

THE 2018

# NEWSLETTER

## THE HUNTER FOUNDATION, INC

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### A NOTE FROM OUR CO-CHAIRS

To our Supporters, Members and Friends,

Thank you for being a part of another record-breaking year for the Hunter Foundation! 2018 was exceptionally busy as we were lucky enough to find and bring on a number of extraordinarily talented staff, brought many of our projects forward, and expanded our portfolio of properties we own and manage for the benefit of our community.

The Fromer Market Gardens on Main Street Tannersville enjoyed a very productive inaugural season bringing farm fresh, certified organic produce to the Town of Hunter! Our new Farm Stand is open every weekend, selling produce and delicious baked goods to the many hundreds of Visitors we have had since opening. The positive impact that this project has had on our community is deep and meaningful. Dallas has developed a local composting initiative and is creating a means for people to reduce their waste, converting this to usable compost that will be used at the Farm. Area restaurants have been featuring many Farm products directly on their menus to much fanfare. Dallas and Becky continue to work hard on developing the Farm's offering and setting up for an even better Spring and Summer 2019 when we can fully utilize our outdoor bed space.

Zach Kalas was hired this year as a Program Coordinator for the Hunter Foundation and has been diligently working with HTC to integrate Fromer Market Garden's products and techniques into student curriculum and the school lunch menu with the goal of making our school healthier and our children more knowledgeable of what goes into creating a healthy food system.

You may have noticed that work has begun on restoring the main Fromer House, adjacent to the farm. We are currently replacing the roof, rebuilding the porch and deck and installing all new plumbing inside. In the Spring this historic building will get a fresh new coat of Paint bringing it back to its former glory as a showpiece of the Village of Tannersville. We have plans to use this building in many ways to compliment the Farm and our Town in general. More to come on that later!

In January, the Hunter Foundation purchased the former Colonial Country Club and Golf Course. With over 160 acres of land, the Golf Course is a highly important piece of the Village of Tannersville and Town of Hunter. Featuring a 9 hole golf course, Tudor Style home and over 100 acres of undeveloped pristine forest, we plan to sustainably develop the property so that it can be enjoyed by future generations of residents and visitors to our area. This year we began plotting out and implementing a trail system that will welcome mountain bikers and hikers year-round with the help of our local students and faculty from HTC. On Tuesday nights (when weather permitted), Zach our Program Coordinator set up and ran a weekly outdoor movie screening. Visitors were able to enjoy gathering to watch a movie right on the course on an inflatable outdoor movie screen.

All summer long golf operations were maintained, and we employed over 20 local employees, many of whom were high school and college students needing employment for summer break. Next year will be even better as we continue to improve our operations to the benefit of all those who love the game of Golf.

In August we had our first annual Hunter Foundation Family Fun Fest at the Golf Course that enjoyed delicious food and drink, live entertainment, carnival games, a dunk tank, and the extremely popular mechanical bull ride. Those who attended had a fantastic time exploring the grounds and enjoying the amazing fair style experience that our staff and volunteers masterfully created. We plan to have an even better fun fest in the summer of 2019 so stay tuned!

The entire Golf Course property is currently undergoing a master plan development that will outline many of the different uses we see the property featuring in the years to come. At some point in the near future we will ask the community for input on ideas that they would also like to see offered and implemented at this amazing property.

In the Spring we are planning to break ground on the new Creekside Park which will be located on the vacant piece of property next to the creek in between American Glory BBQ and the Tannersville Laundromat. Construction documents are currently being prepared and permits being put into place to develop an amazing pocket park in the heart of the Village of Tannersville. This park will also be the Village entry point to a trail we will develop that will lead people through a short walk through the woods directly to the Rip Van Winkle Lake playground at the South end of the Village.

These and many other efforts we have undertaken made 2018 another productive and busy year for everyone at the Hunter Foundation, and we greatly appreciate the support of the community as we work to make the Town of Hunter an even better place to live, work and visit year round.

We sincerely thank you for your support this past year, and we also wish you a healthy and prosperous 2019!

