rochester: Supports scholarships for Yates youth to attend Camp Cory — either four students in a three-week leadership program or contribute toward 25 students attending day camp. \$3,300 (Includes \$1,000 from the Robert F. Flickinger Fund).



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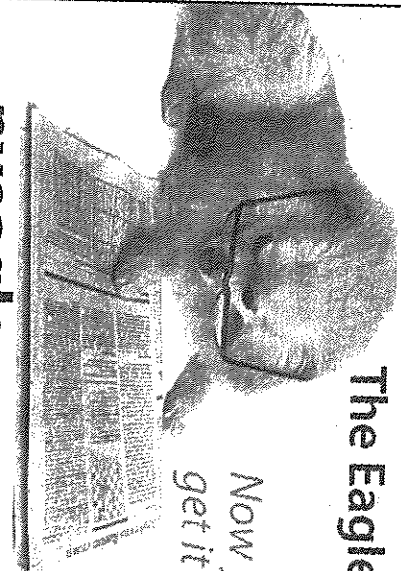
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Program tackles local opioid crisis

Annette Jiménez/Catholic Courier

Rochester police officers have a new tool at their disposal to help curb the local opioid crisis by directing drug users to treatment.

The "Street to Treatment" program is a partnership between the City of Rochester and Rochester Regional Health (RRH) that provides the Rochester Police Department with an alternative to arresting drug users. Through the program, a drug user who is coherent, is not in need of immediate medical attention and voluntarily asks an officer for assistance with addiction may be dropped off at the Evelyn Brandon Health Center on Lake Avenue, officials explained.

The program is currently in a pilot phase and is only available weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., said Jennie Militello, a chemical dependency manager at the Evelyn Brandon Health Center. During those hours, an officer can call the mobile number of a security guard when he or she is about to bring in a potential patient.

"We welcome them to alleviate any fears they have," Militello explained. "We want them not to feel pressured to do anything. We ask, 'What would you like? How can we help you?'"

If the person does seek further treatment, staff will immediately begin a chemical dependency assessment and then offer outpatient and inpatient treatment plans, she said.

"If they need inpatient (treatment), we are working very hard ... to get them admitted right from that evaluation," Militello said.

The idea to offer such treatment to drug users grew out of a "Clergy on Patrol" walk in the North Clinton Avenue area more than a year ago. After that walk, Mayor Lovely Warren, police and RRH officials, and such city neighborhood advocacy groups as Project HOPE discussed ways to clean up

the neighborhood.

Drug activity remains a problem on several streets near St. Michael Church on North Clinton, noted Miguel Meléndez, special projects director at Ibero-American Development Corp., which oversees Project HOPE.

"The catalyst (for Street to Treatment) was protecting residents, with neighbors and kids coming up and having to walk out of their houses and step over syringes to get to school," explained city spokesman Ted Capuano. "The bottom line is we can't arrest our way out of this problem."

"We had to change the way we did our business," agreed Rochester Police Capt. John Corbelli, who noted there is no "golden panacea" for dealing with the opioid crisis, which the department, city officials and other community organizations have been working on for several years. "Everybody had to look at this (issue) ... and find different ways of thinking about it."

Corbelli noted that before the Street to Treatment program, police officers' only option in many cases was to take drug users to jail.

"Sometimes, you need other steps," he said.

Finding alternatives for the police was critical in helping to address the drug use that has resulted in syringes on some of Rochester's streets, Meléndez said.

For those with drug addictions, "treatment is the best hope," he said.

Officials also are hopeful that the Street to Treatment program will be able to target new drug users who might be more receptive to the treatment option, Capuano said.

"If we can get kids who are (experiencing) their first encounter with police ... that might just be enough to scare them not to go further," he said of foregoing drug use and choosing treatment.