



# CORNING FOUNDATION

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## Employee Vibrant Community Grants

### 2022 Employee Vibrant Community Grant Winners

The Employee Vibrant Community Grants began in 2018 as a celebration of Corning Incorporated Foundation's 65th anniversary. The program, now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year, encourages employees to nominate eligible non-profit organizations for a \$1,000 grant, allowing the Foundation to invest in the non-profit organizations that mean the most to Corning employees.

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#### **Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, Inc.**

##### **Boston, MA**

*Nominated by Cynthia Lin, Life Sciences, Greater Boston, MA*

Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC) ensures children, youth, and families have the resources and support needed to achieve economic success and social well-being. BCNC believes that families have the potential to thrive, and when immigrants participate fully in society and create their success stories, all of society benefits. "Members can participate in art classes and personal storytelling workshops to help them through difficult times," writes Cynthia Lin. "The programs at BCNC boost mental health and introduces members to new opportunities." **This grant will be for general program support.**

#### **Boyle County Schools**

##### **Harrodsburg, KY**

*Nominated by Scott Roessler, Corning Gorilla Glass, Harrodsburg, KY*

Boyle County Bands, as part of the school district, allow students to learn and express themselves musically. Being part of the band teaches students to be accountable to themselves and others while promoting a positive and supportive environment. Students also gain a sense of camaraderie through marching band competitions. "Students carry musical experiences and the joy of music with them throughout their lives," writes Scott Roessler. **This grant will be for band items.**

**Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell, Inc.  
Lowell, MA**

*Nominated by Greg Hoff, Life Sciences, Greater Boston, MA*

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell ensures that members have opportunities for success through three main program focus areas: academic success, healthy lifestyles, and good character & citizenship. The Club makes a difference for hundreds of youths through participation in the club's programs. "The Boys and Girls Club has seen explosive growth in attendance, up 30% from last year," writes Greg Hoff. "More students than ever are seeking the safe haven and opportunities at the club." **This grant will be for STEAM program support.**

**Brightstar Community, Inc.  
Rochester, NY**

*Nominated by Frederick Judge, Advanced Optics, Fairport, NY*

Brightstar Community helps women survivors of sex trafficking, prostitution, abuse, and addiction find healing, hope, and freedom. Its two-year residential program includes safe, free housing for women to overcome trauma and prepare them with workforce skills. "Brightstar Community works to bring awareness to sex trafficking and to help find solutions for women in the next phase of their life in the Rochester community," writes Frederick Judge. **This grant will be for general program support.**

**Children and Family Counseling Associates, Inc  
Harrodsburg, KY**

*Nominated by Mai Futagami, Corning Gorilla Glass, Harrodsburg, KY*

Children and Family Counseling Associates (Cafca) provides quality mental health services to individuals with intellectual, emotional, and behavioral disabilities and their family members. Cafca meets the needs of individuals with an emphasis on promoting choice, inclusion, growth, and development. "The agency's mission to break down barriers between individuals and mental health care is important to the community," writes Mai Futagami. "Cafca Cares has licensed mental health professionals with compassionate staff." **This grant will be for general program support.**

### **Cantata Singers**

**Elmira, NY**

*Nominated by Irene Peterson, S&T, Corning, NY*

Cantata Singers is a devoted volunteer group of singers who perform free concerts in the Corning-Elmira area. The group has presented many original works of music and will premiere another in June at a free outdoor concert to commemorate the anniversary of the flood. “The opportunity to perform outdoor concerts and create recordings brings great joy to the singers and a sense of community,” writes Irene Peterson. **This grant will be for general program support.**

### **Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools**

**Charlotte, NC**

*Nominated by Teresa Fuller, Optical Communications, Charlotte, NC*

The Academy of Information Technology (AOIT), a program in the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, solves some of the biggest challenges facing education and the economy by bringing education, business, and community leaders together to transform the high school experience. AOIT has an interdisciplinary approach to instructional curriculum that offers offsite learning experiences and job preparedness. “AOIT is affiliated with the National Academy Foundation which works with students who enjoy technology and those wanting to gain transferable job skills,” writes Teresa Fuller. **This grant will be for the Academy of Information Technology.**

