

The Orange Foundation

Providing Support for the Community

for 39 Years: 1976-2015

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The Orange Foundation continues to be a source of financial support for many Orange organizations and college students. Started in 1976 with \$300 in seed money by Orange resident The Honorable Charlie Flynn in 1976, the Foundation has grown and today includes 4 grant funds and 12 scholarship funds, with a fund distribution of **\$598,177**. The \$300 in seed money remains in the fund balance as only the monies earned in interest are distributed each year; the principle remains intact.

In announcing the 2015 grant and scholarship recipients, The Orange Foundation Distribution Committee noted that the selection process was particularly difficult this year on the scholarship side because of the decrease in funds available for distribution and the increase in applicants. Four Orange students were awarded scholarships totaling \$5,214 and one student of Ukrainian heritage from Ansonia is the recipient of an \$8,872 scholarship. The Foundation awarded 10 grants, totaling \$10,194, to support the work of organizations benefiting Orange residents. Over the past 38 years the Foundation has distributed **\$173,766** in grants and **\$424,411** in scholarships; a total of \$598,177.

Distribution Committee Members

Robert Archambault has served as President of The Orange Foundation for the past 30 years; other Distribution Committee members are:

Katalin Baltimore
Michael J. Dorney
Paul Davis
Jacqueline Koral

Janice Lettick
Pat Miller
John Wesolowski

2014 Orange Foundation Grant Recipients

The ***Olga Fund***, established by a family in Orange who wishes to remain anonymous, provided the funding to the following organizations:

Camp Cedarcrest -- for the purchase and installation of an overhead multi-media projector and associated equipment.

New Haven Sympathy Orchestra -- funding will be used to provide 20 tickets per concert to Orange seniors and veterans.

Orange Arts and Culture Council – in support of the “Hop the Bus” project which provides free bus transportation for Orange residents to New Haven Symphony concerts.

Orange Historical Society – funding to support the continued restoration of the Bryan-Andrew House.

Orange Senior Center – funds will be used to offset expense of annual holiday party.

Orange Senior Center – to support the “Afghan Ladies” who are making afghans for veterans and mittens for children at the r’ Kids Family Center.

Orange Independence Day Concert and Fireworks Display – the Olga Fund II is a major sponsor of this annual town-wide event. This is a separate award made by Olga Fund II donors.

The ***Robert F. Stankye Fund and the Olga Fund*** are providing funding to the Amity Teen Center in support of a part-time internship position for an Orange teen.

Officer Stankye was a member of the Orange Police Department who died in the line of duty.

The ***Dusty and Frank Downey Fund*** – in support of the Spring Into Action Food and Fuel Benefit Concert sponsored by Orange Community Services.

The ***Dusty and Frank Downey Fund***, in conjunction with the ***Olga Fund*** are funding the Super Raffle and BINGO Pizza Party orientation program for incoming Orange 7th graders.

The ***O’Sullivan Family Fund*** and the ***Dusty and Frank Downey Fund*** are providing funding to assist with the establishment of the Holy Infant Parish Nursing Program which will offer blood pressure screening to the Orange community.

Dusty and Frank Downey were long-time Orange residents and very active in community activities.

The O’Sullivan Family Fund was established in memory of Judge Thomas O’Sullivan.

Grant Selection Committee

Janice Lettick, Chair
Robert Archambault
Katalin Baltimore

Michael Dorney
Jacqueline Koral

Scholarships

Alec Melotto is the recipient of a \$1,069 scholarship from the *Thomas F. Birmingham, Jr. Scholarship Fund and the Vaughn Family Fund to study business at Fairfield University.*

Amanda Hudson is the recipient of a \$2,072 scholarship from the *Charles L. Flynn Scholarship Fund* to support her studies at the University of New Haven.

Dana Chung is the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from the *Charles L. Flynn Scholarship Fund* to undertake a course of study in biology at Williams College.

Madison Csejka is the recipient of a \$1,073 scholarship from the Harry Haynes Scholarship Fund; Mary L. Tracy Memorial Scholarship Fund; Dorothy Finlay Timmons Scholarship Fund; and the Antonette Giangarra Scholarship Fund to further her studies in secondary education and English at Boston University.

Jacob Marganski, a resident of Ansonia, is the recipient of the \$8,872 *Frank P. and Louise Horbal Tripp scholarship*. Jacob is majoring in mechanical engineering at the University of Connecticut at Storrs.

Scholarship Selection Committee

John Wesolowski, Chair
Robert Archambault
Michael Dorney

HOW TO HELP US GROW THE ORANGE FOUNDATION

The Orange Foundation supports a wide-variety of community groups, programs and students and is dependent upon donations from Orange residents to sustain the financial growth of the Foundation which in turn allows for the continued support of programs and services benefiting Orange residents.

The Foundation is asking those who are able, to make a donation. For those who may be reluctant to donate due to concerns about future financial needs, an option that addresses those concerns is to consider updating your will, allocating 10% of your estate to charitable organizations such as The Orange Foundation. In this way, financial concerns are allayed and the 10% reduction in the inheritance will not negatively impact the beneficiaries.

For more information about The Orange Foundation, including establishing a fund, applying for funding, contact Robert Archambault at 203-795-3716.