

LIBRARY ADVENTURE TO A BETTER COMMUNITY

For the **LIBRARY ADVENTURE**, NCCF partnered with local libraries to teach and encourage giving back to the community. Two contests ran at each of the eight libraries in addition to interactive events including special activities during children's story hour, puppet shows and community discussions on Philanthropy.

The adults were asked to answer: "You volunteer on a committee dedicated to helping the community. The committee has received \$10,000! Where would you spend the money to help the community? What would your role be as a volunteer?" The winner received a new Kindle Reader. Second and third place winners received Barnes & Noble gift cards.

The children's "Inspire Us Contest" asked the children to draw a picture explaining how they help in their community. Participants received free book coupons. At each library, a winner was selected based on the thoughtfulness of his/her entry and not on artistic ability. Winners received a \$25 gift card to Barnes & Noble.

NCCF Intern Alexia Dixon-Decaire, Communications Intern from SUNY Fredonia, provided leadership for the Library Adventure!



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KICKOFF CELEBRATION

NCCF board, volunteers, and staff were overwhelmed with the gathering of friends at 21 Brix on Friday, January 22!

An evening of friends, food, and fun was had by the close to 150 community members who attended. Several friends of NCCF spoke to the gathering on their experiences with the NCCF as well as their thoughts on giving back to our community. Bob Ehrheart, Lakeshore Humane Society, shared his appreciation. "The NCCF has always been good to us. The money we receive from the endowment funds set up for our benefit by generous donors has helped us reach our yearly operational goals."

Guests gathered outside at the end of the celebration to release 30 eco-friendly sky lanterns, one for each successful year in northern Chautauqua County!

Question asked during event
What is Philanthropy?
Attendees' Answers:
The opportunity to give back.
The NCCF.
Giving to the community.



PREMIER VIDEO "THE RIGHT PLACE"

Ted Sharon put the heart and soul of NCCF into this video that spans 30 years of giving back to the community.

Visit the NCCF website to view the video on YouTube.

www.nccfoundation.org

CELEBRATE "30 YEARS AND COUNTING"

On October 6, 85 Friends of the NCCF gathered at the 1891 Fredonia Opera House to celebrate "30 Years and Counting." Following a welcome by NCCF President Kathy Brinkman and Executive Director Diane Hannum, Board Member Priscilla Koch announced an exciting new initiative of the NCCF - the Neighborhood Pride Challenge.

Andy Dorn and Rick Johnson, both members of the founding committee, provided background on the NCCF from the motivation of the Founding Fathers to the 30-year impact that NCCF has made in northern Chautauqua County. Rick also commended the 30 Bequest Society Members, living and deceased, for their vision of a strong northern Chautauqua County community.

Board Member Susan Wells drew the winning entry for the 30th Anniversary *Be a Philanthropist* Contest Grand Prize to name a fund at the NCCF. Congratulations to Carl Kerr!

Ted Sharon of Venture Productions concluded the program by introducing the highlight of the evening - the premier of the 30th Anniversary video - "The Right Place."

A reception on stage followed the program with refreshments by Aloe Vera Eatery. Southern Tier Brewery generously contributed a tasty selection of beers.



NCCF VISITS DUNKIRK DAVE

NCCF staff cheered on Dunkirk Dave as he accurately predicted six more weeks of winter! Diane presented Dunkirk Dave with an NCCF 30th Anniversary cup filled with yummy groundhog snacks and Tim Bits for his human friends!



CELEBRATE AND ICE SKATE

On March 19, over 100 community members joined volunteers and staff for an afternoon of ice skating at SUNY Fredonia's Steele Hall.

There were plenty of activities. Aids from SUNY Fredonia were available to assist new skaters, children took advantage of the crafts table and colorful balloons, and guests snacked on free popcorn and cake pops along with drinks donated by Tops Market.

NCCF Intern Julianne Foster, Communications Intern from SUNY Fredonia, provided leadership for this successful event!



APPLEBEE'S FLAPJACK FUNDRAISER

The NCCF held the 4th annual Flapjack Breakfast and Basket Raffle Fundraiser on April 2nd at the Applebee's located on Vineyard Dr. in Dunkirk. Over 175 people enjoyed pancakes with the NCCF staff and volunteers. A special Thank You went out to the team from Johnson, Mackowiak & Associates for helping and to everyone who donated items for the Basket Raffle.

Between the breakfast & basket raffle, over \$1,700 was raised to benefit NCCF's Service Learning Mini-Grant Program. School districts in northern Chautauqua County are eligible to apply for programs that combine community service with traditional instruction.



CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY RAILROAD HISTORY WEEKEND

To celebrate its 30th anniversary, NCCF joined the Dunkirk Historical Society in celebrating Chautauqua County Railroad History Weekend on May 15th. The Historical Society celebrated the 165th anniversary of the 1st train to arrive in Dunkirk and the 100th anniversary of the Steam Locomotive #444 currently on display at the Railroad Exhibit in the Chautauqua County Fairgrounds.

NCCF has supported the Historical Society for many years through the Community Grants Program. In 1988, the Dunkirk Historical Society received one of NCCF's first grants. This \$900 grant was used to install a security system for the railroad exhibit at the fairgrounds.



Celebration Events

- 1/22 Kickoff Celebration
- 2/2 Dunkirk Dave
- 3/19 Ice Skate & Celebrate
- 4/2 Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser
- 5/15 Railroad History Show
- 7/25-31 Chautauqua County Fair
- 8/26-28 Fredonia Farm Festival
- 10/6 Celebrate 30 Years & Counting
- 11/18 Community Foundation Week Open House

Paint Your Community

- 7/9 St. Columban's on the Lake
- 7/23 Dunkirk Lighthouse
- 8/6 Noble Winery
- 8/20 Camp Gross

Library Adventure (week events)

- 8/29 Dunkirk Public Library
- 9/12 Darwin R. Barker Library
- 9/19 Ripley Free Library
- 10/3 Cassadaga Branch Library & Mary E. Seymour Library
- 10/10 Patterson Library
- 10/17 Anderson Lee Library
- 10/24 Ahira Hall Memorial Library & Sinclairville Free Library



DUNKIRK MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

NCCF staff, board and friends participated in the City of Dunkirk's Memorial Day Parade marching with the banner and tossing candy and handing out NCCF paper hats to parade goers.

A FAIR WEEK IN JULY

What a fun week at the Chautauqua County Fair! Our volunteers enjoyed talking with the many visitors who stopped by the NCCF booth for information, popcorn and the Be a Philanthropist contest. Once again, we purchased a second booth for local nonprofits with ties to the NCCF.



PAINT YOUR COMMUNITY

Paint Your Community was expertly and patiently instructed by Kate Tarkowski, owner of *Chautauqua Cocktails & Colors*. Thank you!

Everyone had a good time painting a sailboat at NCCF's first Paint Your Community event at **St. Columban's on the Lake**, including the residents. NCCF thanked Sister Corona and her staff for the wonderful welcome and the use of the facility.

It was a warm and sunny day for the second Paint Your Community event at the **Dunkirk Lighthouse** painting - you guessed it - a lighthouse! Thanks to G&E Tents, the artists sat under the shade of a large tent.

Noble Winery hosted the third Paint Your Community Event for over 20 people. The view of the vineyards and Lake Erie from winery were an inspiration for the selected painting!



The final Paint Your Community at **Camp Gross** included two events. The first was painting a fish on a hook. The second event was for the younger children that included a scavenger hunt and a craft table to show off their artistic skills.