### **Circle of Sisterhood Foundation, Inc.**

**Belmont, NC**

*Nominated by Rachel Menard, Staff Sector, Corning, NY*

Since 2010, the Circle of Sisterhood Foundation leverages the collective influence of women to raise financial resources for entities around the world that are removing educational barriers for girls and women facing poverty and oppression. Circle of Sisterhood has impacted 28 countries, engaged 321 campus sorority communities, and funded 40 school builds. “Standing together, we are creating sustainable change by removing barriers for girls and women to have an equal chance for rewarding lives through schooling, the learning of a trade, certifications or degrees,” writes Rachel Menard. **This grant will be for general program support.**

**Communities in Schools of Greater Wichita Falls Area  
Wichita Falls, TX**

*Nominated by James Little, Optical Communications, Keller, TX*

Communities in Schools (CIS) of Greater Wichita Falls Area utilizes site coordinators in local schools to build relationships with students who are struggling. Site coordinators identify students' needs while focusing on improving attendance, academic performance, and behavior with a goal to increase the number of students who graduate on time. "I currently serve as a volunteer on the CIS of Greater Wichita Falls Board of Directors and have seen first-hand the impact the program has on students and their families," writes James Little. **This grant will be for general program support.**

**Community Arts of Elmira  
Corning-Elmira**

*Nominated by Dallas Winchell, Environmental Technologies, Corning, NY*

Community Arts of Elmira (CAE) is an all-volunteer organization offering educational classes, workshops, seminars, events, and programs that encourage creativity. CAE has an assortment of classes, public art murals, and programs in addition to member artists in a variety of fields. "At the core of CAE is the ability to extend opportunities to the greater Elmira community to learn about and express art in multiple forms," writes Dallas Winchell. "Community Arts of Elmira provides a venue for individuals who would not otherwise have an opportunity to teach, display, perform, study and develop their talent." **This grant will be for general program support.**

**Corning Christian Academy  
Corning, NY**

*Nominated by Stephen Ormsby, S&T, Corning, NY*

Corning Christian Academy's preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum develops students' focus on service to church, school, community, and government. Students are active volunteers at a wide range of events in the greater Corning community, including the Wineglass Marathon. "The teachers and staff are incredible and they took on this year's COVID challenges with grace and ingenuity," writes Stephen Ormsby. "They found new and innovative ways to engage their students. They overcame adversity, rolled with the punches, and stretched themselves to do whatever it takes to keep their students learning and growing." **This grant will be for general program support.**

**Corning Comfort Care, Inc.**

**Corning, NY**

*Patricia Wahba, Staff Sector, Corning, NY*

Corning Comfort Care (Bampa's House) was founded by the Dugan family after they struggled with an appropriate place for their loved one, Jim Dugan (Bampa) to spend his final days. The comfort care home supports the terminally ill with a peaceful, home-like environment to spend quality time with family and friends at the end of their life. "Feedback from the 24 residents and their families has a common thread; gratefulness for the caring service Bampa's House provides," writes Patricia Wahba. **This grant will be for general program support.**

**Corning Community College Development Foundation, Inc.**

**Corning, NY**

*Nominated by Claire Warren Ginnan, Corning Gorilla Glass, Corning, NY*

The Katherine P. Douglas Center for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at SUNY Corning Community College (CCC) is a cultural, educational, and social space that represents and advocates for the concerns and challenges of its members. The Center is fueled by a spirit of community, understanding, and respect as well as collaborative leadership that fosters the sharing of experiences, resources, and talents. "The Diversity Office is a safe space for students with a variety of needs to find, build, and support students striving to further their education," writes Claire Warren Ginnan. **This grant will be for the Program – My Brothers and Sisters Keeper.**

**Corning Southside Neighborhood Association**

**Corning, NY**

*Nominated by Catherine Clark, Staff Sector, Corning, NY*

The Southside Neighborhood Association (SNA) of Corning is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the architectural heritage of homes in Corning listed with the National Register of Historic Places. SNA funds research of architectural histories of homes, architectural style education, social events for neighbors, and neighborhood beautification projects. "SNA is a community organization that celebrates neighbors, understands the past, and works toward a better future by planting trees, preservation, and fostering a sense of community," writes Catherine Clark. **This grant will be for general program support.**

