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Volunteer Registration Now Open for
Niskayuna Community Foundation 15th Anniversary Day of Service
Saturday, September 26, 2015

NISKAYUNA, N.Y. (Aug. 27, 2015) – On Sat., Sept. 26, 2015, the Niskayuna Community Foundation (NCF) will commemorate its 15th Anniversary by bringing the community together for a day of service and celebration. In one productive day, volunteers will complete 15 service projects to benefit not-for-profit organizations that serve Niskayuna and Schenectady County. Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome to register for the *Niskayuna Community Foundation 15th Anniversary Day of Service* at niskayunacf.org. After a day of fulfilling work, the community will come back together in celebration for the *Niskayuna Community Foundation 15th Anniversary Day of Service Evening Celebration* at LT's Grill.

“Over the past 15 years, the Niskayuna Community Foundation has been proud to provide financial support to not-for-profit organizations that make Niskayuna a great place to live and work,” said NCF President Daniel F. McCoy. “To celebrate our 15th anniversary, we’re excited to organize service projects for some of the many worthy organizations in our community. Thanks to corporate sponsors who believe in our mission, we’re pleased to provide a budget of up to \$300 for supplies for each project. After a fulfilling day of service, we’ll end the day with an evening fundraiser at LT’s Grill. We hope the whole community can come celebrate with us!”

The NCF aims to engage over 150 volunteers on Sept. 26. A wide range of not-for-profit organizations will be part of the Day of Service, including organizations that support homeless families, foster children, and senior citizens, and that provide cultural and educational opportunities. The 15 organizations hosting projects are Animal Protective Foundation, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region, City Mission of Schenectady, Concerned for the Hungry, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schenectady County, Dean Street Park in Niskayuna, Girls Incorporated of the Capital Region, Jewish Community Center of Schenectady, Niskayuna Senior Center, miSci, The Quest for Grace Foundation, Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York, River Road Park in Niskayuna, Safe Inc. of Schenectady, and Schenectady Child Advocacy Center.

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The options for community service include organizing donations to help homeless families, filling “comfort bags” for neglected and abused children, creating a preschool library, building a raised garden for Senior gardeners, collecting and distributing food to the hungry, and more. On the Day of Service, volunteers will meet at Niskayuna Town Hall (1 Niskayuna Circle, Niskayuna, NY) at 8 a.m.; participants will meet service captains, receive event T-shirts and enjoy light refreshments. Most projects will take place at service sites from 9 a.m. – noon, and there are also options for afternoon service from 1 - 4 p.m. Age guidelines for each project are available online.

After a day of fulfilling work, the community will come back together in celebration and support of the NCF with *The Niskayuna Community Foundation 15th Anniversary Day of Service Celebration* at LT’s Grill on Sat., Sept. 26, from 7:00 to 10:30 p.m. Over 150 residents are expected at the evening fundraiser. Local “celebrities” will serve signature cocktails and guests will enjoy a fun night of networking with neighbors, accompanied by LT’s tasty appetizers. Tickets will be available for \$40 per person. Details on purchasing tickets will be available at niskayunacf.org in September.

The NCF has spent the past 15 years caring for the community; it has distributed more than 175 financial grants to organizations that make life better for Niskayuna residents and has awarded more than 60 scholarships to Niskayuna students. This past year, grants from the NCF helped buy a freezer for a local charity that provided emergency food and other sustaining items for more than 80 at-risk children who live in Niskayuna; allowed the Niskayuna School District to fund a weekend backpack program for families of school children in need of food assistance; provided Niskayuna middle school girls the opportunity to participate in the Girls’ Summit, an all-day STEM (science, technology, math and engineering) based forum for and about girls; and provided financial support for free and accessible “Learning Through Music” sessions.

For more information on the *Niskayuna Community Foundation 15th Anniversary Day of Service* and to register to volunteer, visit niskayunacf.org.

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The Niskayuna Community Foundation is an affiliate of The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region. A copy of the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region’s latest annual report may be obtained, on request, by contacting the Community Foundation, Six Tower Place, Albany, NY 12203 or from the New York State Attorney General’s Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10271.