

Saratoga Casino Hotel Foundation to award more than \$25,000 to local organizations

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Saratoga Springs, NY --- On Sunday (Dec. 3), the Saratoga Casino Hotel Foundation, Inc. will be awarding more than \$25,000 to 21 different non-profit organizations. The ceremony will take place at 11:30 a.m. in Fortunes Restaurant at Saratoga Casino Hotel.

The awards are part of the foundation's annual grant awards, which recognize organizations that benefit the residents of Saratoga County. Initiatives that support youth, senior citizens, recreation, arts and community benefit are given priority. Since its inception in 2004, the Saratoga Casino Hotel Foundation has awarded more than \$350,000 to more than 150 non-profit groups in Saratoga County.

The Saratoga Casino Hotel Foundation is jointly funded by Saratoga Casino Hotel and the Saratoga Harness Horseperson's Association. Representatives from the 21 non-profit organizations and the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors will be in attendance for the check presentations. Two of the afternoon's harness races have been named in honor of the grant recipients and the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors. The live racing program starts at 12:15 p.m. The 2017 harness racing program continues through Sunday (Dec. 17).

"Since the Board of Supervisors authorized the establishment of the Saratoga Casino Hotel Foundation it has been a tremendous asset and has made a positive impact on the Saratoga County community," said Ed Kinowski, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. "The awardees of these grants have done tremendous work for those they serve, and we're happy that the Foundation can help these worthy organizations improve or expand their services. Strong non-profit organizations are important to the foundation of any community."

"We created this foundation in 2004, in conjunction with the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, with the intention to assist as many local organizations as we possibly could," said Skip Carlson, Vice President of External Affairs. "We're proud to be here, 13 years later, still sticking true to that mission, lending a hand to organizations that don't typically receive this type of funding."

A full list of this year's grant recipients are as follows:

Organization-Amount

Best Buddies New York-\$1,000

The Charlton School-\$1,500

The Children's Museum at Saratoga-\$750

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Planning Committee-\$750

Franklin Community Center, Inc.-\$2,000

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Saratoga, Warren & Washington Counties-\$750

Mechanicville Area Community Services Center, Inc. (MACSC)-\$2,000

Rebuilding Together Saratoga County, Inc.-\$2,000

Saratoga Center for the Family-\$500

Saratoga County Children's Committee (SCCC)-\$1,000

Saratoga County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc.-\$1,000

Saratoga Mentoring-\$500

Saratoga Sponsor a Scholar-\$1,000

The Saratoga Springs History Museum-\$500

Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation-\$500
Schuylerville Food Pantry-\$500
Senior Citizens Center of Saratoga Springs, Inc.-\$600
Shelters of Saratoga, Inc.-\$2,500
Stillwater Food Pantry-\$2,000
Wellspring-\$3,500
The Wesley Foundation-\$500

“The grant recipients do great work and make such a positive impact for our Saratoga County communities,” said Saratoga Springs Supervisor Matthew Veitch. “I’m glad the Foundation can do its small part to assist these organizations in their mission of providing positive alternatives to gaming. I thank Saratoga Casino Hotel and the Harness Horseperson’s Association for again funding this worthwhile program for another year.”