



# Franklin Footnotes

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## Stewart's Shops

We here at Franklin Community Center would like to give a special thanks to our friends at Stewart's Shops. Susan Law Dake and the employees of Stewart's have been huge supporters of our agency year after year. Project Lift, our after-school prevention program, has been the beneficiary of Stewart's Holiday Match funds since it began in 1986. This annual holiday fundraiser campaign has given a total of over 8.7 million dollars to children's charities since its inception. We are also honored to have Stewart's Shops sponsor our annual golf tournament each year as a silver level sponsor. Our tournament is one of our largest and most successful fundraisers. To sum up how involved this privately held company is, Susan Law Dake states, "Stewart's Shops gives back to all our shop communities; in 2008 we will donate over 2 million dollars to charity. We are especially committed to programs benefitting children. Project Lift serves a vital need keeping children safe with healthy activities after school. Children are our future and we all need to ensure their well being." Thank you Stewart's Shops for annually helping our Center; which ultimately enables us to help others!



## Holiday Season

Here it is October and the holiday season is fast approaching. We have already started taking names of local families that are in need of assistance. In the past, local community organizations, businesses, churches and community members have all come together to make contributions to make a difference in the lives of those in need. Each year, the number of individuals and families we serve increases. With the state of the economy as it is, we are anticipating even more people in need of our services this year. If you would like to help, here are a few suggestions:

- Sponsor a family for Thanksgiving or put together a complete Thanksgiving basket with a turkey and all of the side dishes.
- Donate non-perishable food items or a voucher or gift card for a turkey for our Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets.
- Make a monetary donation that will allow us to purchase items for the baskets or Christmas gifts for children.
- Sponsor a family for Christmas.
- Donate one or more Christmas gifts for children of various ages.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, we are able to continue to provide holiday meals and gifts for our less fortunate neighbors. Thank you so much for helping us to help others!!!





Special Thanks from Franklin Community Center

September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 will always be a memorable day at Franklin Community Center. On this Saturday where the sun beamed bright and autumn was in the air; employees, board members, volunteers and clients worked together to make the Center's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration an unforgettable one. The community of Saratoga truly supported our non-profit human service agency and we were delighted by the turn-out. The day's festivities would not have been as successful if it weren't for Saratoga's Community Federal Credit Union and Fidelis Care sponsoring our event, 88.3 The Saint playing music, The Skidmore Lacrosse Team dressing up in costumes provided by Zing-A-Gram Entertainment and The Saratoga Police Department sponsoring Operation SAFE CHILD. Each organization showed how dedicated they are to helping the community and Franklin Community Center. We successfully raised awareness about our agency and \$2,293.00 towards the programs of the Center. We plan to make this Open House Celebration an annual event and look forward to providing basic needs and services to the less fortunate for another 25 years!

**Thank you to our sponsors, gift donors and friends:** Fidelis Care, Saratoga's Community Federal Credit Union, Franklin Community Center's Board of Directors; Staff; Volunteers and Clients, Mayor Scott Johnson, Former New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea, Brian Taffe of Capital News 9, Darrin Scott Kibbey of 88.3 The Saint, Zing-A-Gram Entertainment, The Saratoga Springs Police Department, Anne Diggory, Tom Myott, Maria Spakofski Lasher, Shawn Banner, Daniel Hart, John Ackley, Carol Brown of Carol's Creations, Holiday Inn Lake George, D'Andrea Contracting, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Polo Association, The Children's Museum at Saratoga, Fort Ticonderoga, Gideon Putnam Resort and Spa, Enchanted Forest Water Safari, Hattie's Restaurant, My Other Kitchen, Johnny Rockets, Saratoga Strike Zone, G. Willikers, Legends Café, Malta Drive-In Theatre, Pirates Cove Adventure Golf, National Museum of Dance, Sundae's Best Fudge, Scotty's Restaurant, Ben and Jerry's, Blue Sky Bikes, Lee Signor and organizers of The West Side Celebration, Saratoga County Arts Council, Jim D'Andrea, The MASIE Center, Rick Thompson, Pat Sammler; designer of P.A.T. Bags, P.J.'s Loganberry Soda, Balet Flowers & Design, Saratoga Eagle Sales and Service, Jack Sandler and The Skidmore Lacrosse Team, The Bread Basket of Saratoga, Vincek Farms, Allerdice Party Rent All, Mary Thompson of Caricatures And More, The Hot Dog King of Saratoga



**Project Lift Report**

We have completed another successful year at Project Lift. Project Lift is an after school prevention based program for at-risk youth attending Greenfield, Geysers Road and Lake Avenue Schools. This past school year we served more than one hundred children and siblings and a record fifty families.

