

Vibrant Community Grant winners 2019

Addison Public Library

Addison, NY

Nominated by Jeff Stone, Corning Optical Communications

The Addison Public Library is actively engaged in the life of the Addison community, providing a wide variety of services and a welcoming place for people to gather. Besides having access to books, patrons may also use computers, download music, print and scan documents, and take children to story time and other activities. “I value the library as a public forum,” writes Jeff Stone. “It is a community facility for open communication of ideas and information, reflecting an array of opinions and viewpoints.” **This grant will be for general program support.**

The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes

Corning, NY

Nominated by Andrew Banks, Science & Technology

The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes enhances the cultural arts in the greater Corning community. The Council acts as an advocate and catalyst to increase participation, advance collaboration, and optimize resources. Community programs for professionals, programs and outreach for children, and community collaboration all provide fun opportunities and cultural appreciation throughout the region. “The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes is an indispensable part of the fabric of our local culture, and contributes to our community’s vibrancy in countless ways,” writes Andrew Banks. **The grant will be for general program support.**

Bampa’s House

Corning, NY

Nominated by Mark Humphrey, Corning Research & Development

When in-home care is not an option for terminally ill loved ones, a comfortable, home-like environment can bring great comfort to the patient and family. Corning-area volunteers are raising funds to create Bampa’s House, where trained community caregivers will focus on the comfort and dignity of people in their final stage of life. The plan follows a successful model already in practice in more than 25 other locations in New York, and will provide an option not found elsewhere in the community. “We may all potentially need these remarkable services for our loved ones,” writes Mark Humphrey. **This grant will be for general program support.**

Boyle County School District

Danville, KY

Nominated by Karl Gnann, Corning Gorilla Glass

Woodlawn Elementary is a high-achieving school in the Boyle County School District, consistently engaging with others in rallies, parent-teacher events, and community involvement days. The staff is highly trained to recognize barriers to learning and to develop plans for students to overcome challenges. Counseling programs help address the special needs of at-risk children whose home life may be marked by substance abuse and poverty. “These students are our future workforce, and it pays to invest in them,” writes Karl Gnann. **This grant will be for Woodlawn Elementary program support.**

The Children’s Room – Center for Grieving Children and Teenagers

Arlington, MA

Nominated by Carolyn Farmer, Corning Life Sciences

The Children’s Room creates safe, supportive communities for children, teens and their parents as they move through grief. Peer-based support groups address the unique needs of children who are bereaved at a crucial time in their development. All children, teen, and family support services are offered free of charge so that families can participate regardless of their ability to pay. “Grieving children, teens, and families are all around us, and they are at risk in all communities,” writes Carolyn Farmer. **The grant will be for general program support.**

Corning Area Community Concert Band Inc.

Corning, NY

Nominated by Bethany Angeliu, Corning Environmental Technologies

Talented musicians have been gathering for more than 43 years as part of The Corning Area Community Concert Band. Free CACCB concerts introduce audiences to a wide variety of musical genres. Musicians range from novices to seasoned professionals. The band plays at festivals, schools, churches, nursing facilities, and many local parades. “Band members enjoy preparing diverse pieces and bringing cultural appreciation of musical arts to their audiences,” writes Bethany Angeliu. **This grant will be for general program support.**

Cradles to Crayons**Brighton, MA****Nominated by Greg Hoff, Corning Life Sciences**

Cradles to Crayons provides essential items to homeless or low-income children. The non-profit's Mobile Clothing Pantry distributes clothing to families at 12 sites in the Boston area. They have served more than 11,600 children with clean and properly-fitting clothing since 2015. Volunteers work closely with food banks, since the need for food and clothing often go hand-in-hand. Cradles to Crayons "builds pathways to improved health, academic opportunity, and economic mobility for low-income or homeless children," writes Greg Hoff. **This grant will be for general program support.**

Economic Opportunity Program of Chemung County**Elmira, NY****Nominated by Claire Warren Ginnan, Corning Gorilla Glass**