### **Corning Youth Hockey Association**

**Corning, NY**

*Nominated by Stacy Sargent, Environmental Technologies, Corning, NY*

The Corning Youth Hockey Association (CYHA) educates youth in the fundamentals of hockey, sportsmanship, leadership, and teamwork. During the pandemic, CYHA, an officially sanctioned USA Hockey association, kept the program going for the '20-'21 season. "Players were able to feel normal out on the ice, get physical activity, and step away from a world of virtual classrooms and days dominated by electronics," writes Stacy Sargent. "CYHA delivers opportunities for our youth to learn and grow into future leaders and active community members, helping to build a vibrant Corning community." **This grant will be for general program support.**

### **Covenant Boston Preservation Project, Inc.**

**Boston, NY**

*Nominated by Ellice Miller, Life Sciences, Greater Boston, MA*

Covenant Boston Preservation Project is a secular historical non-profit organization with a goal to preserve, teach, educate, and maintain Church of the Covenant's building on Newbury Street as a National Landmark. Church of the Covenant has one of the largest collections of Tiffany stained glass in the world. "More than 18,000 people visit the Church each year at no charge," writes Ellice Miller. "This is a place where educators can share the history and beauty of the Church and its iconic Gothic windows with others." **This grant will be for general program support.**

### **Danville Library, Inc.**

**Danville, KY**

*Nominated by Clifton Ross, Gorilla Glass, Harrodsburg, KY*

The Danville Library, also known as the Boyle County Public Library, engages the community by promoting life-long literacy and learning, connecting people to information and technologies, and contributing to local cultural life. The library serves as a hub for the exchange of information and the provision of programs and services that enhance the lives of those in the community. "The Boyle County Public Library is a great supporter of the Volunteerism Tax Association program which offers free tax help to those with disabilities, limited English fluency, the elderly or other program qualifications," writes Clifton Ross. "In addition, there are many other worthy programs the library provides and should be recognized for their outstanding work." **This grant will be for general program support.**

### **Elmira Heights School District**

#### **Elmira Heights, NY**

*Nominated by Kyle Elston, Life Sciences, Corning, NY*

Elmira Heights School District is dedicated to preparing students for success by inspiring connections, compassion, character, and confidence. Elmira Heights School District provides a well-rounded curriculum with a variety of opportunities for involvement in extra-curricular activities in athletics, the arts, clubs, and service organizations. “The students and schools of Elmira Heights contribute a great deal to the vibrancy of the community,” writes Kyle Elston. “There's a great partnership between the schools and the Elmira Heights police department, and a community-wide sense of 'Spartan Pride' that truly makes Elmira Heights a special place.”

**This grant will be for general program support.**

### **First in Families of North Carolina**

#### **Durham, NC**

*Nominated by Greg Yourkievitz, Optical Communications, Wilmington, NC*

First in Families (FIF) of North Carolina is a catalyst for individuals and families to meet self-determined wellness goals by leveraging relationships and resources and encouraging reciprocity in their communities. FIF programs promote self-determination as a philosophy through public education and advocacy efforts. Greg Yourkievitz writes, “Our local First in Families chapter supports people in need of assistance by ensuring their health, well-being, and safety. It is important to us that the individuals we serve can design the lives that they want for themselves and feel included in our community. FIF works to make that happen.”

**This grant will be for general program support.**

### **Friends of the Valdese Rec**

#### **Valdese, NC**

*Nominated by Melissa Abernathy, Optical Communications, Charlotte, NC*

Friends of the Valdese Rec (FVR) supports the Valdese Parks and Recreation Department with volunteer hours and fundraising for the betterment of the Department while at the same time benefiting the town, the citizens, and the environment. The FVR has three key programs; Conservation Kids, Trail Blazers, and Wildlife Cameras, “Friends of the Valdese breathes life into the community and the environment,” writes Melissa Abernathy. **This grant will be for Valdese Lakeside Park.**

**Happy Compromise Farm and Sanctuary**  
**Waverly, NY**

*Nominated by Emilee Lindner, Staff Sector, Corning, NY*

Happy Compromise Farm and Sanctuary works to create connection between animals, humans, and our planet. The sanctuary rescues and finds homes for farm and companion animals. The farm focuses on growing food through veganic, regenerative/conservation agriculture, and advocates for sustainable and eco-friendly lifestyle decision. “The farm serves as an example for closed-loop farming and how people, animals, and nature can thrive harmoniously,” writes Emilee Lindner. **This grant will be for animal care, infrastructure, and sustainable gardening.**

