

Watertown Foundation



Annual Report 2021

Individual Trust Funds

2020-2021 Contributions

Ricky Bozzuto Memorial Scholarship
 Jeffrey Allen Chace Memorial
 Roberta and Joseph Czarsty, M.D. Memorial
 Robert J. McGough Memorial
 Edwin Undercuffler

Individual Trust Funds – Total donations through August 31, 2021

Alan Atwood	\$2,815	Robert J. McGough Memorial	\$5,450
Ricky Bozzuto Memorial Scholarship	\$57,710	William and Jeannette Mecabe Memorial	\$3,100
Jeffrey Allen Chace Memorial	\$12,350	M. Heminway Merriman 2nd Scholarship	\$75,000
Florence Chase Bequest	\$5,728	Carol Gilbert and Dwight Miller	\$1,140
Mabelle Camp Bequest	\$5,000	John and Eileen Mills Memorial	\$990
Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of Watertown	\$2,698	Joyce Mordenti Scholarship	\$25,000
Earle Couch Bequest	\$7,478	John and Carol B. Carroll Noyes	\$3,383
Helen & John Crane Bequest	\$39,914	John and Kathleen O'Neill, Jr.	\$8,250
Roberta and Joseph Czarsty, M.D. Memorial	\$4,825	Julia A. Recker Bequest	\$25,000
Reinhold and Katie DeWitt Educational Fund	\$171,316	David Siemon Memorial	\$2,500
Raymond Donohoe	\$1,950	Stedman and Patricia Sweet	\$25,975
William H. and Margaret E. Eppehimer Memorial Scholarship	\$100,000	Sidni K. Undercuffler Memorial	\$66,950
Carey R. Geghan	\$6,370	William Varno Memorial	\$1,025
Edward Gionta Memorial	\$7,000	Laurence E. Wagner	\$6,500
Gay H. Jackson Memorial	\$10,000	Town of Watertown Scholarship	\$56,377
Fletcher Judson	\$124,081	Watertown Public School Educators Memorial	\$3,635
LOFPC Memorial for Joseph Moody	\$3,573	<i>(Esther Baldwin, Tess Beauchamp, Charles Coor, Eleanor Curtis, Jeannete Mecabe, Carl E. Richmond, Ruth Richmond, Margery Rixford, Barbara Schuyler, Althea Sweeney, and William Varno)</i>	
David and Judith Long	\$700	David Woodward Scholarship	\$363,160
Henry L. and Mary D. Long	\$14,470	J. B. Woolson Bequest	\$10,728
William and Ann Long	\$8,900	Jacqueline and James S. Zoldy, Jr.	\$9,788
Crystal Lukowski Memorial Scholarship	\$13,500		
Barbara Mahoney	\$1,490		

Business Community Trust Funds

Business Community Trust Funds Total Donations through August 31, 2021

Wooster Society: \$5,000 or more

(Maiden name of region circa 1674; first house built 1700)

AT&T	\$5,000
Dunbar, Janet and William	\$35,900
Eastern Awnings Systems	\$30,000
Engineered Sinterings and Plastic	\$6,500
PPG Industries for Keeler and Long, Inc.	\$25,000
Siemon Company Fund	\$22,233
Taft School	\$33,670
Thomaston Savings Bank	\$31,100
Watertown Plastics	\$25,000
Woodward Fund	\$75,000

Westbury Society: \$2,500 - \$4,999

(Region incorporated as the Society of Westbury in 1738)

Bradshaw Chrysler Jeep	\$2,515
BTS Graphics and Printing	\$4,100
Cablevision Services Corporation	\$4,000
Wells Fargo Bank – Main Street Branch	\$3,000

Watertown Society: up to \$2,499

(Town name since 1780)