Job training, adult literacy classes, and after-school childcare are just a few of the services provided by the Economic Opportunity Program. The programs all focus on helping community members learn valuable life skills – which, in turn, help them toward becoming self-sufficient and productive members of the community. "I am always impressed by the commitment and dedication of the staff, who are deeply connected to the community and go above and beyond to serve," writes Claire Warren Ginnan. **This grant will be for general program support.**

Faith in Action – Steuben County**Hornell, NY****Nominated by Dhananjay (Jay) Joshi, Corning Optical Communications**

Faith in Action, for more than 20 years, has been devoted to support of elderly citizens in the Corning-Bath-Hornell area, helping them to continue living independently. Volunteers provide a wide variety of services at no charge to recipients. Grocery shopping, caregiver respite, light housework, and transportation are a few of its services. Just as important are "friendly visits" where volunteers read and listen to older neighbors. "This certainly makes a positive impact on the community and keeps it tightly bound together, through rain and sunshine," writes Jay Joshi. **This grant will be for general program support.**

Family Service Society, Inc.
Corning, NY
Nominated by Cheryl Crozier, Staff Sector

Youth Mentoring of the Southern Tier (formerly called Big Brothers/Big Sisters) connects young people with adult volunteers in activities designed to help the youth build self-respect, listen with understanding, and offer kindness to others. Through having relationships with caring adults, youth are more likely to enroll in college, participate in extracurricular activities, and become volunteers themselves. “Youth from difficult family situations find it challenging to maneuver their day-to-day world,” writes Cheryl Crozier. “The adult mentor is able to provide a sounding board in a non-threatening, safe, secure, and fun environment.” **This grant will be for Youth Mentoring of the Southern Tier.**

Finger Lakes Falcons Travel Baseball Club
Horseheads, NY
Nominated by Carl Crossland, Advanced Optics

The Finger Lakes Falcons Travel Baseball Club helps young ball players develop good sportsmanship, loyalty, courage, honesty, and respect. Besides developing their skills on the field, the Falcons also emphasize community involvement and charitable work. They host a yearly “Falcons for a Cure” baseball tournament every summer to raise funds for cancer research. “Activities like this foster leadership skills, involvement in a cause, and a charitable mindset,” writes Carl Crossland. **This grant will be for general program support.**

Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina – Wilmington Branch
Wilmington, NC
Nominated by Kevin Parker, Corning Optical Communications

The Wilmington Branch of the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina serves more than 600,000 people in four southeastern North Carolina counties. Last year the branch distributed more than 9 million pounds of food through 87 partner agencies, helping give people access to the nutrition necessary for a healthy life. Corning employees regularly volunteer at the branch, writes Kevin Parker. “Working together, we’re able to show the best of Corning and give back to our local community.” **The grant will be for general program support.**

**Food Bank of the Southern Tier
Elmira, NY**

Nominated by Lori Ann Congdon, Corning Environmental Technologies

In providing food to 18,000 people each month, Food Bank of the Southern Tier is helping ease food insecurity in six counties and bringing volunteers together in the process. The food bank partners with 160 other agencies to operate food pantries, backpack food supplies, and special programs for families and seniors. Mobile pantries also provide meal and recipe ideas, introducing people to new and healthy foods. “Without the nutritious food our bodies need, many people could have potential health or learning issues,” writes Lori Ann Congdon. **This grant will be for general program support.**

**Freedom School Partners
Charlotte, NC**

Nominated by Jennifer Caldwell, Corning Optical Communications

Children can lose a lot of their educational progress during the summer months, and Freedom School Partners helps mitigate those losses by promoting a passion for reading and love of learning. Through a culturally diverse curriculum and devotion to families who lack access to quality summer enrichment opportunities, Freedom School Partners supports the academic, social, and emotional needs of area children, keeping them on the path to long-term learning. “Ultimately, they carry a torch for children in the community who need a chance to succeed,” writes Jennifer Caldwell. **The grant will be for general program support.**

**Friends of the Boyle County Public Library
Danville, KY**

Nominated by Bhama Bhat Pora, Corning Gorilla Glass

Friends of the Boyle County Public Library are committed to helping the library provide a safe space for people of all ages to immerse themselves in learning. Reading programs, Internet access, family movie nights, and a bookmobile are just a few of its services, free and open to all. “The library promotes lifelong literacy and learning by connecting people to information and technologies and contributing to local life,” writes Bhama Bhat Pora. **This grant will be for general program support.**

Friends of Camp Gorton, Ltd.

