



Media Kit

We are happy to connect journalists with our program officers, who are experts on a range of topics—from affordable housing to criminal justice, from education to the urban environment. We’ve listed their fields of expertise below. Also, for reporters interested in philanthropy, our community foundation has specialists who can talk about trends in giving. Plus we can connect you to thoughtful NYC nonprofits and the people they serve.

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News Releases and Publications

- **NEWS RELEASES:** E-mail Amy Wolf above to receive releases via email announcing recent grants and other topics. You can also read them in our Newsroom.
- **GRANTS NEWS:** [Sign up](#) to receive our newsletters, published several times a year, providing insights from staff and donors, along with reports about how our funding makes a difference.
- **PROFESSIONAL TAX AND ESTATE PLANNING NOTES:** [Sign up](#) to receive this newsletter for attorneys and wealth advisors, published three times a year. It covers topics ranging from timing of charitable contributions to IRS efforts to improve nonprofit governance.
- **ANNUAL REPORT:** Stories about our work, letters from our president and board chair, donors’ first-person reports, audited financial report, grants and fund lists, as well as updates from our divisions in Westchester and Long Island.

About The New York Community Trust

The Trust is the community foundation for New York City, Westchester, and Long Island. Thanks to the generosity of individuals, families, and businesses—and the guidance of their professional advisors—we are one of the largest funders of local nonprofits.

Grantmaking

We support programs and projects to improve the lives of all New Yorkers, with an emphasis on promoting healthy lives, promising futures, and thriving communities. Our competitive grants are made possible by funds set up by donor bequests and wills and are announced five times a year. See most recent announcement [here](#). The Trust has many living donors who suggest grants from donor-advised funds. Also, several funder collaboratives are housed at The Trust, such as the Donors' Education Collaborative. They combine the thinking and resources of several foundations and make grants throughout the year.

Financial Information

You can find updated financial statements in the About section of our website.

Historical Highlights

- In 1924, The New York Community Trust was formed by 11 banks to more effectively make grants from charitable trusts they held. Though **it was one of the first community foundations**, today, it is one of more than 700 throughout the country.
- In 1931, The Trust created the **first donor-advised fund**. William Barstow wanted to actively give back during his lifetime but didn't want to create a private foundation; he also wanted to leave a permanent legacy. The Trust created the first donor-advised fund for him.
- To make sure nonprofit organizations serving our contiguous suburbs flourish, The New York Community Trust created the **Westchester Community Foundation** in 1975 and the **Long Island Community Foundation** in 1978.

Our Experts

Name and Title

Areas of Expertise

Lorie Slutsky, President

Philanthropy
Nonprofit Sector
Corporate Governance
Community Foundations
New York City

Jane L. Wilton, General Counsel

Charitable Contributions
Charitable Trusts and Corporations
Board Governance
Donor-Advised Funds

Program Department

Arturo Garcia-Costas, Program Officer, Thriving Communities

Climate Change
Sustainable Energy
Environmental Justice
Biodiversity Conservation
Global Environmental Governance
Green Infrastructure
Brownfields

Irfan Hasan, Program Director, Healthy Lives

Health Policy
Biomedical Research
Behavioral Health

Roderick Jenkins, Senior Program Officer, Promising Futures

Youth Development
Jobs and Workforce Development
Alternatives to Incarceration

Shawn Morehead, Vice President for Grants

New York Nonprofits
Education
Legal Services
Immigration

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| Kerry McCarthy, Vice President, Philanthropic Services | Arts Management Cultural and Racial Equity in the Arts Arts Infrastructure Historic Preservation |
| Rachel Pardoe, Program Officer, Healthy Lives | Elderly Children and Youth with Disabilities Blindness and Visual Disabilities Developmental Disabilities |
| Patricia Swann, Senior Program Officer, Thriving Communities | Affordable Housing Civic Affairs Nonprofit Resources Micro-Enterprise |
| Barbara Taveras, Special Projects Officer | School Reform Youth Development |
| Natasha Lifton, Senior Program Officer, Promising Futures | Girls And Young Women Social Services Hunger and Homelessness |