A & S Contractors, LLC	\$2,000
Angels Watching Over You	\$200
Allstar Appliance	\$300
Baribault Oil Company, Inc.	\$700
Connecticut Fire & Water Restoration	\$1,500
Lori Bonaldi, C.P.A.	\$660
Brothers' Tree Service	\$200
Colonair Insurance Agency, LLC	\$100
Dzinski Polzella, C.P.A., LLC	\$600
Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust	\$75
G & W Management, Inc.	\$2,000
Garassino Excavating	\$100
Gar-San Corporation	\$100
Litchfield Bancorp	\$2,500
Raymond Jewelers	\$300
Staywell Health Center	\$100
Peter Germain Interiors	\$100
Resource Development Associates	\$200
Water Systems Specialties, LLC	\$100
Watertown Animal Hospital	\$75
Watertown Fire Department	\$1,150

Donors & Memorial Gifts



Total Contributions Received 2020-2021 -- \$27,593

Gifts of \$1,000 to \$4,999

Bozzuto, Angela
Capece, Tina and Vincent
Dunbar, Janet and William
Fitzgerald, Anne
Greater Wtby Chamber Commerce
Hogan, Jennifer and John
Litchfield Bancorp
Merriman, Linda
Tolley, Christine and William

Gifts of \$500 to \$999

Kinsella, Nancy and Joe

Gifts of \$100 to \$499

Adams, Elaine
Agati, Tina and Salvatore
Atkins, Susan and Victor
Black, Janette and Larry
Blais, Allison and Douglas
Bozzuto, Elizabeth
Bushka, Violetta and Ronald
Carew, Lisa
Carroll, Mary Lee
Chace, Heather and Roger
Christie, Judy
Cooney, John M.
Czarsty, M.D., Craig
Dalton, Lisa and Edwin
DAR
Dinsmore, Catherine Rozanski
Donahue, Michelle and John
Driscoll, Patricia and Daniel

Durkee, Margaret and Henry
Dyer, Jr., M.D., Richard
Erickson, Ingrid and Bradford
Feda, Scott
Flaherty, Brian
Fleming, Michael
Freyermuth, Stephen
Godin, Alison and Edward
Golden, Justin
Halliwell, Leona and Douglas
Hanson, Kathleen and Richard
Heavenrich, Ted
Howell, Gloria
Jessell, Judy and Paul
Johnson, J. Arthur
Kellogg, Martha
Kheury, Chris
LaBonnes, Sr., Robert
Labonte, Paula and Joel
Lawson, Linda and Edward
Licho, Tammy and Raymond
Lombaud Group
Long, Ann and William
Marshall, Renate and John
McCarthy, Robert
McGough, Henry J.
Morro, Charlotte and James
Oakville American Legion
Palmer, Day
Pannullo, Michelle
Plona, Agnes Hall
Raimo, Kathleen and Mark
Ramos, Dr. John and Rev. Jacqueline
Rittman, Ellen
Santopietro, Susan

Schmidt, Diane and Donald
Turnquist, Kenneth
Toffey, William
Undercuffler, Edwin
Watertown Fire Dept, Chief Bromley
Willis, Barbara and Robert
Woodward, Mary
Zoldy, James

Gifts under \$100

Arag, N A
Baeder, Carolyn
Brooks, Barbara
Calabrese, Rocco
Cavanaugh, Judy and Richard
Desena, Debra and Robert
Desjardins, Patricia and Thomas
Diprimio, Robert
Durkee-Shock, Jessica
Eggert, Christina
Generali, Linda
Guerrera, Margaret and Enrico
Hoey, Anita and John
Johnson, Mary and Robert
Kane, Rob
Leghorn, Dennis
Lemay, Cynthia
Lessard, Vicky
Literacy Volunteers
Palmer, Theresa
Rosa, MaryAnn
Sangree, Gail A.
The Taft School
VFW Post 7330
Wilson, Joan and Jeff

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Margaret Durkee

Agati, Tina and Sal
Atkins, Susan and Victor
Barisser, Elizabeth
Black, Larry
Driscoll, Patricia and Daniel
Dunbar, Janet and William

Eggert, Christine
Erickson, Ingrid and Bradford
Generali, Linda
Halliwell, Leona and Douglas
Heavenrich, Ted
Howell, Gloria
Johnson, Mary and Robert

