About the Rome Community Foundation

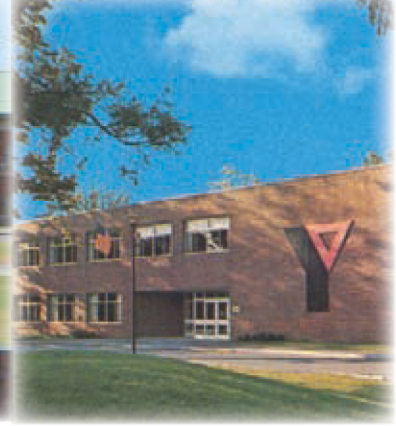
The Rome Community Foundation was established in 1999 to address the emerging needs of community non-profit organizations and of individuals seeking better ways to donate to the well-being of citizens in the Greater Rome, New York, area.

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 not the local chapter of any larger group. It is a 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.

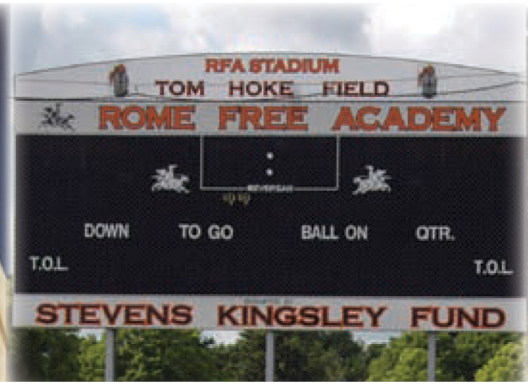
The Rome Community Foundation provides a central structure for protected, supervised charitable giving and expanded charitable giving options, thereby supplementing and enhancing efforts of existing community organizations. The Foundation satisfies the donor's desire to contribute to a professionally-managed 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 $5 million in funds. Since its inception in 1999, the Foundation has reviewed hundreds of requests and donated hundreds of thousands of dollars toward qualified projects for these organizations:

- *Capitol Theatre*
- *Capitol Civic Center*
- *City of Rome*
- *First Baptist Church*
- *First United Methodist Church*
- *First Presbyterian Church*
- *Habitat for Humanity*
- *Hospice and Palliative Care*
- *Humane Society of Rome*
- *Isaac Walton League*
- *Jervis Public Library*
- *John Bosco House*
- *Kirkland Art Center*
- *Ladder 3 Fund*
- *Lake Delta Volunteer Fire Department*
- *New York State School for the Deaf*
- *Reach Out and Read*
- *Resource Center for Independent Living*
- *Revolutionary Trails Council*
- *RFA Sundial Project*
- *Rome Art & Community Center*
- *Rome Baseball Association*
- *Rome Catholic Schools*
- *Rome Cemetery Association*
- *Rome City School District*
- *Rome Clean & Green*
- *Rome Community Theater*
- *Rome Family Y*
- *Rome Futures Academy*
- *Rome Historical Society*
- *Rome Home*
- *Rome Industrial Development Corporation*
- *Rome Main Street Alliance*
- *Rome Memorial Hospital*
- *Rome Memorial Hospital Foundation*
- *Rome Memorial Hospital Fund*
- *Rome Police Department*
- *Rome Police and Firemen's Memorial*
- *Rome Rescue Mission*
- *Rome Rotary Benevolent Fund*
- *Rome Sports Hall of Fame*
- *Salvation Army*
- *St. Joseph's Church*
- *St. John the Baptist Church*
- *United Cerebral Palsy*
- *Welcome Hall Community Center*
- *YMCA of the Greater Tri Valley*
- *YWCA's Lucy's House*
- *Zion Episcopal Church*



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!

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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, 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 501c3 nonprofit organization under the regulations of the Internal Revenue Service. Contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law.
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We're here to stay, for the Life of the Community

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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.

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

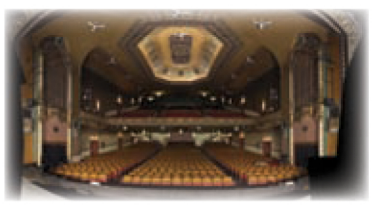
In addition, the Foundation is authorized to establish Designated Funds, where the donor designates, at the time the fund is established, the beneficiaries of the income from investment of fund assets.

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 (315) 336-4700 to discuss your options. All inquiries will be kept confidential.



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:

- Restoration of stained-glass windows.
- Barrier-free playground equipment.
- Supplies for exterior and interior building construction, repair, improvements, and painting.
- 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*.

Rome Community Foundation Board of Directors*

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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