Corning, NY

Nominated by Kurt Groeger, Corning Display Technologies

Camp Gorton is the Corning area's primary camp for the Boy Scouts of America. To provide the camp with infrastructure improvements, Friends of Camp Gorton was established in 2015 and has made close to \$200,000 in improvements through volunteers. New roofs, painted buildings, heating systems and lighting, and remodeled restrooms are all part of the Friends' contributions. "Looking forward, we plan to expand our STEM learning area, update the Houghton Nature Lodge, and expand the dining hall," writes Kurt Groeger. **The grant will be for general program support.**

Friends of Fort Harrod

Harrodsburg, KY

Nominated by Yelizaveta Fedonina, Corning Gorilla Glass

Friends of Fort Harrod work to preserve and promote Old Fort Harrod State Park. The fort, built in 1776, is the oldest permanent American settlement west of the Appalachians. Donations are used to repair and improve the fort and park, purchase equipment, and host events to educate and entertain the public. "It is an important historical site in Kentucky," writes Yelizaveta Fedonina, adding that the "Osage Orange" split-trunk tree "is climbed and loved by all the children who visit the park." **The grant will be for general program support.**

Garinger Education Foundation

Concord, NC

Nominated by Teresa Fuller, Corning Optical Communications

The Garinger Education Foundation provides scholarships and other encouragement to students graduating from Garinger High School. Nearly all the school's students live in poverty, and scholarships are a must if many students are to go on to post-secondary education. A yearly banquet and awards days also help recognize students, and programs for teachers help support the educational environment at the school. "The Garinger Education Foundation is providing success through scholarship!" writes Teresa Fuller. **The grant will be for general program support.**

Genesee Country Christian School
Geneseo, NY
Nominated by Charles Phillip, Advanced Optics

The Genesee Country Christian School provides an alternative schooling format with a family-style atmosphere. Small class size and non-denominational faith-based education is designed to help students excel. Classes range from preschool to Grade 8, and several musical and sports programs help complement the core curriculum. “These combined activities generate inquisitive, generous students ready to make an impact in their local communities,” writes Charles Phillip. **The grant will be for general program support.**

Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont
Hickory, NC
Nominated by Elizabeth Robinson, Corning Optical Communications

Girl Scouts in the Hickory area are part of a network of 2.6 million Girl Scouts. Girls prepare for a lifetime of leadership, success, and adventure in a safe, no-limits place. STEM activities are core to the experience, as are the outdoors, life skills, and entrepreneurship. When a girl joins Girl Scouts, writes Elizabeth Robinson, “She’ll find out who she is, what she cares about, and what her talents are....She’ll do something to make the world a better place.” **The grant will be for general program support.**

Harrodsburg First
Harrodsburg, KY
Nominated by Nicholas Souder, Corning Gorilla Glass

Harrodsburg First Main Street Program is the key organization in the city’s downtown revitalization efforts. It is focused on creating new, family-friendly events that appeal to residents and draw visitors into the community. The group has improved a downtown park with new landscaping and lighting, creating an inviting space. Formerly empty storefronts are filling up with new businesses. “Harrodsburg First is transforming the downtown from a desolate, empty district into ‘the community’s living room!’ – a place to linger and settle in for a nice chat,” writes Nicholas Souder. **The grant will be for general program support.**

Hickory Community Theater
Hickory, NC
Nominated by Adam Neilly, Corning Life Sciences

