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SIX TOWN COMMUNITY FUND CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY WITH MATCHING CHALLENGE

NORTHERN NEW YORK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WILL DOUBLE GIFTS TO '60 FOR SIX TOWN' CAMPAIGN

A $30,000 MATCHING GRANT FROM THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WILL HELP THE SIX TOWN COMMUNITY FUND CELEBRATE ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY AS IT KICKS OFF THE "60 FOR SIX TOWN" CAMPAIGN, WHICH WILL FOCUS ON SECURING $60,000 IN NEW GIFTS TO INCREASE AVAILABLE RESOURCES FOR GRANTMAKING.

SIX TOWN COMMUNITY FUND CHAIR BARB GREENE SAID THE COMMITTEE IS ENERGIZED AND HOPES TO RAISE AWARENESS WITH SUSTAINING AND PROSPECTIVE FIRST-TIME DONORS. THE MATCHING GRANT "IS EXCELLENT TIMING TO CELEBRATE THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMUNITY FUND AND ITS ACHIEVEMENTS."

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Six Town COMMUNITY FUND

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Azz Dogz-Northern Chapter motorcycle club members donate to the local Children's Miracle Network at Samaritan Medical Center.
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“We appreciate the Foundation’s generous support and confidence in our stewardship. Our committee believes in the purpose and importance of this fund that has made a great impact across southern Jefferson County,” Mrs. Greene said. “Because of Six Town’s success in the first decade, we view this matching opportunity as a chance to build upon its growth.”

After an establishing gift in December 2012, a group of citizens representing southern Jefferson County joined together in 2013 to build a permanent charitable fund to benefit residents of the Six Town region in perpetuity. Those six towns include Adams, Ellisburg, Henderson, Lorraine, Rodman, and Worth.
Thanks to the generosity of nearly 120 individuals, families, businesses, and organizations who made founding gifts, a fund was endowed to make grants back into the community for nonprofit programs, projects, and initiatives. With the help of an initial $50,000 matching grant from the Community Foundation, the Six Town Community Fund was born.

Throughout the past decade, gifts of all sizes have been made leading to a consensus that “giving where you live” is a top priority for donors. Since its inception, the Community Fund has supported 42 different community projects led by Six Town-area nonprofit organizations with nearly $40,000 in grant support awarded.

“We are thrilled that word is getting out and more grant applications are being submitted each year,” Mrs. Greene said.

An important component of creating a geographic-specific fund is educating local donors about designating gifts to the community where they lived, worked, raised their family, and built an affinity for the place they call home. Committee members are planning public outreach.

The Community Fund has become a meaningful choice for donors who wish to make an enduring gift to support the region. In 10 years, two planned gifts have been made with future provisions to help grow the fund and committee members are prepared to re-engage the community to further build the fund.

To make a gift and double your impact across the Six Town region, mail gifts to Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601.

Photos from the Six Town Community Fund “Evening of Gratitude” held at the Henderson Harbor Performing Arts Association grounds in August.

Senator Mark Walczyk (R, C) 49th Senate District held a bonfire session at the Henderson Harbor Performing Arts Association grounds on September 26 providing an opportunity for attendees to discuss important issues. More than 30 people attended.

Business After Hours was held at the Watertown Savings Bank in Adams on October 4. The bank was celebrated for 130 years of business in the area. Entrepreneur and owner of “Health Wealth”, Cathy Peyton, was also celebrated at the event through the Six Town Chamber of Commerce.

Recollections of a Paperboy - Part three of many more to come

1976 Story by
Squire D. Rushnell

... As a boy, Squire and his family were puzzled when one day, upon coming home, they found a dollar bill slipped under the back door. Whose was it, they pondered?
The mystery continued for five days until somebody noticed that all the old newspapers were removed from the crib in the shed.

It had been Carl. He’d come along, picked ‘em up, packed ‘em in a brand sack, weighed ‘em, and left the dollar. Of course Carl Weaver’s TV alter-ego would be properly portrayed as a salt-of-the-earth, pillar of probity, and true to the memory, the actor would expose a toothless grin from a weathered face, speckled with a stubble of gray beard. And the villains who victimized him in the story would, in the end, get their come-upins.
On another occasion the “paperboy” book would have our young TV executive working on a television series involving two spinster sisters (not unlike “The Waltons” Baldwin sisters). Well, right off he thought of Netti and Hatti, two of the most unique customers on his paper route.

Local Bikers Raise $15,500 for Children's Miracle Network of NNY

The Azz Dogz-Northern Chapter, a motorcycle group that meets at the Adams Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), holds various events each year to raise funds for a local charity. They selected Children's Miracle Network of Northern New York at Samaritan Medical Center this year.

