



# A SENSE OF Communities

Newsletter of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley serving Dutchess, Ulster and Putnam Counties

## Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley

Our new name **Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley** more clearly reflects who we are and the area we serve. Until recently our corporate name was The Area Fund and we provided services to three counties by doing business as the Community Foundation of Dutchess County, Community Foundation of Ulster County and Community Foundation of Putnam County.



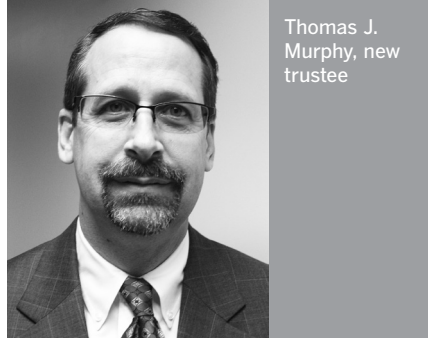
**COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS OF THE HUDSON VALLEY**  
SERVING DUTCHESS, ULSTER & PUTNAM COUNTIES

The Area Fund was governed by a board of trustees primarily associated with Dutchess County. As our service area expanded it became evident that we could improve our corporate structure under a name that more clearly reflected who we have become. The name chosen, Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, reflects the coming together of three organizations under a single corporate structure.

The three affiliate organizations - Community Foundation of Dutchess County, Community Foundation of Ulster County and Community Foundation of Putnam County - will serve donors in each county to honor and build on the connections people have where they live and work.

As always, gifts made to the Community Foundation for specific funds or counties will be handled as donors have requested. Our goal will continue to be to honor donor intent and help donors accomplish their charitable goals in the most effective and efficient manner.

Enhancing our corporate structure provides cost savings of one back office and the same level of professional services across all three counties. The Board of Trustees of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley will have members from all three counties in order to be a regional board.



Thomas J. Murphy, new trustee

The newest trustee of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, Thomas Murphy, reflects that regionalism. Tom grew up in Orange County, works for M&T Bank from an office in Dutchess County and makes his home in Ulster County.

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Affiliate	Year Established	Total Assets	# of Funds	Grants Awarded
Community Foundation of Dutchess County	1969	\$30.9 million	456	\$1.5 million
Community Foundation of Ulster County	2007	\$1.7 million	34	\$90,000
Community Foundation of Putnam County	2008	\$61,000	5	NA

Total Assets for the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley are \$33.1 million.

### New Funds

More than 495 individuals, families, businesses and nonprofits have chosen the Community Foundation as their preferred charitable giving vehicle. Below is a list of funds, whose founders and donors have recently placed their trust with us.



#### Community Cat Coalition Fund

A project fund established to provide support for the charitable purposes of the Community Cat Coalition.

#### Doshin's Awakened Heart Fund

A project fund established to provide support for the charitable purposes of Doshin's Awakened Heart.

#### Doshin's Awakened Heart Scholarship Fund

Established to provide scholarships to graduating seniors from high schools in Northern Dutchess, Columbia, Greene and Ulster counties who plan to pursue studies in the Arts, Health or Environment.

#### Friends of the Beacon Dog Park Fund

A project fund established to provide support for the development of amenities and maintenance of the Beacon Dog Park in Beacon, NY.

#### Kirchhoff Family Fund

A donor advised fund that awards grants to nonprofit organizations.

#### Meyer Family Fund

A donor advised fund that awards grants to nonprofit organizations.

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# A Sense of Communities

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the new look of, "A Sense of Communities." Our intent in this newsletter as in all our newsletters is to share with you the activities of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley and our affiliates Community Foundation of Dutchess County, Community Foundation of Ulster County and Community Foundation of Putnam County.

We hope while reading these pages you are inspired by the charitable compassionate acts of your neighbors and nonprofits, and learn something new about our work in our communities.

If you want to learn more about the Community Foundation or discuss ways you can be even more creative with your charitable giving, please contact us.



Sue Hartshorn  
 Chair, Board of Trustees



Andrea L. Reynolds  
 President and CEO

## Charitable IRA Rollover

If you are looking for another way to support your favorite charities and reduce taxable income, the Charitable IRA Rollover may be for you.

In December 2010, a law was enacted that allows individuals 70 ½ years of age and older to give up to \$100,000 of their retirement savings directly to charity, completely bypassing income tax. This new law provides an advantage to individuals wishing to support their favorite charities and helps nonprofits that are experiencing the continued effects of a tough economy.

By transferring IRA assets directly to a qualified public charity such as the Community Foundation, the money is not included in the IRA owner's income and is not taxed, preserving the full amount for charitable purposes.

This is a time-limited offer which ends December 31, 2011. For anyone interested in establishing a permanent legacy in our communities, this is the opportunity of a lifetime to make a gift of a lifetime.

## Save the date!

### Partnership in Education Awards Ceremony

Join us as we celebrate educators and students.