Sincerely, Sean Mahoney and Elena Patterson, Co Chairs



### Pharmacist, Ed Ullman WELLNESS RX

**Wellness Rx**, (with the help of the Hunter Foundation and Greene County Quantum Fund), was created 3 & 1/2 years ago in Tannersville as a unique patient-centered pharmacy that incorporated natural medicine and space for clinical services and student training. A platform to test fresh ideas for the creation of a new medicine in America.

While still a work in progress, Wellness Rx has become a true reflection of the Tannersville community. Patient satisfaction is high, community networking strong, pharmacy training program in partnership with Albany College of Pharmacy is gaining visibility and profitability has been achieved.

Patient Assistance Fund was established that has become a booming success. Funded, to date, by individual private donations, the Fund has provided over \$2,500 in assistance to more than 80 patients. Wellness Rx's creation of a **new medicine** offers great hope. A great local success story! Contact Ed at 518-589-9500

### A Note from your Farmers



This year has been a true test of our capabilities to farm on this small mountain top village and thrive. Thanks to the support of a highly enthusiastic township, we have achieved and surpassed our first year goals and couldn't be more excited to continue to bring you fresh organic vegetables for years to come.

An unexpected but greatly valued component of this project has been the amount of food scraps we have collected from restaurants and the community throughout the season. We calculate over 500 pounds of food waste has been converted into beautiful organic compost that we now use as mulch. We hope to at least double this next year so get to saving your scraps! It not only helps us but also helps the planet by reducing carbon and methane in the atmosphere; so it's kind of a win win.

Some things to look forward to next year will be educational programs, farm workshops and events, integration with the neighboring schools and library, and a fully stocked farm store with even more products and open hours to fulfill your families needs. We hope you all feel a difference in this town and in your own lives as a healthy change for the community and future.

Many thanks,  
Becky & Dallas

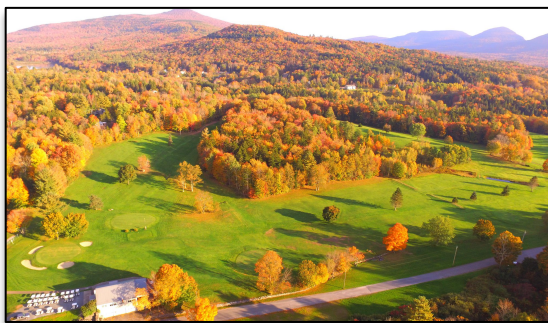
### Fromer House - 6120 Main Street

Renovations are underway at the Fromer House which include a new roof, front porch flooring, posts and railings, plumbing and paint. Plans also include installation of a commercial kitchen offering cooking and nutrition classes, demonstrations and much more.

The Fromer House is an integral part of the expansion of Fromer Market Gardens and the offerings that will be available on site.



### Colonial Golf Course - 55 Allen Lane



The Hunter Foundation, Inc. purchased **Colonial Golf Course** January 2018 opening for business in May. Even with the rainy wet summer, many came to play the 9 hole picturesque course. With an excellent grounds maintenance crew Supervisor Josh Collins, Zane Lewis, Chase Plattner and Joe Radcliffe the greens are better than ever! The clubhouse staff consisted of local HTC students and staff supervised by Kristen Hommel. We could not have been more blessed to find a responsible, enthusiastic group of employees. The course hosted the Ronnie McGregor Tournament, HTC Parent-Child Tournament, the HTC Golf Team and the First Annual FUN FEST! The main house was purchased a few months later completing the vision to create amazing event space within the Village of Tannersville.

### Tannersville Antique & Artisan Center and Antique Annex

The **Tannersville Antique & Artisan Center and Antique Annex** continue to be a popular shopping destination. Featuring over 80 unique vendors with an ever changing inventory, there is something for every one and every budget. The Center is open seven days a week from 10am to 6pm. Our friendly knowledgeable staff are eager to assist you. For more information contact 518-589-5600.

### Bear Plaza

**Bear Plaza** has been gutted inside except for Mountain Top Chiropractic offices and we are currently reviewing plans for the space. Parking lot repairs to be made as well. Stay tuned.