The Hickory Community Theater, founded in 1949, brings together local citizens from all walks of life to create and enjoy art. The theater stages 15 plays, musicals, and children's shows each season. The theater collaborates with other organizations on educational programming and consistently reaches out to new and diverse audiences. "From the welcoming staff to the amazing performances, this is an organization that enriches the lives of everyone lucky enough to come into contact with it," writes Adam Neilly. **The grant will be for general program support.**

Higher Octave Healing
Tempe, AZ
Nominated by Bethany Aldecao, Corning Optical Communications

Higher Octave Healing is a music therapy organization with a focus on helping people with mental illness, people in addiction recovery, people with terminal illness, and those dealing with poverty. Music therapists work to address cognitive, social, sensory, psychological, emotional, and neurological needs. "Helping these individuals makes a great societal impact and improves the lives of patients and families," writes Bethany Aldecao. **The grant will be for general program support.**

Horseheads School District
Horseheads, NY
Nominated by Darlene Marino, Staff Sector

Students at Horseheads Intermediate School can tap into their creative energy through the Innovation Makerspace program. Students learn to investigate things they are passionate about, including taking apart electrical devices to see how they work. "Making challenges" and learning about electrical circuits in a nurturing environment help promote growth and a sense of civic responsibility. "Students were able to design and create their own bookmark that was 3D printed!" writes Darlene Marino. **The grant will support the Horseheads Intermediate School's Innovation Makerspace program.**

Horseheads Youth Lacrosse Club

Horseheads, NY

Nominated by Mark Bennett, Corning Research & Development

The Horseheads Youth Lacrosse Club promotes the sport of lacrosse to boys and girls in kindergarten through Grade 6. The club encourages health, fitness, and good citizenship by providing encouragement in this popular team sport. "One of the challenges of entering this sport is the cost of equipment; to alleviate this, the club offers players an opportunity to borrow equipment," writes Mark Bennett. "It is a fantastic program." **The grant will be for general program support.**

Hornby Historical Society

Beaver Dams, NY

Nominated by Jennifer Cushing, Science & Technology

The Hornby Historical Society operates the One-Room Schoolhouse Museum, built in 1870 and located in Hornby Forks. Known as a "little gem of a museum," the schoolhouse welcomes visitors every Sunday in July and August. Scavenger hunts for children, genealogy and document searches, and pleasant socializing at old-fashioned picnics are all part of the scene for museum visitors. The Historical Society published a book of historian Lillian Adams' writings "and continues its commitment to her legacy of preserving Hornby's rich past and protecting our promise of the future," writes Jennifer Cushing. **The grant will be for general program support.**

iMatter Foundation Inc.

Horseheads, NY

Nominated by Chukwudi Okoro, Science & Technology

iMatter Foundation tackles the challenge of eradicating death due to suicide and substance abuse. An annual youth festival, sober housing, school assemblies, and leadership training are all part of the iMatter program. The scourge of opioid addiction drew a strong response from the iMatter Foundation, and the group initiated town hall meetings for political leaders and healthcare providers. "These quarterly meetings brought awareness to the crisis prior to the national outcry," writes Chukwudi Okoro. **The grant will be for general program support.**

Ivy and Pearls Foundation
Palo Alto, CA
Nominated by Robin Walton, Science & Technology

The Ivy and Pearls Foundation serves women and girls of color by promoting health and wellness, academic excellence, economic empowerment, civic engagement, arts appreciation, and environmental and social justice. A Black College Awareness Fair helps potential students with college preparation and admission. Partnerships with organizations supporting Alzheimer's and cancer patients help address challenges disproportionately facing African-American communities. "This contributes to the vibrancy of several communities in the Mid-Peninsula region," writes Robin Walton. **The grant will be for general program support.**

Kings Way Academy
Painted Post, NY
Nominated by Jonathan Weimer, Science & Technology

King's Way Academy has 55 students from pre-kindergarten through Grade 12. The school meets and exceeds all New York State standards, while still providing a unique experience where children can learn from one another and at their own pace. Students learn in both visual and creative ways. Tuition is kept low by leveraging the talents of parents, family members, and other people in the community. "There is a real sense of sharing and community with the families involved at this school," writes Jonathan Weimer. **The grant will be for general program support.**