Thursday, May 26, 2011

5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

The Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel

Visit the Community Foundation's Web site in the coming weeks for more details and to make your reservation.

Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Please contact Erin Hill, Communications Associate at 845-452-3077 or ehill@cfhvny.org.

# Community Foundation Affiliates Award \$38,150 to Dutchess and Ulster Nonprofits

This past fall, the Community Foundation of Ulster County and the Community Foundation of Dutchess County awarded \$38,150 in Community Response Grants to twenty-four nonprofits. The Dutchess Awards Ceremony was held at the Abilities First School, Poughkeepsie. The Ulster Awards Ceremony was held at the Resource Center for Accessible Living, Inc., Kingston. Holding ceremonies in different nonprofit facilities allows us to showcase a particular organization as we recognize and celebrate the hard work of many of the nonprofits in our communities.

Community Response Grants are awarded to help organizations be more effective and efficient. Grants awarded throughout Dutchess and Ulster Counties include but are not limited to equipment to improve office operations, professional development for staff and/or board members and programmatic areas.

Grant applications and guidelines can be found at [www.cfhnvny.org](http://www.cfhnvny.org).



## Organizations that received Fall 2010 Dutchess Community Response Grants were:

Alzheimer's Association - \$1,000  
The Center for the Prevention  
of Child Abuse - \$978  
Dutchess Outreach, Inc. - \$3,000  
Grace Smith House, Inc. - \$2,715  
Harriet Tubman Academic Skills and  
Enrichment Program - \$3,000  
Legal Services of the  
Hudson Valley - \$950  
Mid-Hudson Love INC - \$1,000  
Poughkeepsie Farm Project - \$2,450  
Saint Francis Healthcare Foundation -  
\$2,990  
Somos La Llave del Futuro - \$3,000  
Trinity United Methodist Church - \$2,067



## Organizations that received Fall 2010 Ulster Community Response Grants were:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ulster  
County - \$1,000  
Family of Woodstock, Inc. - \$1,000  
Historic Huguenot Street - \$1,600  
Kingston Hoops Summer Sizzle - \$1,000  
Phillies Bridge Farm Project, Inc. -  
\$1,000  
Planned Parenthood of the  
Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - \$1,000  
Resource Center for Accessible  
Living, Inc. - \$1,750  
Rosendale Theatre Collective - \$750  
Stone Ridge Library Foundation, Inc. -  
\$1,132  
The Queens Galley - \$1,500  
Ulster County Historical Society - \$1,268  
Ulster Literacy Association - \$1,000  
YWCA Ulster County - \$1,000

## New Staff



## Christine Kane Joins Staff

Christine Kane has joined the staff of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley as Vice President, Dutchess. She has 20 years of experience in development with nonprofit organizations and possesses a certified fundraising executive credential. Most recently Christine has worked with Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc. and Dutchess Land Conservancy.

"We are pleased to have Christine join the Community Foundation," said Andrea Reynolds, President and CEO. "She brings enthusiasm, experience and skills that complement the existing talent of the Foundation's staff."

Kane's responsibilities will be spearheading the Community Foundation's development efforts with a concentration on the Dutchess County community.



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## Save the Date!

2011 Garden Party  
Sunday, October 2, 2011  
3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

At the Home of Patrick Page  
Poughkeepsie, NY

Sponsorship opportunities  
are available.

Please contact Christine Kane,  
Vice President, Dutchess at  
845-452-3077 or ckane@cfhvny.org.

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please contact the Community Foundation.

## Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley

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The mission of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley and our affiliates in Dutchess, Ulster and Putnam is to strengthen our community by offering donors the means to establish charitable legacies, making grants and providing leadership to address community needs in a manner that is responsible, responsive and lasting. Each affiliate will carry out this mission in their specific geographic areas.

As affiliates, the Community Foundation of Dutchess, Community Foundation of Ulster and Community Foundation of Putnam do not have separate legal and tax status. A separate Advisory Board for each Affiliate will oversee on a local level the Affiliates' activities, help build funds, recommend grants and represent the interests of the specific county in matters related to funds in that county.

### New Funds (continued from cover)

#### Opus 40 Museum Fund\*

A project fund established to provide support for the charitable purposes of the Opus 40 Museum.



#### Chip and Karen Simon Charitable Fund

A donor advised fund that awards grants to nonprofit organizations.

#### Martha Strever Scholarship for Achievement in Mathematics Fund

Established to provide scholarships to graduating seniors of Red Hook High School who have chosen a college program which requires a heavy background in mathematics.

#### Glenn B. Sutherland and Cynthia A. Lowe Fund\*

A donor advised fund that awards grants to nonprofit organizations.

#### Walkway Over the Hudson Fund

A nonprofit organization fund created to support the charitable activities of the Walkway Over the Hudson.

\*Funds of Community Foundation of Ulster County