

ONYA News

March 2024



2024 is going to be an exciting and busy year for ONYA. In November, our application for 501c3 status was accepted by the IRS. As a result, many changes have occurred and will continue to occur as the year progresses. We have separated our account from FLACE. Checks can be made out directly to ONYA or if you prefer paying on-line, Pay Pal will be available on our website. You will also be able to purchase tickets to events on-line. Thank you, acknowledgements, for donations will come directly from our treasurer.

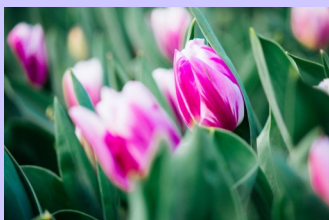
We are planning on working with Causewave on our marketing and branding strategies. We have hired Lisa Hubler to help with the Communications and Marketing Committee's digital information. As you can see, these are all changes that should make ONYA stronger.

The main focus of our organization has not changed, however. Thanks to the generosity of you, our donors, we are providing grants to six organizations that are conducting programs that will help the women and girls in Ontario and Yates counties find their voice. Information on these programs is provided elsewhere in this newsletter.

In a cost saving measure, the Board has decided to send the newsletter digitally to the people we have emails for. If we have your email address, and you would prefer a hard copy of the newsletter, you need to notify us. If we do not have your email address and you would like to receive it digitally, please send your email address to us.

Thanks for the support you have given us in 2023. May your support continue and grow as we start this new adventure.

Sue Raymond
President



Save the Date!

June 1, 2024

Bud to Bloom Luncheon

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ONYA Fall Barbeque

Our annual Fall BBQ fund raiser is always a family-fun way to support ONYA! In 2023, our celebration was held at the Canandaigua Yacht Club. Thank you to our many supporters who joined us to enjoy the delicious meal, terrific prizes, and fun time - 85 dinners were served and 45 prizes were awarded. Proceeds from the BBQ will fund programs that foster personal and economic

growth among women and girls in Ontario



and Yates
Counties

Thank you to our sponsors:

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Thank you to our balloon prize donors:

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2024 GRANT PROGRAM NEWS

ONYA was able to award grants to six non-profit organizations for programs that will run in 2024 and help to foster personal growth and economic self-sufficiency among women and girls through-out Ontario and Yates Counties.



Big Brothers/Big Sisters "Growing Confident Big and Little Sisters"

This project will revitalize High School Bigs programming in Ontario and Yates counties. It will serve at least 60 children and teenage girls. The program impacts both the high school mentors and the elementary school mentees. The Big and Little sisters engage in preplanned activities by the BBBS staff.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
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Boys and Girls Club "First 1,000 Days"

This grant will provide support for First 1,000 Days to address the needs of and empower young mothers by easing the increased financial responsibility of parenting. The program provides access to essential items such as diapers, formula, and groceries as well as support for unanticipated expenses such as auto repairs, relocation costs, a delinquent water bill, or emergency medical equipment.

Cornell Cooperative Extension
Yates County

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Yates County "4-H Youth Development Partnership with Local Artists"

This grant would allow 10 low cost, hands-on workshops for Yates County 4-H youth and their families. Funding will cover the cost of artist time, supplies to complete each project, staff time to coordinate workshops and create promotional materials, and printing expenses.



Family Counseling "Beyond the Crisis: Skills for Self-Sufficiency"

Two 10-week self-sufficiency classes for victims/survivors of domestic violence will be provided. This program will help 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

International Women's Day

March 8th

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups come together to celebrate women's achievements or rally for women's equality.

Marked annually on March 8th, International Women's Day (IWD) is one of the most important days of the year to:

- Celebrate women's achievements
- Educate and raise awareness for women's equality
- Call for positive change to advance women
- Lobby for accelerated gender parity
- Fundraise for female focused charities

This year's theme is to inspire inclusion!

"When we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better world.

And when women themselves are inspired to be included, there's a sense of belonging, relevance and empowerment.

The aim of the IWD 2024 #inspireinclusion campaign is to collectively forge a more inclusive world for women."



[Internationalwomensday.com](https://www.internationalwomensday.com)

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Keuka Housing Council "Munch and LEARN"

The LEARN program will provide 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 Harbors of the Finger Lakes "Empowering Myself"

Empowering myself is a new project vision to assist clients in "Empowering Myself." It focuses on giving women and girls the training and tools to feel more confident in themselves and the future. Even if things are difficult at this time, they can still plan for a brighter future and work towards that goal. The grant will cover the supplies needed to run groups or offer extra support to survivors.

ONYA 2023 SPOTLIGHT



Child & Family Resources, Inc.

Our goal is to support self-sufficiency and/or self-confidence of families in Ontario and Yates Counties. The average group of moms that we serve is between 18 and 35. We currently serve 65 families and have been a consistent financial resource to help families in the following emergent circumstances: food crisis, inter-partner violence, household safety, car payment, and infant care supplies. We have also supported families with child care necessities such as formula, bottles, wipes, baby bathtub, hygiene supplies, and breastfeeding supplies.