Khoury, Chris
Labonte, Paula
Leghorn, Dennis
Lemay, Cynthia
Marshall, Renate and John
Morro, Charlotte and James
National Institutes of Health

Pannullo, Michelle
Plona, Agnes Hall
Seven Angels Theatre
Toffey, William and Kathy Krantz
Willis, Barbara and Robert
Zoldy, James

Community Service Grants

2021- 2022

For The Arts

Brass City Ballet	Audio visual equipment	\$1,000.00
Landmark Community Theatre	Replacement windows	\$1,500.00
Mattatuck Museum	Passenger van	\$2,000.00
Palace Theater	Projector	\$2,000.00

For Our Churches

First Congregational Church of Watertown	Drainage repairs	\$2,500.00
Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries, Inc.	Storage equipment	\$1,000.00
St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church	Exterior stair repairs	\$4,000.00
Watertown United Methodist Church	Tree removal	\$3,000.00

For Our Education

Power Surge 4-H Robotics/CT4-H Fdn	Robotics tool parts & signage	\$2,000.00
St. John the Evangelist School	Curriculum program	\$3,000.00
St. Mary Magdalen School	Ipads and keyboards	\$2,000.00
Watertown First Robot, Inc.	Competition kits	\$5,000.00

For Our Environment

Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust	Tables and chairs	\$2,000.00
Watertown Garden Club	Memorial garden for Margaret 'Peg' Durkee	\$500.00
Watertown Land Trust	Land acquisition expense	\$4,000.00

For Heritage Enhancement

Evergreen Cemetery Association	Road repairs	\$4,000.00
Railroad Museum of New England	Exterior lighting improvements	\$2,000.00
Trumbull-Porter DAR	Burial ground restoration	\$2,500.00
Watertown History Museum	Display units	\$3,000.00
Watertown Tennis Club	Capital repairs to the Clubhouse	\$1,000.00

For Human Services

Acts 4 Ministry, Inc.	Equipment	\$2,000.00
American Legion Post 195 Watertown	Exterior repairs	\$3,500.00
Brian O'Connell Homeless Project Inc.	Facility materials	\$1,000.00
Carolyn's Place	Cribs, mattresses & car seats	\$2,500.00
Easter Seals Rehab Center	HVAC upgrades	\$2,000.00
Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury	White boards	\$800.00
Naugatuck Valley Project	IT equipment	\$1,000.00
Quilts That Care	Batting	\$1,000.00
VFW Post 7330 Auxiliary	Pantry & shed repairs	\$1,600.00
Waterbury Reads	Equipment	\$1,200.00
Watertown Area Asso. Special Citizens	Special events	\$2,000.00
Watertown Library Association	Surveillance system	\$2,900.00

For Our Youth

G.R.O.W.S.	Batting cage nets	\$500.00
Police Activity League of Waterbury	Audio visual and video conferencing system	\$2,000.00
YMCA - Camp Mataucha	Gator utility vehicle	\$5,000.00
Waterbury Youth Services	Pavement restoration	\$3,000.00
		\$80,000.00

