

# Newfield

## Community Good Neighbor Fund (CGNF)

### *2025 Annual Report*



### *Mission Statement*

CGNF, founded in 1982, is committed to providing assistance to those in our community when in need or emergencies arise.

With limited funds, all derived from donations or fundraisers, dedicated volunteers and committee members become a conduit to administer aid in a modest and respectful, while encouraging and supportive manner. In this endeavor they hope to promote responsible caring citizens in our community on both the giving and receiving ends and stability for children, families and individuals; thus promoting "Good Neighbors".

#### CGNF committee Members:

- Amy Brown ● Carol Guckert ● Rev. Geri Judd ● Ruth Keagle
- Joleen Krogman ● Indy Miner ● Linda Rumsey-Ebert
- Christine Seamon ● Marge Strosnider ● Roy Trask

#### Request Committee Members:

- Mary Beth Gehring-Smith 607-564-7016 ● Pam Scott 607-564-7683
- Karen Miller-Kenerson 607-220-9768 ● Joanne James 716-471-8254

September 2025

***In a time where we are constantly inundated by news, opinions, social media updates and 24-7 information, how can we disseminate what is accurate and be able to make a real assessment of how we should react?***

Wilhelm von Osten was a German math teacher at the turn of the 20th century who, after years of training, had a horse named Hans who could add, subtract, multiply, and read German.

Von Osten hosted many events where Hans would calculate sums and convert fractions by tapping a hoof to indicate numbers. He became a national sensation, made headlines in the United States, and earned the nickname "Clever Hans." Von Osten allowed a group of experts to examine his equine genius, which resulted in nothing being manipulated or forced. But then a psychology student named Oskar Pfungst came along.

Pfungst examined Hans and figured out that Von Osten was sending him subconscious signals. Each time Hans was presented with a math question, he'd tap away until a subtle cue on his owner's face told him to stop. The cues were so subtle that Von Osten didn't even know he was giving them. When Hans couldn't see his master, he was unable to complete the tasks asked of him. Today, animal psychologists know to write off these cues as the "Clever Hans effect."

When we are asked to contribute to so many causes, it can be difficult to know if your donation is truly funding the mission of the organization. CGNF not only provides emergency support for individuals facing a temporary setback, we largely fund the Kitchen Cupboard. While a few items are obtained at no cost from the Food Bank of the Southern Tier, the majority of the food and personal care items are actually purchased by Kitchen Cupboard volunteers. We receive some grant funding, however these funds do not come close to covering the total cost of the food that we distribute to our community.

The attached financial report will explain how we utilize our funds and will illustrate that we would not be able to meet the needs of others without your contributions. We request your financial support to keep this program, as well as our other assistance opportunities going.

**Donating is easy! You can donate by using PayPal on our website at [www.newfieldcgnf.com](http://www.newfieldcgnf.com), our mailing address: PO Box 311, Newfield NY 14867, or at the Newfield Town Hall (166 Main Street, Newfield NY)**

**Thank you to the organizations that continue to support CGNF over the years:**  
King Hiram Lodge, Lions Club, Tioga State Bank, United Way of Tompkins Co, Ithaca Elks Lodge, Newfield Central School District and several local charities and businesses.

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**2025 Report**  
**September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025**

<b>Beginning Balance Checking &amp; Savings 09/01/2024</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20,605.30</b>
 <b><u>Receipts</u></b>		
Interest Savings Acct	\$	29.96
Charge Backs	\$	(510.00)
Donations:		
Community Members & Organizations	\$	23,279.69
Food Pantry Designated Gifts	\$	7,962.44
Direct Deposit Checking	\$	4,305.50
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>35,067.59</b>
 <b><u>Disbursements</u></b>		
Food Pantry/Personal Care Items/0-3 Child Items	\$	16,348.36
Food Pantry Operating Expenses	\$	5,171.85
Housing/Home Care Assistance	\$	958.64
Medical Assistance	\$	305.44
Utilities	\$	3,480.04
CGNF Operating Expenses	\$	2,195.12
Christmas Assistance	\$	375.45
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>28,834.90</b>
 <b>Ending Balance Checking and Savings 08/31/2025</b>	 <b>\$</b>	 <b>26,837.99</b>
 <b><u>Investments</u></b>		
Beginning Balance 09/01/2024	\$	13,220.96
Cash Out	\$	(3,034.37)
Earnings	\$	408.76
<b>Ending Balance 08/31/2025</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,595.35</b>
 <b>CGNF NET ASSETS 08/31/2025</b>	 <b>\$</b>	 <b>37,433.34</b>

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