

## Rome Community Foundation - Here For Rome's Future

☐ Yes, I want to donate to the Rome Community Foundation to help build a strong financial base to support worthy organizations, agencies, institutions, projects, and services that will enhance the long-term health, stability, and diversity of the Rome community for years to come.

**Donor Name** ☐ Name to be listed\* ☐ To be listed as "Anonymous"

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Listings may appear on [www.RomeCommunityFoundation.org](http://www.RomeCommunityFoundation.org), and in publicity, advertising, and Foundation brochures and reports.*

### I would like to make my contribution by:

☐ Cash/Check (please make checks payable to "Rome Community Foundation")

### I want to donate:

☐ One-time donation of ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100  
☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Pledge ☐ \$500/yr over five yrs ☐ \$1,000/yr over five yrs  
☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ /yr over \_\_\_\_\_ yrs Total pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Amt enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Balance owed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ A gift of securities, provision in my will, life insurance, or via other estate plans.  
Please contact me.

### I want my donation to support Rome's future through:

☐ Field of Interest ☐ Favorite Organization ☐ Unrestricted Fund  
Description \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Call me to discuss setting up a Scholarship, Designated, or Donor-Advised Fund

### [Optional]

#### This donation is being made in memory or honor of someone special:

☐ In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please send an acknowledgement card to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your support! The Rome Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization under the regulations of the Internal Revenue Service.

Contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

Mail to: Rome Community Foundation, P.O. Box 609, Rome NY 13442-0609

The Rome Community Foundation is the only public foundation responding exclusively to the needs of Rome area institutions and the people they serve. Grants from the Rome Community Foundation help support capital improvement projects and include many kinds of items, equipment, materials, and supplies.

**With your donation, the  
Rome Community Foundation  
can make a positive difference  
for the people and services  
in the Greater Rome area.**



## What is your favorite cause?

Education

Literacy

Environment

Children in Need

Senior Citizens in Need

Hungry & Homeless

Health & Fitness

Performing & Visual Arts

Public Safety

Youth & Family Services

Scholarship Assistance

**Discover how the Rome Community  
Foundation provides ways for you to  
support your favorite Rome causes,  
now and in the future!**



# ROME COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

WE'RE HERE TO STAY, FOR THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

*Dedicated to preservation and  
growth for Rome, New York,  
and its people, organizations,  
landmarks, structures, and  
services, to benefit current  
citizens and future generations*



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## Rome Community Foundation

*A place to donate, secure your legacy, and preserve your favorite places  
for the benefit of residents in the Rome area.*



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### Under the Rome Community Foundation Umbrella: Fund Types

#### Endowment Funds

The Foundation's assets include a General Endowment Fund managed by the Board of Directors, with guidance from a professional investment firm.

#### Donor-Advised Funds

The Board of Directors oversees Donor-Advised Funds, the majority of which are established by individuals who designate the amount to be granted each year from their funds for specific projects and organizations. Other donor-advised funds managed by the Foundation are Restricted Funds, where monies are designated for one specific purpose only. As examples, one restricted fund exclusively serves the needs of Rome's deaf community, while another provides special benefits for hospitalized children in the area.

#### Stevens-Kingsley Fund

This special Donor-Advised Fund was established when the Stevens-Kingsley Foundation, a private foundation, was dissolved. The Stevens-Kingsley Fund allocates money for grants recommended on an annual basis by an advisory board to the Foundation's Board of Directors.

#### Dyett Grant Fund

This special scholarship fund was established when the Herbert T. Dyett Foundation, a private foundation, was dissolved. The Dyett Grant Fund allocates money for higher-education scholarships to qualifying graduates of local high schools, upon the recommendation of the former trustees of the Dyett Foundation.

#### Designated Funds

In addition, the Foundation is authorized to establish Designated Funds, where the donor designates, at the time the fund is established, the beneficiaries of the income from investment of fund assets.



### Small Donations Make a Big Difference

The Rome Community Foundation manages endowment and donor-assisted funds from which it allocates grant monies, but also relies on one-time memorial donations, contributions made in honor of family or friends, and individual bequests to serve the needs of our area's cultural, service, and charitable organizations—which in turn benefit the entire community. There is no question that small donations make a big difference.

An individual's donation is placed into a general endowment fund for investment purposes, the income from which supports specific grant requests from local organizations. Each grant is subject to approval by the Board of Directors. Donors can request that their contributions be earmarked for a specific organization or for a specific purpose, such as educational, cultural, recreational, or health-related.

Many types of support are possible: one-time donation, pledge, gift of securities, bequest, life insurance, or via other estate plans. Call to discuss your options. All inquiries will be kept confidential.

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## About the Rome Community Foundation

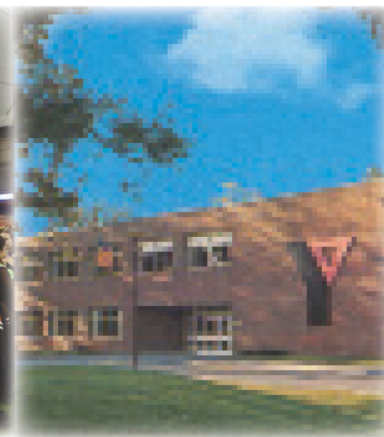
The Rome Community Foundation was established in 1999 to address the emerging needs of community non-profit organizations and of individuals seeking better ways to donate to the well-being of citizens in the Greater Rome, New York, area.

