

Up to \$99

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Virginia Sparks
Lindsay LaRuffa
Raymon Bigford
David & Barbara Rebeck
John & Jennifer Douchinsky
Julie Dudrick
Irene Brown
Diane Needham
Charles Fox
Eliza Burden
Joseph & Kerry Koen
Wanchun Liu

\$100 - \$199

Lawrence Baker & Kathleen Williams
Frank & Rachele Campana
Alberta Guarnieri
Hamilton Rotary Club
Christopher Henke
& Carolyn Hsu
Amy Richardson-Hurta
& Gary Hurta, Jr.
Jim & Linda Leach
Ruth Ann Loveless
David Sturges
& Jana Laxa
William &
Carolyn Todd
Marilyn Upton
Bruce & Sarah Ward
Christopher Warren

\$200 - \$499

Stephen & Gretchen Burke
Carrie Clifford & Paul Boese
KKG House Corp.-Alumni
KKG Zeta Rho Chapter at Colgate
University
Harvey & Deborah Kliman-J&M Kliman
Charitable
Marcelle & Robert Tyburski
E. Adger Williams & Evelyn Hart

\$500 - \$999

Peter Radosta
Nancy Ries

\$1000-\$9999

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Letter from the Board President

Dear Community Members,

With the return of spring and summer, the energy in Hamilton is palpable—commencements, reunions, the farmers’ market and a variety of community events all contribute to the local economy in meaningful ways. Essentially building a sense of community, an important trait in striving for economic prosperity. The Partnership for Community Development, led by Executive Director Jocelyn Gavitt, continues to fulfill grant opportunities at the federal, state and local levels. Business owners are regularly apprised of available grants, the HUB incubator provides a suite of best-practice services to existing businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs, and PCD staff work to identify and implement planned solutions for a variety of needs, including housing initiatives. This annual report serves as a summary of what PCD does in the community in collaboration with its Partners—the Village of Hamilton, the Town of Hamilton, and Colgate University. Your engagement in the community matters—supporting local businesses can lead to undiscovered joy and fulfillment, knowing your actions contribute to a sustainable and thriving economy. Thank you for your support.

Peter J. Radosta
President, Board of Directors

Active Grants:

- \$825,528** Farmland Protection Implementation Grant
- \$625,000** HUB Incubator in collaboration with TIA
- \$350,000** AHC Housing -First-Time Homebuyers
- \$300,000** Rural Business Transitions Program
- \$54,700** Chenango Canal Towpath Trail
- \$225,000** Earlville Main Street Grant
- \$70,000** USDA Business Technology Grant

A Year of Transition:

The ongoing COVID pandemic coupled with changes in leadership have rendered this a year of transition for PCD. At the onset of the pandemic, PCD nimbly pivoted and focused much attention on support of local businesses in a very uncertain time. As regulations and norms have slowly shifted this year, PCD is adapting its focus to housing and numerous funding applications.

“We will enhance sustainable economic opportunity and community vitality in the village and town of Hamilton and surrounding areas.”

Specifically, we help:

- Existing businesses and farms thrive.
- Attract and support new community-minded businesses and talent to our area.
- Develop an attractive, inviting and commercially viable downtown area.
- Preserve and enhance the small town, rural character of our community, staying authentic to who we are.
- Foster widespread civic involvement in community development initiatives.
- Research, solicit, and administer grants and gifts to serve these purposes and leverage the community resources of our Partner organizations.

Earlville Main Street

PCD partnered with Madison County to secure a \$250,000 Main Street grant for the Village of Earlville. The project will fund facade improvements for commercial and mixed-use buildings in downtown Earlville. PCD is working with Earlville for Earlville to facilitate participation in this exciting new program.

HBA realignment

PCD has brought the Hamilton Business Alliance under its umbrella and is actively coordinating membership, marketing and advertising under the This is Hamilton social media framework. Additionally, PCD is coordinating networking events in conjunction with its activities at the HUB.

CRM implementation

The HUB and PCD secured the services of a consultant to create a CRM for the HUB and PCD. This process has just been completed and will enable staff to better manage our network of donors, business partners and grant participants as well as the funding application and management process.

Earlville for Earlville Playground

PCD and Earlville for Earlville partnered to bring in professional consultation to facilitate community input and propose design options for the Fayette Street park. The new drawings will be used to apply for future funding for the park.

18-22 Utica Street

The proposed mixed use development led by Hamilton Initiative and supported by PCD is in the permitting process and is anticipated to break ground next year.

First Time Home Buyer Grants

PCD and Utica Homeownership Center (UNHS) began accepting applications for the \$350,000 grant awarded to assist first time low and moderate income homebuyers with purchasing and improving a home. Multiple new homebuyers have been awarded grants up to \$35,000 and PCD continues to encourage applications to this program.

Rural Business Transitions Grants

The PCD received \$300,000 in grant funds from the Alliance for Economic Inclusion to award to businesses undergoing transitions, such as expanding or changing ownership. Eight local businesses have received awards.

Tucker Ray is transforming the old train depot on Milford Street into RW3, a commercial space for small businesses in a historic building.

Viridescent Times Boutique is a CBD shop that is preparing to expand into legal marijuana sales. Formerly located on Lebanon Street, they will be moving into RW3 later this year.

K&S Auto is an Earlville auto repair shop purchased by a longtime employee using the grant funding for updated equipment.

Dale Smith is revitalizing **Lost Acres Farm**, a one-time family farm to raise beef cattle. Grant funding will be used for property improvements.

Jack and Will Baynes are transforming the bar Risky Business into Handsome Johnny’s.

Kathleen Catania is an estate lawyer using the grant money to expand from a home office into formal office space in Hamilton.

The Huff Brau in Earlville was recently purchased by Ashley Proskine, who is using grant funds to update the equipment and furnishings, including adding outdoor dining.

Flour & Salt Bakery recently expanded into the space vacated by The Rye Berry on Lebanon Street. This will be their new cafe and sandwich shop, while their old space on Maple Avenue will be used for their wholesale baking operations.

Chenango Canal Towpath Trail

The Chenango Canal Association and PCD administered \$54,704 through the Recreational Trails Program to resurface a one-mile section of the Chenango Canal Towpath Trail in the Town of Eaton.