We would like to send out a thank you for everyone who donated school supplies with a special thank you going out to our largest donors: The Ayco Company, St. Peters Church and Saratoga Springs High School Administration. Without your help, many children would not have the proper tools needed to succeed in school.

Project Lift was able to secure forty-six scholarships for children to attend summer camp with the help of the following donors: United Methodist Men's Fellowship, Assemblyman Tedisco, YMCA of Saratoga, Hawley Foundation, Saratoga Springs Art Council, YMCA Camp Chingachgook, New York State Police Wilton Barracks, Abbey Fund, Saratoga Springs City Hall, St. Clement's Outreach Program, Saratoga Elks, Saratoga Kiwanis, Wilton Kiwanis, Saratoga Children's Committee, and the Glens Falls Foundation.

Project Lift began this year on October first with full enrollment at each school. I am anticipating a terrific year with our Lifters and will keep everyone informed. Thank you for your continued support.

*Jaime Williams*



### **Welcome New Board Members**

We are pleased to introduce two new members to our Board of Directors. Both graduates of the Leadership Saratoga Program, offered through the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce, Barbara Krause and Jan Marie Chesterton bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience that are sure to enhance our already dynamic group.

Barbara Krause is an attorney who has worked in higher education for 13 years. She currently serves at Skidmore College as the Executive Director for the Office of the President and Coordinator of Strategic Initiatives, a position she has held since June 2006. Barb is a graduate of Duke University (where she captained the Women’s Basketball team for two years) and Cornell Law School.

Jan Marie Chesterton has served as the Vice President of the New York State Hospitality & Tourism Association (NYSH&TA) since 1996. She is the 2008 Vice Chairman of the International Society of Hotel Association Executives; a Board member of the American Hotel & Lodging Association and the Empire Society of Association Executives; a graduate of the US Chamber Institute of Organization Management and a long ago Alumna of Skidmore College.

We are honored that Barb and Jan chose Franklin Community Center to benefit from their expertise!

### **Giving Back to the Community: What Skidmore Men’s Lacrosse Team Does Best**

To be pillars of the community at an age where partying is at its’ height; is what amazes us here at Franklin Community Center about the Skidmore Men’s Lacrosse Team. Under the guidance of head coach Jack Sandler, the dedication and drive to help our Center is unforgettable. Our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House would not have been as successful if it weren’t for the team dressing up like children’s characters and entertaining the crowd of excited kids! Our donation of sod would not have been laid if it weren’t for the team diligently installing it on a school holiday! Our food pantry would not be as filled as it currently is if it weren’t for the team taking it upon themselves to hold a community food drive on our behalf. Bottom line, if it weren’t for Jack Sandler and the Skidmore Men’s Lacrosse Team; Franklin Community Center would not be as successful as it currently is. We would like to thank these Men for always putting our agency at the top of their priority list. We will be eternally grateful and wish the Skidmore Men’s Lacrosse Team a successful 2009 season!

### **Coin Drop**

Thanks to all those who made a donation to our coin drop October 11th. We collected \$1150.00. It was a rewarding success. The coin drop helps to support our after school program for children, Project Lift.

***Thank you!!!***

### **2009 Entertainment Books**

We are selling the 2009 Entertainment Books. If anyone is interested. Please call us at 587-9826 and place your order.

Please visit and support these local businesses that house our Coin Boxes month after month. With the help from them, our agency has been able to raise \$622.71 since the start of 2008.

- Allergic Building Supply
- D’Andrea’s Liquor Store
- Grapevine Fine Wines & Liquor
- Legends Café
- Libby’s Wine & Liquor
- Roma Importing Co.
- The Spirits of Saratoga
- Virgil’s House

If your business is interested in holding a Coin Box at your establishment, please contact our Center.

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