**Harrodsburg First, Inc.**  
**Harrodsburg, KY**

*Nominated by Courtney Duchesne, Gorilla Glass, Harrodsburg, KY*

Harrodsburg First promotes, preserves, and revitalizes Harrodsburg's historic area with a focus on aesthetics, economics, and education about its historic assets. Harrodsburg First was established to implement and administer a comprehensive downtown revitalization program under the National Main Street Program’s philosophy and approach. “I have seen positive changes in the community in a short time due to the Harrodsburg First organization,” writes Courtney Duchesne. “It’s wonderful to see growth in our small town, and Harrodsburg First is a big part of the improvement.” **This grant will be for general program support.**

**Horseheads Family Resource Center**  
**Horseheads, NY**

*Nominated by Rodney Wilson, Environmental Technologies, Corning, NY*

The Horseheads Family Resource Center (HFRC) offers inclusive, strength-based programs for young children and their families to increase school readiness, support informed parenting, and strengthen community relationships. HFRC envisions communities that recognize, support, and celebrate the role that parents and caregivers play in their children’s development and well-being. “Horseheads Family Resource Center helps to create a space that is always welcoming and friendly,” writes Rodney Wilson. “HFRC is a wonderful community organization with a variety of programs many families benefit from.” **This grant will be for general program support.**

**Horses Help Foundation  
Phoenix, AZ**

*Nominated by Bethany Aldecoa, Advanced Optics, Glendale, AZ*

Horses Help Foundation serves the special needs and at risk communities by using horses and volunteers to improve quality of life. As a premier accredited therapeutic and recreational agency, Horses Help serves the special needs population through a unique collaboration of horses and people. “My daughter has syngap1 syndrome and autism, and has done therapeutic riding for years,” writes Bethany Aldecoa. “She is nonverbal and is visibly happy and excited for her weekly sessions. Horses Help is her favorite place to go and she is most at peace when on horseback.” **This grant will be for general program support.**

**Lake Norman Charter School  
Huntersville, NC**

*Nominated by Adam Weeks, Optical Communications, Charlotte, NC*

Lake Norman Charter School (LNC) provides a rigorous and comprehensive educational environment to develop students with a focus on college readiness, leadership, and social responsibility. LNC delivers a comprehensive educational environment that enables personal growth through participation in extra-curricular activities, athletics, community service, and LNC’s Leadership in Action Program. “The result of LNC focus areas is a highly engaged community of students, staff, parents, and neighbors that continuously produces results,” writes Adam Weeks. “The school makes a positive impact on the community and generates future leaders.” **This grant will be for general program support.**

**Louise Wells Cameron Art Museum  
Wilmington, NC**

*Nominated by Jennifer Adams, Optical Communications, Wilmington, NC*

The Louise Wells Cameron Art Museum (CAM) provides a cultural gathering place that enriches the lives of museum visitors and the community through high-quality exhibitions, lifelong learning in the arts, dynamic public programs, and stewardship and interpretation of the collection. CAM showcases local and North Carolina artists and introduces art to children of all ages with classes and school enrichment programs. CAM is committed to promoting racial and ethnic diversity as demonstrated in the recent unveiling of the United States Colored Troops Statue on the grounds of the museum. “CAM is an integral piece of the local Wilmington arts community and the Greater Southeastern North Carolina landscape,” writes Jennifer Adams. **This grant will be for general program support.**

**Mecklenburg County Council Boy Scouts of America  
Charlotte, NC**

*Nominated by Grant Gildehaus, Optical Communications, Charlotte, NC*

The Mecklenburg County Council Boy Scouts of America (BSA) prepares young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Troop 233 was the first female BSA Troop to be prepared and chartered on the inaugural day of women in “Boy” Scouting. “The young women that comprise Troop 233 enthusiastically engage in nature, outdoor activities, and skills that were traditionally reserved for young men,” writes Grant Gildehaus. “Troop 233 gives young women an opportunity to participate in this unparalleled youth program and achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.” **This grant will be for general program support.**

**National Organization for Disorders of the Corpus Callosum  
Yorba Linda, CA**

*Nominated by Thomas Gee, Staff Sector, Corning, NY*

The National Organization for Disorders of the Corpus Callosum (NODCC) enhances the quality of life and promotes opportunities for individuals with disorders of the corpus callosum. NODCC is committed to upholding respect for families and communities of care, development of community through networking opportunities and professional competence and integrity. “The NODCC is driving to educate the world on this disorder and help families come together to create a global ‘community’ where people can learn more about the disorder and share their experiences,” writes Tom Gee. **This grant will be for general program support.**

