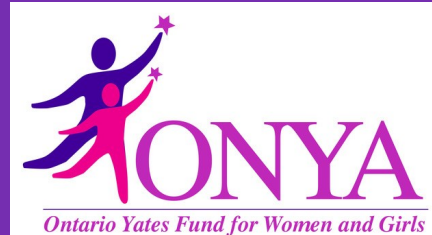


# ONYA News

September 2024



ONYA has been busy this year providing events for our members and their guests to attend. We have held Bud to Bloom, a Chicken Barbeque, and are looking forward to the Wine Tasting in September. I hope that you have had an opportunity to attend at least one of the events.

We have also been working to increase our Board and Committee Members. If you are interested in joining either the Communications and Marketing Committee (CMC) or the Donations/Fundraising Committee (DFR), contact us at our ONYA address. Both committees meet monthly. The CMC is responsible for such things as the newsletter, posters, the web site, Facebook, and e-blasts. The DFR committee is responsible for Bud to Bloom and any other fundraising events that we hold.

Many people still do not know about ONYA. Help spread the word by letting your family and friends know about the excellent work that we do. Ask them to pass the word on to their friends so that ONYA becomes a name everyone is familiar with.

Thank you for your support. Have an enjoyable Fall and may your support for ONYA continue and grow.

*Sue Raymond*  
President

## UPCOMING EVENTS!



**Wine Tasting**

**September 25, 2024**

**Canandaigua Yacht Club**



**Bud to Bloom Luncheon**

**June 7, 2025**

**41 Lakefront Hotel, Geneva**

## Our Mission:

*ONYA raises funds for non-profit programs that foster personal growth and economic self-sufficiency for women and girls throughout Ontario and Yates Counties.*

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## 2024 GRANT PROGRAM UPDATES

### Bud to Bloom Summary

On June 1st, ONYA held its annual fund-raising event, Bud to Bloom, at 41 Lakefront Hotel in Geneva. Those in attendance had a wonderful time and were inspired by hearing from the grant recipients. Each of our 2024 grantees gave a short five-minute presentation of what ONYA's grant has allowed them to do with their program. A power point presentation highlighting the grants given over the last 24-years ran before and during lunch.

The silent auction produced some additional funds for the event and people happily took their winning items home. Thank you to all who attended.

Next year's Bud to Bloom will be on June 7th at 41 Lakefront Hotel in Geneva. Mark your calendars now and we hope to see you there in 2025.



### **BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS** - Growing Confident Big and Little Sisters

This project is revitalizing High School Bigs programming in Ontario and Yates counties and impacts both the high school mentors and the elementary school mentees. The Big and Little sisters engage in preplanned activities by the BBBS staff. They have recruited and trained 20 high school mentors. After 3 months, 95% of the girls matched achieved positive scores on the Strength of Relationship survey. At this point, 10 females have completed 12 months in a mentoring relationship.

### **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF GENEVA** - First 1000 Days

The First 1000 Days program addresses the needs of young mothers by easing the increased financial responsibility of parenting. The program is truly successful, and families are positively impacted by the program and its services. Referring to a study done by Hobart and William Smith, 96% of the respondents felt that the program was achieving its mission and 94% of the respondents agreed that the program has a positive impact on their child. This data from the members could be used to argue the programs success along with consistent growth over the two years with over 500 registered families.

### **CCE YATES / YATES 4-H** - Partnership with Local Artists

Seven of the ten hands-on workshops with local artists for Yates County 4-H youth and their families have been completed so far with 20 youth participating. Based on workshop evaluations, 80% of the youth participants indicated increased skill development and 100% said they would take part in another workshop. 9 youths are new to 4-H and 68% of the 20 participants took part in other 4-H programs.

### **Family Counseling Service of the Finger Lakes** - Beyond the Crisis: Skills for Self-Sufficiency

One of the two 10-week self-sufficiency classes for victims/survivors of domestic violence has been held with 7 women attending. Each of the participants evidenced an increase in self-esteem post class and all but two evidenced an increase in assertiveness skills post class. The program helps assist victims with financial logging and ways to better their credit and will help to rebuild their self-esteem and self-worth through affirmation, increased knowledge about how to be independent and self-reliant, and through support from others experiencing similar situations.

### **Keuka Housing Council, Inc.** - The LEARN Program

The LEARN program provides Yates and Ontario County women with a 2-hour monthly series of educational and experiential workshops to develop leadership skills, improve self-confidence, and provide personal growth.

### **Safe Harbor of the Finger Lakes** - Empowering Myself

This program focuses on giving women and girls training and tools to feel more confident in themselves and the future. They have successfully held 4 women's and girls' groups. They have provided self-care items to 171 women and girls out of the 300 they hope to serve by the end of the year.

## ONYA BOARD MEMBERS

Cheryl Angelidis  
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Sue Raymond  
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## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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## ONYA SHARING OUR MISSION



ONYA members are sharing the mission and vision of ONYA with Rotary Clubs in Ontario and Yates counties. So far in 2024 presentations have been given to the Clifton Springs and Canandaigua clubs. A power point presentation was given highlighting the history of ONYA as well as some of the past grants that have been awarded. Members are working on scheduling further presentations throughout the year. The goal is to encourage organizations and/or individuals to partner with ONYA in supporting women and girls in our counties towards self-sufficiency.

Any individual or agency interested in a presentation can contact Sue Raymond, ONYA President, at [ONYA14424.org](http://ONYA14424.org), 585-733-2216, or ONYA, P.O. Box 31, Canandaigua, NY 14424.

For more information about ONYA: visit our website: [www.ONYA-NY.org](http://www.ONYA-NY.org).

## MAKE A LASTING IMPACT...

### To women and girls in our community through your IRA.

Donating to the Ontario Yates Fund for Women and Girls, a 501(c)(3) charity, through your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is a wonderful way to support women and girls in our area while potentially enjoying tax benefits.

If you're aged 70½ or older, you can make a tax-free donation directly from your traditional IRA to a qualified charity. This is known as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). You can donate up to \$105,000 per year without it being considered a taxable distribution. QCDs can fulfill part or all your required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the tax year.

Contact your IRA trustee to initiate the QCD. They'll transfer the funds directly to ONYA (Ontario Yates Fund for Women and Girls).

Some tax considerations to discuss with your accountant are: QCDs are not deductible as charitable contributions on Schedule A, but they lower your adjusted gross income (AGI); Since the standard deduction increased due to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), most taxpayers won't itemize deductions; QCDs can also help control Medicare premiums for those affected by income.

Remember, your generosity can make a meaningful impact!

### To the women and girls in our community through your will.

Leaving a charitable bequest to the Ontario Yates Fund for Women & Girls, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, in your will is a meaningful way to support the continuation of the nonprofit community programs that empower women and girls in our area to become economically and socially independent. Please work with your attorney to review the various types of charitable bequests available and to add ONYA as a beneficiary in your will.

Remember, you don't need to be wealthy to leave a lasting impact.

**Every contribution matters!**



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## KEEP UP WITH ONYA!

### Would you like to receive our newsletter electronically by email?

Receiving the newsletter electronically helps us keep our operating expenses down, allowing us to direct more money to grants that serve the women and girls in need!



Use the QR code to share your email with us: write electronic newsletter in the subject line.

We respect your privacy and we do not share our list!

### Would you like to learn more about ONYA or have us present to your organization?

Send an email to [onya14424@gmail.com](mailto:onya14424@gmail.com) with your organization information and we will set up a time to meet and introduce ONYA and all that it does to serve women and girls in need!

