

Commitment to the Community

A report from The Board of Directors

The Eden Community Foundation, Inc.

Fall 2020



“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

Helen Keller



The Board of Directors of your Eden Community Foundation hopes that you and your loved ones have enjoyed good health during this unusual year. The Foundation has proudly served Eden for more than twenty years, and we are grateful for you, our many faithful and generous donors.

This summer the Foundation Board got to work responding to the unique stresses of Covid-19 with several grants. Our first grant funded cloth

facemasks to be given to clients of the Eden-North Collins Food Bank. Next, funds were granted to support the Blessings Box at St Johns Church providing ShurFine shoppers help with their weekly purchases. Funds were also granted to provide for hand sanitizer and dispensers at each of our community’s churches, the Boys and Girls Club, the American Legion, and the VFW Post. The biggest grant in our history, combined with a New York State Main Street Grant, funded the beautiful new planters, benches, bike racks and waste receptacles placed throughout our town. That grant also funded 22 trees which were planted at Swartz Field. These trees are the first part of a greater plan to enhance our community experience. We are also proud of the small part we played, handing out Eden Community Foundation cloth bags for shopping at Eden’s very first Farmers Market.

All of the above grants began with ideas from citizens like yourselves, and were made possible with your donations. When you give to the Eden Community Foundation your gift will continue to make a difference for years to come.

We asked a few of our longtime donors “why they gave?”

“Supporting the Eden Foundation has always been an easy choice for us. There are not many other charitable causes where, on a daily basis, you can see the results of your donation. We like the fact that the money we give to our Community Foundation stays here in Eden. It provides tangible benefits throughout the Town. We can see that it helps organizations that are aiding members of our community; it helps beautify our Town; and it will provide funding for our projects in the future. The list of beneficiaries is impressive and with more donors it can grow. We hope you will join us in supporting the Eden Community Foundation.” Linda and Franklin Meyer



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"We have contributed to the Foundation for many years. We like to see all the projects around town that the Foundation is involved with, especially all the beautiful hanging baskets of flowers on Main Street." As the president of the Eden Farm Museum, Ruth said that she knows "first hand about the grants given to the community. The Foundation gave a grant to the museum for a handicap accessible entry ramp to the house. The Foundation Board puts the time and effort into deciding on worthy causes for our community. We look forward to the yearly donor appreciation parties, and we particularly liked the one at GLP School. We think of the Foundation as "Grow With Eden" Ruth and Ron Bucki



Letter from the President

Helen Keller said "alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Twenty years ago, our founding members had a vision for how to improve the lives of Eden residents; to pool our resources, efforts, and talents for the greater good.

Through your generosity, and in cooperation with those who love our community, their dream continues today. We are happy to have played a role in this past year's accomplishments including implementation of the Town's Main Street Beautification Streetscape project and helping organizations in our community address challenges of the COVID pandemic. On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support. We are all better for it.

I would also like to recognize Linda Meyer, Bill Carpenter, Bob Stickney, and Sue Cardamone who have retired from our Board and were subsequently named Directors Emeritus. It is through their stewardship, as well as that of the talented individuals who currently serve on the Board, that the Foundation is able to do such good work.

All the best,

Bob Penna
President, Eden Community Foundation

Donor Alert:

For 2020 the CARES Act created a temporary charitable deduction for gifts of cash to qualified charities like the Eden Community Foundation of up to \$300 per Tax return. It applies to all taxpayers, even those who do not itemize (i.e. claim the standard deduction).

What's Different?

Joe and Marlene who typically take the standard deduction for couples on their tax return are now also able to benefit from an additional tax break of up to \$300 for cash donations made to qualified charitable organizations in addition to the standard deduction in 2020.

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Future Gifts are always welcome, too. You can continue your support of our efforts long after you have passed away, by making a planned gift, sometimes called a legacy gift. It can be done as simply as naming the Foundation as a beneficiary in your will, or as a beneficiary of one of your investment assets, such as an IRA or 401(k) account. Your legal or financial advisor can guide you in this process. It can be the perfect way to keep giving to Eden well into the future.