**The Neighborhood Transformation Center  
Elmira, NY**

*Nominated by Leslie Shelhamer, Advanced Optics, Corning, NY*

The Neighborhood Transformation Center transforms lives by meeting people’s physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. The Center offers free meals, clothing, and school supplies to those in need and after school and summer programs for children ages 5-12. “The Neighborhood Transformation Center aims to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the socially disenfranchised community in the Elmira area,” writes Leslie Shelhamer. **This grant will be for general program support.**

### **Next Level Leadership**

#### **Charlotte, NC**

*Nominated by Alvin Austin, Staff Sector, Charlotte, NC*

Next Level Leadership is a development organization that empowers African Americans to lead. Through its 16-week program, participants attend 13 sessions of intense leadership and professional development training. These sessions are designed to challenge and grow leadership skills for the world of today and tomorrow. "Next Level Leadership strengthens hundreds of neighborhoods and communities across Charlotte by training residents how city, county, and state governments work; gives resources and services; and builds a safe place to live, work, and play," writes Alvin Austin. **This grant will support retreats and training for the Board of Directors.**

### **Nonnie Hood Parent Resource Center, Inc.**

#### **Corning, NY**

*Nominated by James Matteson, Staff Sector, Corning, NY*

Nonnie Hood Parent Resource Center (PRC) helps families with young children play, learn, and connect with others in a welcoming and encouraging environment. The PRC offers a drop-in center for the whole family, special programming, and parental education classes. "The PRC is seeing multiple generations of parents and children experience the center," writes James Matteson. "It's rewarding to see previous children of the programs utilize these same programs with their children." **This grant will be for general program support.**

### **Northern Tioga School District**

#### **Elkland, PA**

*Nominated by Robin Gee, Staff Sector, Corning, NY*

Northern Tioga School District (NTSD) empowers students to become productive citizens. NTSD equips students with a foundation of critical thinking and problem-solving tools essential for lifelong learning within local and global communities. "The elementary school program focuses on the development of the whole child, emphasizing the building of a strong educational foundation that our students can use to build upon as they continue to grow academically," writes Robin Gee. **This grant will support books and equipment for Clark Wood Elementary Library.**

**Olive Branch Ministry**  
**Gastonia, NC**

*Nominated by Amber Weeks, Staff Sector, Charlotte, NC*

Olive Branch Ministry is a non-denominational, harm-reduction outreach organization. Olive Branch partners with local human service organizations for its three programs; the Gatson County Opioid Overdose Response Team, the Point of Hope Program, and Homeless Outreach. “Olive Branch Ministry is based on love and is judgement free,” writes Amber Weeks. “As mental illness and financial issues impact the Charlotte area, this group strives to bring hope and help to those who need it.” **This grant will be for general program support.**

**One Seventy One Cedar Arts Center, Inc.**  
**Corning, NY**

*Nominated by William French, Staff Sector, Corning, NY*

171 Cedar Arts Center (171) is a multi-arts community center that presents performances in dance and music, exhibitions of fine arts and crafts, and offers educational programs in visual arts, music, dance, ceramic arts, and theatre. 171 is committed to providing quality, professional arts experiences in a warm and welcoming environment. “The energy and engagement at 171 Cedar Arts Center is discernable to anyone who walks through the door,” writes William French. “Having 171 in Corning helps the area feel like home.” **This grant will be for general program support.**

**Open Door Legal**  
**San Francisco, CA**

*Nominated by Colin Daly, S&T, Central California, CA*

Open Door Legal (ODL) is an award-winning, non-profit organization pioneering the country’s first system of universal access to civil legal representation. ODL serves as a single point of entry for anyone needing legal help through a wide network of community and pro bono partners. ODL believes that poverty will be dramatically reduced when there is access to legal services. “Open Door Legal contributes to a vibrant Corning community by addressing poverty through legal aid,” writes Colin Daly. “If we address the root of homelessness, job loss, wage health problems, and more before they escalate, we can dramatically reduce poverty and help thousands of struggling families live stable, joyful, and dignified lives.” **This grant will be for general program support.**

