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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 45TH ANNIVERSARY

Horseheads, NY – Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes will be celebrating its 45th anniversary in 2017. The Corning Community Foundation was established in 1972 shortly after Hurricane Agnes hit the Southern Tier. A little over ten years later, the Chemung County Area Community Foundation was born. The two organizations officially merged later in 1993 establishing the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes.

Currently, the foundation holds \$45 million in assets granting annual awards to nonprofit organizations and college-bound students totaling \$1.5 million annually - a majority of which remains here in the Southern Finger Lakes region promoting solutions that address our community's greatest needs and serve the common good.

As part of a year-long celebration, the Community Foundation will be launching a series of guest blogs from local nonprofits twice a month throughout 2017. The foundation's Good Works Video Podcast will post on social media every other month recognizing the important work of the foundation while highlighting a nonprofit program. In July, the foundation will host an ice cream truck on site and provide free ice cream to community members. In addition, a

surprise video project is underway that will be shown at a premier party in October. The culmination of activities will be a 45th Anniversary Gala held on November 14th, 2017 at the Corning Museum of Glass.

“We hope that the Southern Finger Lakes community will help to celebrate not only the work of the Community Foundation but the philanthropic spirit that is evident throughout our region,” said Sara Palmer, director of grants and communications.

The Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes inspires philanthropy to make lives better. Our grants and scholarships support the people of Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben and Yates counties in the Southern Tier of New York State. Contributions to the organization’s varied funds may be made to Community Foundation, 301 South Main Street, Horseheads, NY 14845.

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