Scholarships

2021 Watertown Foundation Scholarships

Twenty Eight Scholarships totaling \$83,500

Ricky Bozzuto Memorial Scholarship	John Biolo	WHS	\$1,000
Reinhold & Katie DeWitt Scholarship	Jordan Elliott	WHS	\$3,000
Reinhold & Katie DeWitt Scholarship	Courtney Rowland	NONN	\$3,000
Eppehimer Memorial Scholarship	Ty Zaccagnini	WHS	\$4,000
Fletcher Judson Memorial	Adriana Rinaldi	WHS	\$1,000
Litchfield Bancorp Scholarship	Sophia Harris	WHS	\$1,000
Crystal Lukowski Memorial	Megi Berberi	WHS	\$1,000
M. Heminway Merriman 2 nd Scholarship	Jacob Grendzinski	Sacred Heart	\$5,000
Joyce Mordenti Scholarship	Alyssa Baldwin	WHS	\$2,500
Marigold Spencer Memorial	Sophia Harris	WHS	\$1,000
Town of Watertown Scholarship	Delia Murphy	Holy Cross	\$3,000
Watertown Foundation 4 th year 2018	Francesca Mancini	WHS	\$2,000
Watertown Foundation 3 rd year 2019	Charina Manalo	WHS	\$2,000
Watertown Foundation 2 nd year 2020	Cailin McGuire	WHS	\$2,000
Watertown Foundation 1 st year 2021	Emma Gallagher	WHS	\$2,000
Watertown Foundation 4 th year 2018	Madeline Roy	NONN	\$4,000
Watertown Foundation 3 rd year 2019	Aleksandra Baran	WHS	\$4,000
Watertown Foundation 2 nd year 2020	Natalia Baran	WHS	\$4,000
Watertown Foundation 1 st year 2021	Fiora Lena	WHS	\$4,000
Watertown Foundation Scholarship	Amaya Andujar	WHS	\$4,000
Watertown Foundation Scholarship	Jamie Baker	Sacred Heart	\$4,000
Watertown Foundation Scholarship	Erica Santangeli	WHS	\$4,000
Watertown Foundation Scholarship	Gregory VanDerlyn	WHS	\$4,000
Watertown Oakville Chamber of Commerce			
Antonacci Family STEM Scholarship	Emma Gallagher	WHS	\$1,500
Business Scholarship	Shaylyn Fisher	WHS	\$1,500
David Woodward Scholarship	Chelsea Betts	WHS	\$5,000
David Woodward Scholarship	Noah Ryan	WHS	\$5,000
David Woodward Scholarship Year 4 of 4	Malik Ahmed	WHS	\$5,000

Scholarships

RICKY BOZZUTO MEMORIAL

SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded to a graduating Watertown High School senior on the basis of scholastic excellence in the areas of mathematics, physical sciences and information technology. The recipient should demonstrate financial need. This scholarship is given in memory of a man devoted to scholarship, country, work, and especially his family.

REINHOLD AND KATIE DEWITT

SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded on the basis of academic excellence, demonstrated sensitivity to others needs, and the ability to work cooperatively with those in need. This scholarship is not based on financial need, and is given through the generosity of Mrs. Reinhold DeWitt in recognition of the benefits she and her husband received from their educations that provided them the opportunities for work, friendships, and service to others.

WILLIAM H. AND MARGARET E. EPPEHIMER MEMORIAL

SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded to a graduate of Watertown High School and awarded according to standards set by the Foundation.

FLETCHER JUDSON MEMORIAL

SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded to a graduating Watertown High School senior on the basis of academic excellence and exemplary community service.

LITCHFIELD BANCORP

SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded to a deserving senior from the Watertown Oakville community.

CRYSTAL LUKOWSKI MEMORIAL

SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded to a Watertown High School senior intending to pursue a career in health, allied health, or medicine. The recipient must have demonstrated sensitivity to the needs of others and have the ability to work cooperatively with those in need. This scholarship is given in memory of Crystal

Lukowski, a special needs student, who graduated from WHS in 1994.

M. HEMINWAY MERRIMAN

2ND SCHOLARSHIP: Through the generosity of the Woodward Fund, a scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior who is a Watertown or Oakville resident and shows a contribution to Watertown through time and energy devoted to improving the community.

JOYCE MORDENTI

SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded to an Oakville resident who self identifies as female (by birth or by choice) and is attending any University of Connecticut campus. Recipient need not be entering freshman year to apply. Preference given to recipient who has demonstrated ability to overcome extreme odds in high school, such as bullying, emotional disturbances or other mental health challenges, pregnancy, truancy, and academic suspensions. This scholarship is not based on grades or financial need and is given through the generosity of Joyce Mordenti and Jim Pohl in recognition of the benefits she and her husband received from their educations at the University of Connecticut. It commemorates the Watertown Foundation Scholarship that Joyce received in 1970.