The two-year-old son of Azz Dogz members Erik Demianenko and Abby Putnam was born prematurely and was admitted to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Crouse Hospital, where he remained for more than two months. Samaritan's Children's Miracle Network (CMN) program assisted the family with travel expenses for trips to Syracuse from their home in Dexter, NY.

"These guys (Azz Dogz) are so awesome, and they raise money for different charities every year," said Abby. "I encouraged them to choose Children's Miracle Network because we just wanted to give back for what CMN did for us. We are personally so honored to be a part of this and to give back."

"We worked especially hard to get as many contributions as we could," said Azz Dogz member Jeff Greene. "The biggest event we have is our March Party to kick off the year, then we had two motorcycle runs during the year to raise money."

The group also raffled off a minibike with help from Carson's Pizzeria in Adams where many tickets were sold.

Angie VanWormer, director of Children's Miracle Network at Samaritan, said "It's especially heartwarming when a family that was assisted by CMN is so passionate about helping us and other families in return. The Azz Dogz raised an incredible amount of money for CMN, as well as awareness of what we do. We are extremely grateful for this donation and their support."

Samaritan Medical Center has served as the North Country's only Children's Miracle Network Hospital since 1990, striving to raise and allocate funds to improve the health and wellbeing of children in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties.

Funds raised through the Children's Miracle Network program support child-centered areas of Samaritan through the funding of capital projects and purchase of critical pediatric equipment. In addition, funds raised provide direct financial assistance to local families with a child facing a medical crisis for travel expenses and other out-of-pocket medical costs — a program unique to Samaritan.

For more information on Children's Miracle Network, contact Samaritan Medical Center at 315-785-4053 or cmninfo@shsny.com

Faith Corner & Local Events

Many Community Activities hosted by Adams United Methodist Church

Greetings to all in this beautiful corner of the world! We are so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful community full of amazing people and we wish to recognize this by offering a series of community events. Starting in November we will be hosting something new and exciting each week from musical concerts to movie nights, community dinners, mystery adventures and game nights many of which are FREE and FUN for the whole family. Please see our calendar of events and post it on your refrigerator, there is literally something for everyone at the Adams United Methodist Church. These activities will continue through the winter months and into the spring. Who says there's nothing to do in the winter? We have plenty going on at AUMC so come enjoy the fun and fellowship!

Rev. Kevin R. Kitto and your friends at Adams UMC

Pancake Breakfast, Bazaar and Bake Sale
Saturday, October 21, 2023 8:30 -11:00 AM
Adams UMC Fellowship Hall at 36 East Church Street, Adams (entry off Wardwell St.)
Adults $11.00 - Kids (4-11) $5.50 - under 4 FREE
Dine amongst our Homemade Baked Goods and Bazaar Treasures

Chicken BBQ
Sunday, October 29 - Visit Facebook for more info
Adams Center Fire Department
$8 per half

TRUNK OR TREAT
Tuesday, October 31, 2023
Parking Lot at AUMC - 5 PM -7:30 PM
Distribute Candy from your Decorated Vehicle
or Donate Bags of Candy for Volunteers to distribute
An event hosted by the Hospitality and Outreach Team along with our Girl Scout Troop

TRUNK OR TREAT
Tuesday, October 31, 2023, 6-9 PM
Adams Center Baptist Church, 13394 Route 11

Lasagna Dinner - Election Day
Tuesday, November 7
Drive thru Pick up only Adams UMC (Sorry, No Dine-in)
$14 per dinner includes : Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Bread & Desert
Gluten Free Lasagna available upon request
Serving begins at 4:00 PM until gone
Organized by Judy Franklin

Game Night at AUMC
Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 6:30 PM
Bring your favorite Board Game and
Bring a snack to share

SJ Ecumenical Council Community Thanksgiving Service
Hosted by Adams UMC
Saturday, November 18, 2023 - 3 PM
Featuring the SJEC Community Choir & the AUMC Bell Choir
Music directed by Sue Gamet - service led by area clergy

Movie Night at Adams UMC
"Jesus Revolution" starring Kelsey Grammer
Tuesday, November 21, 2023 - 6:30 PM
Visit Adams United Methodist Church on Facebook for more information on this and other events.

Children's Christmas Bazaar
Adams Village Baptist Church, 24 East Church Street
Saturday, December 2 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Bring your children and their shopping list! They will be able to shop inexpensively for a variety of items, some handmade. Items will be wrapped and tagged at the event. Refreshments available.

Holiday Party and Open House
Henderson Historical Society
Sunday, December 3 from Noon - 3 PM
Food and fellowship

Area churches are encouraged to send similar information to this through email: sixtownnewsletter@gmail.com

THE SPARTAN CLOSET
LAKE EFFECT WINTER GEAR

The Spartan Closet is offering gently used winter clothing at NO COST to South Jefferson families in need.