**Outreach of Cape Fear  
Wilmington, NC**

*Nominated by James Lechleider, Optical Communications, Wilmington, NC*

Outreach of Cape Fear provides the opportunity for underserved youth to play soccer. Outreach of Cape Fear builds relationships with underprivileged and at-risk youth and their families. “I have witnessed firsthand the good work this organization is doing and the way it builds a stronger community in the City of Wilmington and surrounding area,” writes James Lechleider. **This grant will be for general program support.**

**Port City Robotics  
Wilmington, NC**

*Nominated by Kenneth Kelmer, Optical Communications, Wilmington, NC*

Port City Robotics is a community based, all volunteer organization that supports two area robotics teams that compete in FIRST (For Inspiration & Recognition of Science & Technology) competitions. Mechanical Mages, a FIRST Lego League Team, is for middle-school aged students. Wired Wizards is a community robotics team for grades 9-12. “Port City Robotics gives resources and guidance for teams to be able to reach out to area students and help them gain an appreciation for how STEM can be practically applied,” writes Ken Kelmer. **This grant will be for general program support.**

**Rainbow of Hope Animal Rescue, Inc.  
Big Flats, NY**

*Nominated by Amy Litwiler, Staff Sector, Corning, NY*

Rainbow of Hope Animal Rescue (ROHAR) provides foster homes for dogs of all ages and breeds. ROHAR specializes in animals with special needs whether it be medical care or behavioral. “Rainbow of Hope Animal Rescue is a very small but very special organization that takes in animals that may be turned away by other organizations,” writes Amy Litwiler. “They offer training and medical treatment to prepare dogs for their new lives in loving forever homes.” **This grant will support General Program Support.**

**Rochester Japanese School, Inc.**

**Rochester, NY**

*Nominated by Lori Hamilton, Gorilla Glass, Corning, NY*

The Rochester Japanese School provides a fun and rigorous environment for elementary and middle school students to learn Japanese language and culture. The school offers programming for Japanese children who live abroad and weekly sessions for students seeking Japanese language and culture training. "Over the years many Corning families have been part of RJS," writes Lori Hamilton. "For me and my family, RJS has been a lifeline." **This grant will be for general program support.**

**Rochester Refugee Resettlement Services, Inc.**

**Rochester, NY**

*Nominated by Lauren Harris, Advanced Optics, Fairport, NY*

Rochester Refugee Resettlement Services, Inc. (RRRS) offers services and opportunities to assimilate refugees in the Rochester community. RRRS provides housing for refugee families and training for adults looking to learn a new skill. "Rochester is a welcoming home to new American arrivals," writes Lauren Harris. "Rochester Refugee Resettlement helps new arrivals acclimate to culture in the United States." **This grant will be for general program support.**

**Soaring Capital Soccer Club, Inc.**

**Elmira, NY**

*Nominated by Josua Church, S&T, Corning, NY*

Soaring Capital Soccer Club (SCSC) is a travel soccer club for players ages 2-18 in the Southern Tier. SCSC stresses competitive soccer while developing the whole player, athletically, academically, socially, and as a good sportsperson. "SCSC is dedicated to building champions on and off the field by teaching each player about leadership, sportsmanship, moral conduct, and teamwork through soccer," writes Josua Church. **This grant will be for general program support.**

**St. Mary Our Mother School  
Horseheads, NY**

*Nominated by Patrick O'Brien, Life Sciences, Corning, NY*

Saint Mary our Mother School welcomes families of all faiths and provides a caring place of learning where students are engaged and all families are appreciated. The school believes that children are our community's most valuable asset and that every individual has inherent worth. "St. Mary our Mother encourages a strong focus on service to the community through charitable works, volunteerism, and community outreach," writes Patrick O'Brien. "This sense of civic duty is an integral approach to the educational experience at the school." **This grant will be for general program support.**

**STELA, Inc.  
Corning, NY**

*Nominated by Eric Biribuze, S&T, Corning, NY*

The Science Technology Entrepreneurship Leadership Academy (STELA) deploys world-class education in Science Technology Entrepreneurship in underserved and low-income communities for socio-economic transformation. The core values of STELA are integrity, inclusion, innovation, and impact. "STELA encourages young people from underprivileged regions to pursue careers in STEM fields and is currently focusing on a Robotics program in collaboration with the Economic Opportunity Program in Elmira," writes Eric Biribuze. "STELA aims to bridge the gap between young people who want to study and people who are prepared to invest in making their ambitions a reality." **This grant will be for robotics programming.**