Relatively small funds and potentially high expenses prevent many groups from creating endowments to support their activities. The creation of the Rome Community Foundation made endowment establishment easy, and provided a way to allow service organizations to assist donors in meeting their philanthropic objectives.

The Rome Community Foundation is an independent Rome-based public foundation, with all donations specifically directed to benefit the charitable needs of the Rome area. The Foundation does not compete with existing fund-raising efforts by other groups, and does not conduct traditional public fund-raising events. Rather, it builds endowment through individual bequests, memorials, and donations from other sources. All funds are managed by a professional investment firm.

The Foundation strives to create an atmosphere where everyone is comfortable submitting a grant request: existing groups, new programs, small and large organizations. The hope is that all will come together in the spirit of building a strong financial base to enhance the long-term health, stability, and diversity of our community.

The Rome Community Foundation provides a central structure for protected, supervised charitable giving and expanded charitable giving options, thereby supplementing and enhancing efforts of existing community organizations. The Foundation satisfies the donor's desire to contribute to a professionally-managed fund, facilitates donations, and directs the flow of charitable dollars to worthy projects and services in the Rome community.



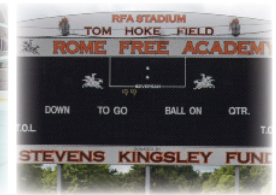
## Rome Community Foundation: *We're here for the Life of the Community*

The Rome Community Foundation, with guidance from professional investment advisors, currently manages in excess of \$6 million in funds. Since its inception in 1999, the Foundation has reviewed hundreds of requests and donated hundreds of thousands of dollars, including a growing number of qualified projects for these organizations:

- All Saints Polish Church
- Ava Dorfman Senior & Community Center
- Capitol Civic Center
- Capitol Theatre
- City of Rome
- Erie Canalway
- First Baptist Church
- First Presbyterian Church
- First Presbyterian Church – Westernville
- First United Methodist Church
- Floyd Historical Society
- Front of the Class
- Hillside Work-Scholarship Program
- Hospice and Palliative Care
- Humane Society of Rome
- Jervis Public Library
- Kamp Kiwanis
- King's Kids Christian Preschool
- Lake Delta Volunteer Fire Department
- Lee Methodist Church
- Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency
- Mohawk Valley Community College – Rome Campus
- New York State School for the Deaf
- Project Fibonacci
- Revolutionary Trails Council
- RFA Black Knights Marching Band
- Rome Art & Community Center
- Rome Baseball Association
- Rome Bike Share Program
- Rome Catholic Schools
- Rome Cemetery Association
- Rome City School District
- Rome Clean & Green
- Rome Colts Pop Warner
- Rome Community Job Fairs
- Rome Community Theater
- Rome Family Y
- Rome Futures Academy
- Rome Historical Society
- Rome Industrial Development Corporation
- Rome Main Street Alliance
- Rome Memorial Hospital
- Rome Police and Firemen's Memorial
- Rome Police Department
- Rome Rescue Mission
- Rome Sports Hall of Fame
- Rome Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)
- Salvation Army
- South Rome Senior Center
- St. John the Baptist Church
- St. Joseph's Church
- St. Paul's Church
- Tri-City Lacrosse
- United Cerebral Palsy
- YWCA's Lucy's House
- Zion Episcopal Church







## Rome Community Foundation: Practical Support for Meeting Current and Future Needs

The Rome Community Foundation is the only public foundation serving exclusively the needs of the Rome area. Grants from the Rome Community Foundation help support capital improvement projects and provide many types of equipment, materials, and supplies for local organizations. Types of projects to date include:

- Supplies for exterior and interior building construction, repair, improvements, and painting.
- Landscaping and paving expense for improvements, repair, compliance.
- Barrier-free playground equipment.
- HVAC, electrical, and elevator upgrades and equipment.
- Athletic facility improvements, including an arena ice resurfacer and irrigation for ball fields.
- Window replacements.
- Office computer and equipment upgrades.
- Signs and athletic scoreboards.
- Education, sports, and music equipment.
- Community memorials, art, and sculpture.
- Lighting, security, and surveillance equipment.
- Specialized vehicle purchases.
- Kitchen appliance and equipment purchase, repair, and upgrades.

**If your favorite non-profit organization anticipates capital improvement needs, it may be eligible for financial support from the Rome Community Foundation. Find more details online and download a grant application form at [www.RomeCommunityFoundation.org](http://www.RomeCommunityFoundation.org).**



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These individuals would be pleased to discuss how you can make a difference with a gift to the Rome Community Foundation:

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\*as of 10/19. Consult [www.RomeCommunityFoundation.org](http://www.RomeCommunityFoundation.org) for latest listing.