One specific safety need that was granted during the past 6 months was an inter-partner violence dynamic that had escalated, so we were able to create a safety plan with this family. ONYA funds provided bus tickets to the victim's family and they were able to travel to extended family members and be housed in a safe place.

As one of our Family Support Specialists reported: "ONYA helps provide the families that I work with the opportunity to receive items that they may not have had the chance to get in any other aspect. This would include bathtubs, baby gates, etc. ONYA has also given a family that I work with the opportunity to keep their vehicle after going through an unexpected hard time. I'm so appreciative of everything that ONYA has done for Healthy Families and those we serve."

WHAT'S NEW WITH ONYA

We have great news...

The ONYA Board of Directors is pleased to announce that ONYA is now a 501c3 non-profit organization. Previously, although a non-profit organization, we were under the 501c3 status of FLACE. We appreciate their help over the many years, but we are ready to become independent.

What does this change mean? ONYA will now be able to seek grant funding, in addition to our individual and business donors. This will allow the ONYA Fund to grow and in turn enable us to provide more grants to non-profit organizations that support our mission: to inspire and advance philanthropy that funds non-profit programs to foster personal growth and economic self-sufficiency among women and girls throughout Ontario and Yates Counties.

Also, it means that starting immediately your donation checks may be made payable to: ONYA, P.O. Box 31, Canandaigua, NY 14424. You will no longer make them payable to ONYA/FLACE.

Thank you for your support and continuing this journey with us to improve the lives of women and girls in Ontario and Yates Counties.

ONYA presents at First Baptist Church of Clifton Springs & United Church of Canandaigua



In the Fall of 2023, ONYA gave a PowerPoint presentation to members of First Baptist Church of Clifton Springs for the American Baptist Women's Ministries of the Finger Lakes and Circle 7 at the United Church of Canandaigua.

The purpose of the presentations was to inform the groups about ONYA and its mission. Each participant received

information about ONYA and how an individual and/or groups could partner with ONYA and its programs.

Check out ONYA at www.ONYA-NY.org. If you are a group or an organization which is looking to lift up women and girls in Ontario and Yates Counties, ONYA is eager to share its mission with you. For more information, please contact Sue Raymond, ONYA President at ONYA, Box 31, Canandaigua, NY 14424 or at ONYA14424@gmail.com.



SAVE THE DATES

BUD TO BLOOM

Bud to Bloom will be held on Saturday, June 1st. The speakers will be several of our grantees.

There will be a silent auction of baskets. If you, or someone you know (ie: hairdresser, nail salon, winery) would like to contribute a basket or items for a basket please let us know at ONYA14424@gmail.com. We will make arrangements for pick up.

Be sure to save the date to attend this annual event. Thanks for any help you can contribute to making this a successful event.



WINE TOUR

ONYA is excited to offer its first ever bus tour of wineries. Save the date of September 25, 2024! We will have lunch at the Canandaigua Yacht Club and depart the grounds at 12:30 p.m. to Seneca Lake where we will enjoy tastings and scenery at 3 wineries. The bus will return by 5:30 p.m. More information to follow.



About ONYA



What Does ONYA Do?

ONYA is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for programs that align with our mission: to foster personal growth and economic self-sufficiency among women and girls throughout Ontario and Yates Counties.

How Does ONYA Do This?

- We strive to continue to build an endowment, funded by donors, from which we award grants to organizations committed to helping women and girls become independent and economically self-sufficient.
- Our annual grants support programs offered by organizations serving these communities which address education, intervention, legal assistance and other relevant solutions.
- We create awareness about the need to assist those at-risk in this segment of our community, and the rewards in doing so, through specific programs within the communities we serve.

How Can You Help?

- Donate to ONYA today!
- Join one of ONYA's committees:
You will find flexible hours and a warm welcome!
 - ◆ Donations & Fundraising Committee
 - ◆ Communications & Marketing Committee
 - ◆ Grants Committee



At ONYA, Ontario/Yates Fund for Women and Girls, we are committed to helping women and girls become independent and economically self-sufficient. In doing so, we strive to understand what obstacles they must overcome and look to provide solutions to help.

Explore our website to learn more about all that we're doing to make a change. We are a private, non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for programs that meet this mission. www.ONYA-ny.org

The Ontario/Yates Fund for Women and Girls (ONYA) is a 501(c)(3) foundation.

The Granger Homestead held their annual "Festival of Trees", November 9 to November 30, 2023. ONYA is proud to once again to support the Granger Homestead in its fundraising activity. We donated a tree for the event.



ONYA's Board and Committee Members held a collection of food items for the Canandaigua Churches in Action on December 11, 2023. We were pleased to provide donations to assist in stocking



the food pantry's shelves again this year.



ONYA Board Members

President: *Sue Raymond*

Secretary: *Cheryl Angelidis*

Treasurer: *Amy Pauley*



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