MARIGOLD SPENCER

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded to a Watertown High School senior who has contributed to the community through generous use of time, talents, and leadership. This scholarship is given in memory of a long-time Watertown resident who lived this same spirit of generosity.

TOWN OF WATERTOWN

SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded to a high school senior who is a resident of the Town of Watertown. The scholarship is awarded based on a combination of the student's grade point average, his financial need, and his participation in community and public service.

WATERTOWN FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded in recognition of the contributions the student has made to the community and to the high school while maintaining a strong scholastic record. The student should demonstrate financial need. This scholarship provides a renewal opportunity for the sophomore, junior and senior years of college.

WATERTOWN OAKVILLE

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded to a graduating Watertown High School senior who intends to pursue a post-secondary education in a business-related field of study and who demonstrates academic excellence, participates in an extracurricular business-related club or organization, and provides evidence of contributing to the school and/or community through volunteer activities and/or entrepreneurship.

ANTONACCI FAMILY

FOUNDATION WATERTOWN

OAKVILLE CHAMBER

OF COMMERCE STEM

SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded to a graduating Watertown High School senior, with preference given to a senior in technical education, who intends to pursue a career in a skilled trade or a science, technology, engineering or math related field at a post-secondary school or institution, and who demonstrates academic excellence and provides evidence of contributing to the school and/or community through volunteer activities and/or entrepreneurship.

DAVID WOODWARD

SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Awarded to a student resident in Watertown or Oakville. This scholarship is given in honor of David Woodward, one of the founding charter members of the Watertown Foundation, through the generosity of the David, Helen and Marian Woodward Fund.

Join Us! Become A Member

Help continue the Watertown Foundation's legacy of support for the many special qualities that make Watertown an extraordinary community. Membership in the Watertown Foundation is open to the public.

A donor may support the Foundation's continuing work with an unrestricted gift of any amount. Our donors are individuals, families, businesses, and charitable organizations. Donors may give cash, stock, retirement assets, bequests and other planned gifts.

Designating the Watertown Foundation as the recipient of a *Memorial Donation* continues the memory and spirit of a deceased family member or friend. *In Honor Of* gifts for living relatives or friends in lieu of holiday or birthday gifts can celebrate the event in a meaningful way. *Memorial Donations* and *In Honor Of* donations are received throughout the year. Acknowledgement is sent to the donor and a complete listing of gifts is sent to the family or party.

The Foundation's assets are professionally managed with oversight by the Finance Committee and Board of Trustees.

Trust Funds

The Watertown Foundation will create a special fund in your name, in the name of your family or business, or in honor of any person or organization you choose. You receive tax benefits in the year your gift is made. Your gift will be placed into an endowment fund that is invested over time, and earnings from the fund are used to make grants addressing community needs. Your gift, and all future earnings from your gift, will provide support for scholarships and organizations helping people and programs in perpetuity. Donors may also leave charitable assets upon their death in the form of a bequest in a will or trust, retirement plan designations, or beneficiary designation in a life insurance policy.

Distribution from Named Trust Funds

Each year the Board of Trustees establishes the amounts to be awarded in scholarships and grants, based on the endowment's market value and the success of its investments. This distribution policy strives to maintain the "purchasing power" of the funds over the long term to protect against inflation so that today's assets are not diminished in the future. The Board does not assess fees in the administration of Trust Funds or in the awarding of grants or scholarships.

Types of Funds

Unrestricted

The principal of an unrestricted fund is invested and retained by the Watertown Foundation. Income from investments is pooled and is awarded annually to nonprofit community organizations by the Board of Trustees. An unrestricted fund provides the most flexibility to the Board to meet needs in our community.

Field Of Interest

A Trust Fund may specify a particular field of interest such as the arts, youth athletics, education, social service, or the environment with a minimum gift of \$50,000. The Board of Trustees selects projects within your field of interest and presents the award in the name of the Trust Fund.