KORE Academy
Lexington, KY
Nominated by Hans Hahnenstein, Corning Gorilla Glass

KORE Academy helps students facing challenges in the traditional classroom due to learning differences, and believes that every student deserves a safe environment in which to learn. The school offers multisensory, individualized teaching to address differences in students' learning styles. Hans Hahnenstein's son has special needs and Hans writes that the setting "has allowed him to show improvement in both reading and math. He now can enjoy learning more than I thought he ever would. And they help many other kids besides my son!" **The grant will be for general program support.**

Life Saver Ministries Inc.
N. Chelmsford, MA
Nominated by Malcolm Beal, Corning Life Sciences

My Father's House is a residential parenting program for homeless young women who are pregnant or parenting young children. It is part of the non-denominational, faith-based organization Life Saver Ministries. The home has a loving, family atmosphere, supporting young mothers as they finish their educations and build life skills that will ultimately benefit themselves and their children. Planned family outings not only give the women enjoyable days out but also "enhance family bonding and begin the building of family traditions," writes Malcolm Beal. **The grant will be in support of My Father's House program.**

Little League Baseball
Big Flats, NY
Nominated by James Matteson, Staff Sector

Little League Baseball has become an integral part of growing up for children everywhere. In the Big Flats community, grandparents, parents, other family, and friends all gather in the bleachers to encourage the young players on the field. T-ball, softball and baseball are all part of the Little League program. Volunteer coaches help run practices, games, and tournaments. "Teamwork, athletics, and learning are all things that help them not only with the game, but also with growing up," writes James Matteson. **The grant will be for general program support.**

Making Waves Foundation
Wilmington, NC
Nominated by Jennifer Adams, Corning Optical Communications

Some non-profit organizations offer transportation services to community members who need them. Making Waves Foundation provides fare subsidies to those nonprofits, enabling them to continue offering services to people without ready access to transportation. "Many of us take transportation for granted, but there are large numbers within our community that depend on the system to meet basic needs - from grocery shopping, to get to work and school, to meeting health care needs," writes Jennifer Adams. "By helping an underserved portion of our local population, we help ourselves." **The grant will be for general program support.**

Middleburg Community Charter School
Middleburg, VA
Nominated by Brian Posey, Corning Life Sciences

During its first four years, Middleburg Community Charter School has evolved into a thriving, vibrant public elementary school with enrollment at 100% capacity. Instructional programs include walks to visit the town postmaster, library, and visits from firefighters and police for experiential learning. With a curriculum inspired by the life and work of Leonardo Da Vinci, the school taps into students' inherent curiosity. Popular "Leo Nights" draw families to the school to hear presentations, admire artwork, and listen to musical performances. "You can feel the energy and see the excitement all around," writes Brian Posey. **The grant will be for general program support.**

Mission Ready
Woburn, MA
Nominated by Timothy Creegan, Corning Life Sciences

Mission Ready provides under-resourced military veterans and at-risk students with fitness training aimed at helping them find strength and purpose in their lives. Young adults benefit from mentorship, fellowship, and character building. Veterans also benefit, as well as getting access to substance abuse treatment without judgement. Mission Ready founder Brandon Montella is inspiring, writes Timothy Creegan, in how he has mentored students and temporarily housed those with difficult home lives. "He is directly creating community where previously there was none," Tim writes. **The grant will be for general program support.**

MIT Cambridge Chinese Choral Society
Cambridge, MA
Nominated by Joyce Chiu, Corning Life Sciences

MIT's Chinese Choral Society promotes the sharing of cultures with a wide range of music such as traditional Chinese songs, European classical religious hymns, Broadway musicals, Taiwanese aboriginal pieces, contemporary Chinese arrangements, and popular music. The choral group holds two performances for the general public each year, often introducing audiences to music they've never experienced before. "We hope this cultural exchange will bring our audience as much joy and pleasure as it does to us," writes Joyce Chiu. **The grant will be for general program support.**