### Online Auction

**Online Auction** We would like to thank all of the donors and bidders that take part in our annual online fundraiser.

## Fun Fest Annual Fundraiser

Colonial Golf Course was the site for the First Annual FUN FEST this past summer. The carnival themed event featured old time games, bounce house, dunk tank, airbrush tattoo and the very popular mechanical bull. Entertainment by Sam Reider & The Human Hands, The Incredible Larry, Sean The Prankster Magician and Crazy Christine Balloons added to the fun. El Danzante Mexican Food, Yum Yum Asian Food and Karen's Country Kitchen American Comfort Food Trucks were on hand for the satisfaction of every taste bud. Hudson Chatham Winery provided adult beverages. Dr. Susan Vickers, Donna Brower and many volunteers from Hunter Tannersville School provided amazing baked goods. Having the community come out to support the ongoing efforts of the Hunter Foundation was very encouraging and we plan on making the FUN FEST an annual event.



## SUCCESSSES

One of the goals of the Hunter Foundation is to **rehab blighted buildings** and give them new life. We are pleased with the outcome of this mission to date. Some of our successes include:

- Jtree-Kaaterskill Liquors
- Astor House – Wellness RX Pharmacy
- Tannersville General Store – Catskill Mountain Country Store
- Bubba's – Mrs. Puddle Duck's Child Care and Greene County Soil & Water
- Slopes – Tannersville Antique & Artisan Center
- The Candle Shop – Hudson Chatham Winery
- Smiley's – Mama's Boy Burgers
- Dugan's – Hunter Foundation Offices
- Warm's – American Glory BBQ
- Fromer House – Fromer Market Gardens
- Bucca Law Office – Pop-Up Gift Shop
- Hilltop House – Hotel Mountain Brook
- Villa Maria – future Catskill Hotel

## UPDATE: Gooseberry Creek Revitalization Project

The Creekwalk Park on Main Street between American Glory Restaurant and Tannersville Laundromat will be underway next Spring. The construction documents are being prepared and the project sent to bid early next year. The Park will connect trails to Rip Van Winkle Lake.

## HTC Outdoor Adventure Club

spearheaded by Lee Herchenroder, began work on the golf course grounds creating hiking and mountain biking trails to be open next Spring.

## Hunter-Tannersville Class of 2021

HTC Class of 2021 hosted the Wildcat Enduro Mountain Bike Race and Ride at Tannersville-Hathaway Trail System in October.

The HTC senior class will hold their prom in the Fromer Farm Barn next Spring.

The Hunter Foundation, Inc honored Stefan Beil HTC Star Employee of the Year, and Teacher of the Year, Greg Fletcher with monetary awards which were donated to not-for-profits of their choice. Friends of the Feathered and Furry and the HTC Booster Club were the grateful recipients for 2018.



## Giving Back to the Community

The Hunter Foundation receives numerous requests for assistance and we do our best to help as many as possible. Here are a few of the organizations/events we were able to assist:

- Tannersville Area Health Committee
- Tannersville July Fourth Fireworks Display
- Headwater Soccer Camp
- Rotary Youth Leadership
- Tannersville Annual Winter Walk
- Greene County Deputies Association
- HTC 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Campout
- HTC Teacher of the Year Awards
- HTC Star Employee of the Year Award
- HTC Odyssey of the Mind
- HTC Outdoor Adventure Club
- NYNJ Trail Conference
- All Souls Church



## The Painted Village in the Sky

Thanks to the generosity and vision of Elena Patterson, The Painted Village continues to attract visitors from around the world! The Rip Van Winkle mural painted by artist Justin Badenhorst on the Tannersville Antique Center and the 9 hidden Dutchmen make up the ever popular Tannersville Scavenger Hunt. If you own a home or business on Route 23A in the Town of Hunter, you may be eligible for a Paint project. Visit our website for an application or contact the office for more information.

## 23Arts

23Arts Initiative is dedicated to sponsoring world-class performing arts to the mountain community of Tannersville. The Hunter Foundation provides housing for the artists when needed. This year-round program includes artist residencies, community outreach, educational opportunities and performances with internationally recognized artists across jazz, classical, indie and blues genres. We are please to play a part in these offerings.

### Meet the Staff

**Anne Jakubowski, Executive Director**  
**Holly Velez, Program Assistant**  
**Frank Kerr, Maintenance Supervisor**  
**Zack Kalas, Program Coordinator**

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### Meet the Board of Directors

**Elena Patterson, Co-Chair**  
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