

January 2023

NEWS LEAF



Important Dates

MARCH 1 | 9:00-10:00 AM

Virtual Coffee & Conversation
Online Security & Fraud Prevention with
Judi Wilson, attorney Wagner Oehler and
Mike Wilson, Retired FBI

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://tinyurl.com/mrynyb69>
Meeting ID: 860 3151 3076
Passcode: 482587
Dial by your location:
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APRIL 5 | 9:00-10:00 AM

Virtual Coffee & Conversation
RAF Nonprofit Grant Recipient Updates

Join Zoom Meeting:

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MAY 2 | 8:00-9:30 AM

Spring Grants Showcase

MAY 3 | 9:00-10:00 AM

Virtual Coffee & Conversation
Affordable Housing

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*As a reminder to
our Donor Advised
Fundholders – grant
requests are
processed on the
15th and last day of
each month.



Rochester Area
Foundation

President's Letter

Thank you for your continued partnership in the work of the Foundation. We are looking forward to a vibrant year ahead of expansion and growth as we continue to put philanthropy into action with our partners.

One of the ways in which we support our community is through our scholarship program. If you have a student in your life we encourage you to direct them to our website,

<https://rochesterarea.org/scholarships/>, where they will find a wealth of information on our available scholarship awards and can start their applications. This year we will be distributing over \$85,000 in awards for educational support to undergraduate and graduate students.

We hope you will plan to join us virtually for our monthly Coffee and Conversation series on the first Wednesday of each month from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. We have great presentations planned for 2023. Our March 1st conversation will be focused on protecting your personal information. Join us as we hear from Judi Wilson, an attorney with the law firm Wagner Oehler and Mike Wilson, a security and fraud expert and retired FBI agent.

First Homes continues to expand the portfolio of our Community Land Trust through acquisition and creation of affordable housing options. On Friday, February 24th, First Homes hosted a renovation showcase in Southeast Rochester. This showcase displayed a newly purchased home, before we invested in renovation. We will revisit this home in the spring and host another showcase when the remodeling process is complete. Stay tuned for details on when we will be hosting the completed showcase event.

Thank you for partnering with us in building better communities for all!



Our 2023 Rochester Area Foundation initiatives are supported in part by these community partners:

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KMTelecom | Premier Bank | Wagner Oehler, LTD | Dunlap Seeger

New Housing Project by First Homes

First Homes has invested in a new housing project featuring a row home model of design.

The 9th Ave Row Homes will add six new affordable homes to our Community Land Trust portfolio. First Homes was able to maximize the available space by building two buildings on two lots on the block.

One building, containing three, three-bedroom units, will be available to families earning at or below 75% area median income (AMI) while the second building with three, two-bedroom units will cater to families at or below 70% AMI.

This project is located in the City of Rochester's recently adopted Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Corridor. This will allow future homeowners easy access to public transportation, close proximity to downtown, and access to parks and trails nearby.



Announcing the Launch of a New Cohort for BIPOC-Identifying Individuals

We are excited to announce the launch of a new cohort designed exclusively for professionals who self-identify as Black, Indigenous, or a person of color (BIPOC) and work in a nonprofit, educational institution, or government agency.

Hosted by the Commitment to Racial Justice, which operates under the Rochester Nonprofit Consortium and Rochester Area Foundation, this BIPOC-led cohort will serve as a space to create a sense of belonging and inspire personal and professional growth.

We believe it is important for BIPOC nonprofit professionals at every level of an organization to feel seen and supported and have a platform to voice their needs, values, lived experience, and goals in solidarity and safety.

We want to support our area's BIPOC nonprofit professionals and create a diverse pipeline towards leadership roles amongst nonprofits in our communities.

This cohort will launch with a kick-off social mixer on March 8, 2023 at Thai Pop. There will be activities, food, and a chance to get to know one another.

Feedback will be collected from participants about how they want to continue to meet together and what types of content and activities will be of greatest benefit.

Once that criteria is established, we will be sending out information about future meetings and events.

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