Mount Pleasant Elementary School District
San Jose, CA
Nominated by Jennifer Dinis, Science & Technology

The Mount Pleasant Elementary School District includes five schools in a low-income area. An after-school program is free to all students and includes a homework center, enrichment classes, and sports programs. A neighborhood library and arts program are growing and in need of more funds. AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) and a college-readiness program help students to develop skills they will need to succeed later in life. The program places special emphasis on growing writing, critical thinking, teamwork, organization, and reading skills,” writes Jennifer Dinis. **The grant will be for Mount Pleasant Elementary School program support.**

Nonnie Hood Parent Resource Center
Corning, NY
Nominated by David Seymour, Corning Environmental Technologies

The Nonnie Hood Parent Resource Center helps families with young children by providing them a welcoming environment to play, learn, and connect with others. The play space aids child development and creates a solid foundation for families to thrive. The PRC had 10,000 visits at its drop-in center in 2018. “The PRC is known for its friendly, welcoming staff and volunteers,” writes David Seymour. “It creates friendly ties within the community by helping families from diverse socio-economic backgrounds make friends.” **The grant will be for general program support.**

Notre Dame High School
Elmira, NY
Nominated by Madeline Horn, Science & Technology

Notre Dame High School’s FIRST® Robotics Team (3799) has been inspiring students to explore science and technology since 2010. The program allows them to develop a concept and turn it into a fully functioning robot over six weeks, then go on to regional competition. It’s an especially beneficial program for students who thrive under a mentor-based approach. “We have had students who struggle to learn in the classroom, but excel in robotics,” writes Madeline Horn. “Our goal is to foster learning through hands-on science and encourage young women and minorities to get involved in STEM.” **The grant will be for Notre Dame Robotics Team program support.**

Potter's Hands Foundation

Corning, NY

Nominated by Robin Gee, Corning Optical Communications

Potter's Hands Foundation provides safe housing to victims of severe sexual exploitation and human trafficking. The organization also helps women receive mental health and nutritional counseling, educational services, and other services to help them build healthy and independent new lives. The safe and secure space "is a place where you are free to be yourself, a place where you find purpose and meaning, and a place where you know – without a shadow of a doubt – that you are loved," writes Robin Gee. **The grant will be for general program support.**

Ragged Edge Theater

Harrodsburg, KY

Nominated by Lonnie Coffman, Corning Gorilla Glass

Ragged Edge Community Theater promotes cultural and educational experiences in historic downtown Harrodsburg. Musicals, concerts, children's plays, and classics provide performing arts opportunities during a time when school arts budgets have been severely restricted. Grant funding will help the theater address upkeep and maintenance needs. "Cultural arts for such a small community is a blessing," writes Lonnie Coffman. Ragged Edge Community Theater "provides our community an opportunity to see fine art at its best." **The grant will be for general program support.**

Rochester Community Robotics

Webster, NY

Nominated by Olga Sachkouskaya, Advanced Optics

Fairport Red Raider Robotics, Team 578, is a FIRST® Robotics team and part of Rochester Community Robotics. The year-long program features a six-week "build season" for students to design and build a fully functioning robot for competition. A wide array of community service activities and other learning programs fill out the rest of the year. "Fairport Robotics organization aims to inspire and motivate young people to pursue science and technology careers and become confident, self-reliant, responsible citizens," writes Olga Sachkouskaya. **The grant will be for general program support of Fairport Robotics.**

St. Ann's Home Inc.

Methuen, MA

Nominated by Eva (Isatta) Lamina, Corning Life Sciences.