Scholarships

Named scholarships may be created with a minimum gift of \$50,000. Scholarships may be designated for study in broadly defined areas such as medicine and health careers, social service, business, engineering, and education. Criteria for selection are at the discretion of the Board of Trustees and are defined annually in the Watertown Foundation Scholarship Application. Recipients must be Watertown residents.

Business Community Trust Funds

Wooster Society: \$5,000 or more
Westbury Society: \$2,500 - \$4,999
Watertown Society: up to \$2,499
Gifts may be given over five years.

Tax-free contributions

The Watertown Foundation is a 501(c)(3) corporation. Donations to the Foundation qualify for the maximum tax benefit allowable by law.



Watertown Foundation, Our Heritage

On October 6, 1925, fifty residents of Watertown met with David Woodward at M'Fingal Inn Bungalow. He informed his guests of his love for the Town and his desire to do what he could to make it a better place in which to live. He had therefore concluded that the organization of a Foundation, incorporated under the laws of the State, should be undertaken for the purpose of receiving and maintaining funds and using the income therefrom to improve the social and living conditions of the town. He explained that he had had some experience in the organization of a similar Foundation in Atlanta, Georgia and that six residents of Watertown had pledged \$500 a year as a nucleus of such funds.

He suggested that an opportunity be afforded to each resident of Watertown who was likely to be interested in the establishment of the Foundation to become one of its Charter Members by subscribing to a pledge to contribute to it not less than \$100. By such action all persons subscribing before October 21, 1925 would be declared and forever known as Charter Members of the Foundation. These subscribers would form a temporary organization to function until the Foundation had been incorporated.

All present on October 6, 1925 approved Mr. Woodward's suggestions. Mr. Horace D. Taft was elected Chairman and Mr. John L. Scott, Secretary of the meeting then held by those present. Residents of Watertown were invited to become Charter Members under the plans outlined by Mr. Woodward. A plan of organization at a meeting of the Charter Members was held at the M'Fingal Inn Bungalow on October 21, 1925.

Within a short time, a total of ninety-five residents of Watertown applied for Charter memberships. The Foundation was organized as a Corporation without capital stock on December 4, 1925.

On July 15, 1926, Mr. Woodward made a gift of \$5000 to the Foundation for the purpose of establishing a Student Aid Fund. He stated that loans should be made from this fund of a reasonable amount to any Watertown student or graduate of Taft School on the basis of scholastic merit, financial need, and contributions to school and community.

The Foundation received \$10,000 from the estate of David Woodward. Mr. Woodward left Watertown as a young man becoming a successful and prominent citizen of Atlanta, Georgia, and he maintained a home in Watertown where he and his family spent several weeks each summer. David Woodward died July 16, 1931.

The Foundation received \$7,475 from the estate of Harley F. Roberts, who died April 29, 1930. He was a long time master at Taft School and was very active in good works in Watertown.

Representatives of the Scovill and Merriman families gave the Foundation the Community House property in 1942. The building and grounds through the years had been the headquarters of many public groups, which were charged only nominal rents by the civic-minded owners. Among the organizations so favored were the Watertown Civic Union, the Red Cross, the Visiting Nurses Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. The management of this property, which also contained a theatre, stores, bowling alley and a large room for social events, became quite a problem for the Foundation to handle. It was therefore decided to sell the property, which was accomplished in 1950, and from the sale about \$60,000 was received.

Fletcher W. Judson died November 9, 1955. The Foundation receives a half interest in a trust fund in common with the Connecticut Community Foundation, and the value of the Watertown Foundation's share at the time that the trust was created was \$39,450. Mr. Judson was an outstanding citizen of our town, notably as a long-time member of the School Board. The Chase Bank dissolved this trust fund in 2006 and the final disbursement to the Watertown Foundation was \$125,000.

Through the years the Watertown Foundation has been the recipient of many generous donations and bequests. As a tax-exempt, non-profit community foundation the Foundation identifies, combines and invests the charitable gifts of its members to benefit the community.