Calendar of Events

- **We are only accepting the following donations at this time:**
  - ★**Winter Gear for KIDS AND TEENS: *Hoodies or sweatshirts, warm coats or jackets, hats, mittens, gloves, boots, snow pants, and new socks.***
- Clothing donations may be dropped off at:
  - ★South Jefferson Middle School, Wednesday, November 1st - 3rd from 8:00am - 2:00 pm.
  - ★South Jefferson High School cafeteria Friday, November 3rd from 3:00- 6:00 pm
- **Saturday, November 4th: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. SHOPPING TIME! Families may come and shop at the Clarke High School Building Cafeteria.**
- Contact Persons: Michele Porter (315) 465 -4281 ex 3 mporter@spartanpride.org or Abby Stone astone@spartanpride.org

South Jefferson Lions Club

Rummage & Bake Sale

Thurs. Oct 19 10 - 5 *bring your own bags*

Fri. Oct 20 10 - 5 *bring your own bags*

Sat. Oct 21 9 – 12 Bag Sale *Bags provided*

Sixtown Meeting House, 33 E. Church St. Adams

Happening at the Historical Association of South Jefferson, 29 East Church Street, Adams, Sunday, November 26 at 3 p.m. There will be a free Christmas Organ Concert featuring performances by Sally Jerome, Laura Whitehead, and Jason Comet.

SIX TOWN CHAMBER of COMMERCE

A GREAT PLACE TO SPEND A DAY OR A LIFETIME

The Six Town Chamber has had a very successful year to date. Our Business After Hour events have been well attended.

Our plans for the rest of 2023 include a Halloween Parade and Festival to be held at Embellished Catering on October 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is made possible by our generous members who are providing treats, games and monetary prizes. We want to thank Matt and Michele and company at Embellished Catering for organizing and hosting this event again this year.

The Chamber will recognize our Veterans this year. We will be serving Great Lakes Cheese and crackers at the Adams American Legion and VFW on Veterans Day. We hope this small gesture will let our local veterans know how much we appreciate them and we thank them for their service.

We support shopping local for goods and services. On Small Business Saturday we will be encouraging our members and citizens to shop our local stores, dine in our great restaurants and consider services offered by our membership.

Our last event of 2023 will be our annual Christmas parade to be held on Saturday, December 16 at 4 p.m. in Adams. We welcome all our members in the Six Town community to join us as we celebrate the holiday season. We hope we get good participation in the parade. Our theme this year is: “A Cowboy Christmas.” We are expecting innovation entries. The theme was voted on by the community of social media.

See the last page of this newsletter for the registration form. We hope many participate.

We thank our membership for a productive year networking and supporting each other. The Chamber strives to promote and unit our membership through our various events. Our volunteer board is looking forward to 2024 with optimism and commitment to our membership.

In September, a 50th anniversary celebration and open house was held at the Historical Association of South Jefferson. Pictured here, Debbie Quick accepted a plaque from the Sixtown Chamber of Commerce.

The historical association was established in 1973 by Frank and Marian (Ripley) Steele. The museum opened in the former Farmer’s National Bank building on East Church Street. Over the years, the association acquired several buildings.
In 2003, Marian left the association her home at 29 East Church Street which had been in the Ripley family for 120 years. After months of renovation, it became the museum reopened in the Ripley house.

Other buildings and properties of the museum include the former Presbyterian Church (Sixtown Meeting House), a one-room schoolhouse from Lorraine, a log cabin from Henderson, World War II spotters building from Rodman, and on Grange Ave in Adams: the Adams Grange and Frazer Machine Shop buildings.

The association plans to continue to maintain and restore these buildings and grounds while collecting and recording information and artifacts from Southern Jefferson County.

Saturday

December 16th

4 p.m.

Village of Adams

Presented by the

Six Town Chamber

On December 16, Adams United Methodist Church, 36 East Church Street, will host Christmas activities throughout the day leading to the annual parade. A Community Concert will be held at 1 p.m. in the church sanctuary, parents with children 10 and under are invited to drop their children off in our fellowship hall during the concert for story time, activities, and games celebrating the reason for the season. Parents may stay with children if they wish, or enjoy the performance. At 2 p.m. there will be cookies and cocoa with Santa in the church fellowship hall for anyone interested. At 3 p.m. there will be a live nativity on the front lawn of the church. And at 4 p.m. we will enjoy the parade.

Supporting your hometown today & forever

*"**Philanthropy** is passed on to build a **better place** for the next generation. Without educating young people and showing them what can be accomplished, they won't have the interest in the **North Country** that we have today."*

— Frank & Ann Cean, Henderson

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