



22 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  
Family Counseling Services of Finger Lakes, Inc.  
Family Hope Center  
Finger Lakes Health Foundation  
Health Career Choices  
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  
Herb Haven  
Law NY – Child Support Enforcement Project  
Legal Assistance of Western NY, Inc.  
Literacy Volunteers of Ontario and Yates Counties  
Partnership for Ontario County  
Penn Yan Central School District  
Rushville Health Center  
Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes  
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. Since 2003 ONYA has awarded over \$357,000 to 31 different agencies for 90 programs which have impacted the lives of over 7,000 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 2003, ONYA has awarded over \$381,000 to 31 different agencies for 93 programs, that have positively impacted the lives of over 7,200 women and girls in Ontario and Yates Counties.

### How ONYA’s Mission is realized:

- 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.
- By building an endowment to fund grants and awareness efforts.

### 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](http://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](http://www.ONYA-NY.org) or email us at [onya14424@gmail.com](mailto:onya14424@gmail.com) or call 585-733-2216.