



21 years of helping local women and girls find their voices

Why Women & Girls?

Some alarming statistics on poverty in our area:

In Ontario County:

- 23.2 % of Female Heads of Household (FHH) families live in poverty.
- 32.0% of FHH with children under 18 years of age live in poverty.
- 2.5% of Married Couple Households (MCH) live in poverty.

In Yates County:

- 29.9% of FHH families live in poverty.
- 33.9% of FHH with children under 18 years of age live in poverty.
- 5.0% of MCH live in poverty.

Ontario/Yates Fund for Women and Girls

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Grant Recipients

Arts Center of Yates County
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Rochester
Canandaigua Adventure (FLCC/Canandaigua Middle School)
Canandaigua Churches in Action
Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes
Center for Dispute Settlement (Ontario County)
Child and Family Resource Center
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario County
Family Counseling Services of Finger Lakes, Inc.
Family Hope Center
Finger Lakes Health Foundation
Health Career Choices
Finger Lakes Health Foundation
Finger Lakes Migrant Health Care Project
Geneva Reads
Girl Scouts of NYPENN
Gleaners Community Kitchen
Habitat for Humanity of Ontario County
Herb Haven
Law NY – Child Support Enforcement Project
Legal Assistance of Western NY, Inc.
Literacy Volunteers of Ontario and Yates Counties
Partnership for Ontario County
Penn Yan Central School District
Rushville Health Center
Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes
Salvation Army – Canandaigua & Geneva Branches
The Living Well
Yates County Youth Bureau
Yates Cultural & Recreational Resources
Wood Library



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ONTARIO/YATES FUND FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

ONYA's Mission:

The mission of ONYA is to inspire and advance philanthropy that funds non-profit programs to foster personal growth and economic self-sufficiency among women and girls throughout Ontario and Yates Counties.



“Give someone a fish and they will eat for a day. Teach someone to fish and they will eat for a lifetime.”

This is the premise upon which ONYA began. Since the cycle of poverty is self-perpetuating, women and girls living in or on the edge of poverty need early intervention to acquire life skills, motivation, and self-confidence so that they complete their education and make good decisions about their futures.

The Ontario/Yates Fund for Women and Girls (ONYA) is a donor-advised “fund” managed by the Finger Lakes Area Community Endowment (FLACE), and overseen by the ONYA Board of Directors. Fundraising began in 2000 with a goal of creating a permanent endowment. Since 2003 ONYA has awarded over \$357,000 to 31 different agencies for 90 programs which have impacted the lives of over 7,000 women and girls in Ontario and Yates Counties.

Local Needs of Women and Girls

- Mentoring and leadership development programs for “at-risk” teens
- Support for women and girls who have lived with domestic violence
- Education, counseling and childcare
- Legal advocacy for women and girls (teen parents)
- Job training, social support and education for the “working poor”
- Support groups, training and housing for women
- Shelter for abused women and girls and their children
- Social support for local women with jobs that do not pay a living wage

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How ONYA’s Mission is realized:

- By awarding grants to agencies and organizations for programs which address education, intervention, legal assistance, and other relevant solutions.
- By creating awareness through specific programs within the community we serve.
- By building an endowment to fund grants and awareness efforts.

What Can YOU Do to Support ONYA?

- Become an ONYA donor – checks may be made payable to ONYA/FLACE and mailed to ONYA, P.O. Box 31, Canandaigua, NY 14424 or donate on-line through our website at: www.ONYA-NY.org
- Volunteer to help with a committee or become an ONYA Board Member
- Learn more about ONYA at www.ONYA-NY.org or email us at onya14424@gmail.com or call 585-733-2216.