**Steuben Church People Against Poverty, Inc. dba Arbor Housing and Development  
Corning, NY**

*Nominated by Katherine Ballman, Gorilla Glass, Corning, NY*

Arbor Housing and Development empowers people to live within their means in communities of their choice. Arbor offers assistance for renters and home-buyers to create a pathway to security and stability. Arbor also provides behavioral health and domestic violence services to help people overcome challenges to live safely on their own. "When you are unable to find safety within your own home, and you are unsure who you can trust, the shelter is there for the community," writes Katherine Ballman. **This grant will be for the Domestic Violence shelter.**

**Sunrise Children’s Services, Inc.**

**Mt. Washington, KY**

*Nominated by Shawn Markham, Gorilla Glass, Harrodsburg, KY*

Sunrise Children’s Services provides a home and resources for children who are in the foster care system. They train foster parents and offer additional care to improve the success of the children remaining in offsite homes with families. “Foster children have been exposed to extenuating and traumatizing conditions through no fault of their own,” writes Shawn Markham. “Sunrise is a place for these children to obtain support and care.” **This grant will be for the Danville, KY location.**

**Tanglewood Community Nature Center, Inc.**

**Elmira, NY**

*Nominated by Brandon Saylor, Staff Sector, Corning, NY*

Tanglewood Community Nature Center leads and supports education and preservation efforts to achieve a heightened awareness, understanding, enjoyment, and care for the natural environment. Tanglewood has over 10 miles of trails, offers educational programming for children and adults, and exhibits over 40 native and exotic animals. “Tanglewood has become a leading local voice for environmental sustainability and advocates the importance of preservation,” writes Brandon Saylor. **This grant will be for general program support.**

**Tough Techs 151 Robotics**

**Nashua, NH**

*Nominated by John Czernikowski, Life Sciences, Greater Boston, MA*

Tough Techs inspires and equips high school students to become science and technology leaders and innovators by engaging them in mentor-based programs that build science, engineering, and technology skills. Students design and build a robot each season with mentors as advisors. “Students on the team learn technical skills like design and programming in addition to valuable interpersonal skills that help them work on teams and projects in the future,” writes John Czernikowski. **This grant will be for general program support.**

**Trumansburg Robotics, Inc.**  
**Watkins Glen, NY**

*Nominated by Amos Mainville, Environmental Technologies, Corning, NY*

Trumansburg Robotics offers a selection of programs sponsored by FIRST (For Inspiration & Recognition of Science & Technology) to deliver robotics education and programming for K-12 children in the Trumansburg Central School District and surrounding communities. Students develop mathematics, engineering, fabrication, creative problem-solving, information technology, and management skills in an after-school program. “Trumansburg Robotics has been engaging students in the Watkins Glen region for five years,” writes Amos Mainville. “They consistently deliver high quality enrichment for students and students consistently perform well at regional and international competitions.” **This grant will be for general program support.**

**Waccamaw Siouan Indian Tribe, Inc.**  
**Bolton, NC**

*Nominated by Ashley Lomboy, Optical Communications, Wilmington, NC*

The Waccamaw Siouan Tribe is a non-profit tribal organization. The Waccamaw Siouan STEM Studio introduces tribal youth to STEM programming, careers, and scholarship opportunities. “The programs provided have become a powerful mechanism to preserving tribal culture and history,” writes Ashley Lomboy. “The Waccamaw Siouan Indian Tribe has partnered with organizations to bring a STEM Day to the tribal community which showed the value pathways to careers in STEM.” **This grant will be for the Waccamaw Siouan STEM Studio.**

**Western Piedmont Symphony**  
**Hickory, NC**

*Nominated by Adam Neilly, Life Sciences, Greater Boston, MA*

Western Piedmont Symphony enriches and engages the communities of Western North Carolina through high quality symphonic music. The symphony has a 57-year history of providing music and music education to the very young and the young at heart through the concert series, in school programming, community conversations, and family events. “The Foothills Pops Series orchestra is a popular outdoor set of concerts that feature family-friendly multimedia programming,” writes Adam Neilly. “With a diverse set of events and programming the symphony has something for everyone at any age.” **This grant will be for general program support.**