



23 years of helping local women and girls find their voices

Why Women & Girls?

Some alarming statistics on poverty in our area:

In Ontario County:

- 23.2 % of Female Heads of Household (FHH) families live in poverty (by Federal poverty guidelines).
- 32.0% of FHH with children under 18 years of age live in poverty.
- 2.5% of Married Couple Households (MCH) live in poverty.

In Yates County:

- 29.9% of FHH families live in poverty.
- 33.9% of FHH with children under 18 years of age live in poverty.
- 5.0% of MCH live in poverty.

Ontario/Yates Fund for Women and Girls

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Grant Recipients

*Arts Center of Yates County
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Rochester
Canandaigua Adventure (FLCC/Canandaigua Middle School)
Canandaigua Churches in Action
Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes
Center for Dispute Settlement (Ontario County)
Child and Family Resource Center
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario County*

*Dress for Success Rochester (Ontario & Yates Expansion)
Family Counseling Services of Finger Lakes, Inc.
Family Hope Center
Finger Lakes Health Foundation
Finger Lakes Migrant Health Care Project
Geneva Reads
Geneva YMCA
Girl Scouts of NYPENN*

*Gleaners Community Kitchen
Habitat for Humanity of Ontario County
Health Career Choices
Herb Haven
Law NY – Child Support Enforcement Project
Legal Assistance of Western NY, Inc.
Literacy Volunteers of Ontario and Yates Counties
Mosaic Chapter of NYSARC, Inc.
Partnership for Ontario County*

*Penn Yan Central School District
Rushville Health Center
Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes
St. Vincent DePaul Society
Salvation Army – Canandaigua & Geneva Branches
The Living Well
Yates County Youth Bureau
Yates Cultural & Recreational Resources
Wood Library*



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ONTARIO/YATES FUND FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

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



“Give someone a fish and they will eat for a day. Teach someone to fish and they will eat for a lifetime.”

This is the premise upon which ONYA began. Since the cycle of poverty is self-perpetuating, women and girls living in or on the edge of poverty need early intervention to acquire life skills, motivation, and self-confidence so that they complete their education and make good decisions about their futures.

The Ontario/Yates Fund for Women and Girls (ONYA) is a donor-advised “fund” managed by the Finger Lakes Area Community Endowment (FLACE), and overseen by the ONYA Board of Directors. Fundraising began in 2000 with a goal of creating a permanent endowment. ONYA has awarded over \$409,500 to 34 different agencies for 108 programs which have impacted the lives of over 7,725 women and girls in Ontario and Yates Counties.

Local Needs of Women and Girls

- Mentoring and leadership development programs for “at-risk” teens
- Support for women and girls who have lived with domestic violence
- Education, counseling and childcare
- Legal advocacy for women and girls (teen parents)
- Job training, social support and education for the “working poor”
- Support groups, training and housing for women
- Shelter for abused women and girls and their children
- Social support for local women with jobs that do not pay a living wage

Since 2000, ONYA has awarded over \$409,500 to 34 different agencies for 108 programs, that have positively impacted the lives of over 7,725 women and girls in Ontario and Yates Counties!

How ONYA’s Mission is realized:

- By building an endowment to fund grants and awareness efforts.
- By awarding grants to agencies and organizations for programs which address education, intervention, legal assistance, and other relevant solutions.
- By creating awareness through specific programs within the community we serve.

What Can YOU Do to Support ONYA?

- Become an ONYA donor – checks may be made payable to ONYA/FLACE and mailed to ONYA, P.O. Box 31, Canandaigua, NY 14424 or donate on-line through our website at: www.ONYA-NY.org
- Volunteer to help with a committee or become an ONYA Board Member
- Learn more about ONYA at www.ONYA-NY.org or email us at onya14424@gmail.com.