St. Ann's Home addresses a wide range of services for children and young adults facing mental health, emotional, and educational challenges. Residential, day school, and community outreach programs support children in the setting that suits them best. Family therapies, support to address food insecurity, and assistance in locating other support tools help benefit children and families in nearly every community in Massachusetts, writes Eva Lamina. **The grant will be for general program support.**

St. Mary Our Mother School

Horseheads, NY

Nominated by Patrick O'Brien, Corning Environmental Technologies

St. Mary Our Mother school welcomes children of all faiths, pre-kindergarten through Grade 6. The school is dedicated to the belief that every individual has inherent worth and appreciation for diversity is critical to world peace and harmony. "The school has a strong focus on service to the community. Charitable works, volunteerism, and community outreach are integral to the educational experience at St. Mary Our Mother School," writes Patrick O'Brien. **The grant will be for general program support.**

Scottish American Society of the Southern Tier

Savona, NY

Nominated by Susan McLaren, Science & Technology

People of Scottish descent and anyone else with an interest in Scottish culture turn to the Scottish American Society of the Southern Tier for socialization and entertainment. Bagpipe music and an annual Robert Burns dinner have become popular attractions. The group also sponsors scholarships for local college-bound students. Grant funds will help the organization offset increasing facility fees for their events. "We would like to continue to hold various events to expose people to Scottish culture – haggis, anyone?" writes Susan McLaren. **The grant will be for general program support.**

Soaring Capital Soccer Club Inc.

Elmira, NY

Nominated by Scott Quist, Corning Gorilla Glass

Soaring Capital Soccer Club draws players from across New York's Southern Tier and Pennsylvania's Northern Tier. It is the region's longest-operating club soccer program. Scholarship programs help open the program to youth who might not otherwise be able to participate. Many life lessons, including leadership, self-confidence, and teamwork, are at the core of the program. "It is a unique and diverse collection of members, young and old, who are forming friendships and memories to last a lifetime," writes Scott Quist. **The grant will be for general program support.**

Southeast Steuben County Library

Corning, NY

Nominated by Umid Khasanov, Corning Environmental Technologies

A wide variety of learning and fellowship is always taking place at the Southeast Steuben County Library. Nearly 210,000 on-site visitors a year access the free resources and services at the library, which is always evolving to respond to the community's needs. "On any given day you'll see neighbors and friends browsing the stacks, participating in community forums, trading ideas in one of the writers' groups, gaining English language fluency with the Coffee, Tea and English group, or enjoying a story time or craft activity with their children," writes Umid Khasanov. **The grant will be for general program support.**

Sunrise Children's Services

Danville, KY

Nominated by Shawn Markham, Corning Gorilla Glass

Sunrise Children's Services provides care and hope for families and children suffering from abuse and neglect. Through 12 foster care offices and five residential treatment centers, the organization is a statewide haven for children who have been removed from their homes. On any given day, Sunrise cares for about 1,000 children in crisis. Sunrise faces an ongoing need for support, including rebounding from a fire that severely damaged a recreational facility in 2018. "By supporting children in these circumstances, we can begin to end the cycle of neglect and abuse," writes Shawn Markham. **The grant will be for general program support.**

Tanglewood Community Nature Center Inc.

Elmira, NY

Nominated by Brandon Saylor, Science & Technology

Tanglewood Community Nature Center maintains more than 10 miles of trails and offers educational programming to more than 35,000 children and adults each year. More than 40 native and exotic animals in the nature center help support the staff's quest to educate visitors. Many local groups of all ages are attracted to the peaceful, natural surroundings for nature walks and informative programs. "The organization is dedicated to engaging local citizens to achieve a heightened awareness, understanding, enjoyment, and caring for our natural environment," writes Brandon Saylor. **The grant will be for general program support.**

Yates County Habitat for Humanity – Schuyler County Partner

Watkins Glen, NY

Nominated by Patrick Gill, Science & Technology

Schuyler County Habitat for Humanity is a local partner with Yates County Habitat for Humanity, an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Volunteers work with people in need to build and renovate decent, affordable housing. The houses are then sold to those in need at no profit. Their mortgage payments go into a revolving fund that is used to build more houses. "By having families own their own homes, they are granted a sense of self-sufficiency," writes Patrick Gill. **The grant will be for general program support.**