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Statue for Equality Comes to EVL

Temporary installation of Cheryl Strayed statue on loan from Griffis Sculpture Park



By CAITLIN CROFT

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Chamber shows its support for the Alley Katz

Each year, as part of its mission, the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce looks to help the local community. 2020 was without a doubt a challenging year for many including the Chamber, which had to cancel all of their festivals and events. In keeping with tradition, the Chamber Board has approved a donation for 2021 to the Ellicottville Alley Katz.

"This amazing group of volunteers not only water and care for the flowers and plants around the village, but they pay for them out of donated funds," noted Brian McFadden, Executive Director of the Chamber.

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FUND ESTABLISHED TO BRING POP-UP CLINICS TO CATTARAUGUS CO.

A group of local organizers, working in collaboration with the nonprofit Remote Area Medical – RAM®, recently established the RAM Fund of Cattaraugus County at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation to bring a RAM free pop-up clinic back to the county in September. The first RAM clinic was held in 2017 at St. Bonaventure University and provided approximately 400 residents with more than \$188,000 worth of dental, vision, and medical services free of charge ... page 11

Capturing the Moment

Photographer Nadine Saviano brings her passion to Ellicottville



By MARY HEYL

Variety is the spice of life, as the saying goes, but for photographer Nadine Saviano, variety has also been the key to her success as the owner of her own full-time business and non-profit organization, God Winks Inc.

A career photographer, western New York native Saviano has 24 years of experience in just about every area of the business. In September of 2019, Saviano decided to strike out on her own. But starting a business six months before the start of a global pandemic? Despite the restrictions of the pandemic and its crippling financial effect on small business owners, Saviano has not only grown her business, but also made the full-time move to Ellicottville to take it to the next level.

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SAVING GRACE OUTREACH GETS BIG BOOST

In 2015, M&T Bank donated \$500 to Saving Grace Outreach. The Cattaraugus-based community center provides those in need with food and hygiene products, clothing, household furniture and emergency shelter. Realizing the growing need for the continuation of these services, M&T Bank came through again for the center, this time with an \$11,000 grant ... page 07

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Publisher's PICK

This is How You Get Unstuck: You Reach



ellicottvilleNOW team members (L-R) Meaghan Lucarelli, Brenda Perks, and Caitlin Croft stand with the Cheryl Strayed statue, now on display at the Ellicottville Gazebo.

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The artists who sculpted this particular statue are the founders of this mission, Gille and Marc Schattner. Splitting their time between NYC and Australia, Gille and Marc are referred to as "the world's most loving artists," having worked side by side for 30 years. Both Gillie and Marc have been very vocal as advocates for gender equality, and as a professional couple, live as equals at home and in the workplace - because that is how a truly loving and respectful relationship should co-exist. Their decisions and responsibilities are shared, and Marc would never assume that he is more capable than Gillie because he is a man. Nor would she let him! (<https://statuesforequality.com/pages/about-the-founders>)

When the initiative reached out to Griffis Sculpture Park, it was a no-brainer to accept four of these Statues for Equality to put on display. The other three sculptures are of Janet Mock (Actress/Producer), Gabby Douglas (Olympic Gymnast) and Tracy Dyson (Astronaut). "Historically, the park has always loaned sculptures to create intrigue and interest," Nila Lampman, Executive Director of Griffis Sculpture Park (GSP) told me. "We felt this one would be absolutely ideal for Ellicottville because Cheryl was such a large outdoors advocate." After its showcase in Ellicottville, it will be permanently installed with two of the other statues in GSP, "while Mock will reside at our city site - The Essex Arts Center."

Ellicottville is known far and wide for its easy access to recreation, dining, shopping and more. With its notable downtown district being mainly female owned, displaying this statue in Ellicottville truly embodies what the artists are trying to cultivate. In talking with owner of Daff Dry Goods, Laura Solly, she told me what it's like being part of such a female driven village. "The tight knit community and support of fellow business women (and men) is tremendous and encouraging." Solly regularly meets with other female business owners to talk over everything from their worries to new business ideas. "You really feel the support of a team."

As a fellow female business owner, Ellicottville has allowed for my gender to sit second to my business savvy. This is a luxury I forget most women are not afforded. Being surrounded by so many like-minded entrepreneurs, it becomes second nature to turn to the women of this community for leadership and guidance. According to Solly, the best part about owning a business in Ellicottville is "the people I interact with, work with, and have created lifelong friendships with. We work well together! We can be independent! We can follow our individual dreams."

A Grand Reveal Ceremony for the temporary installation of Strayed's statue will be held on Friday, June 4th at 5:00pm on the Gazebo lawn in front of the Village/Town Hall, downtown Ellicottville. There will be smooth Jazz for entertainment, along with refreshments. The public is encouraged to attend.

The statue of Strayed has her standing in the middle of a sunflower with her arms open facing upward. A sunflower can grow up to six feet tall and symbolizes love, loyalty and longevity. Strayed's body language in the statue is reaching up to the sun, taking in the loving embrace

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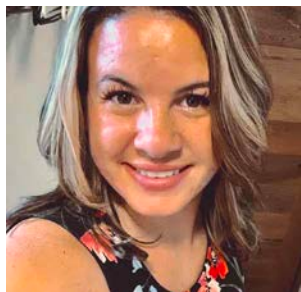
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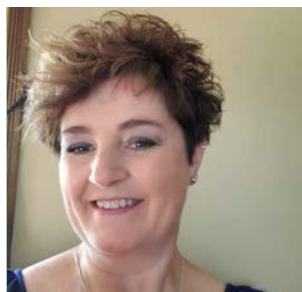
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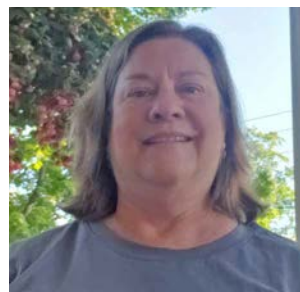
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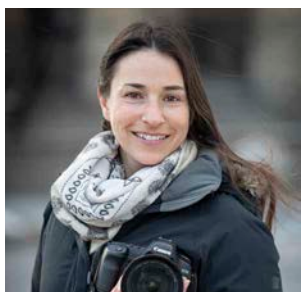
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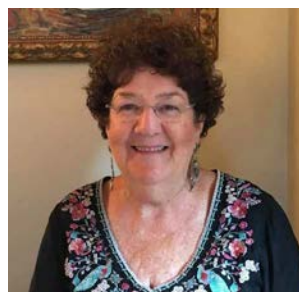
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By MARY HEYL

Variety is the spice of life, as the saying goes, but for photographer Nadine Saviano, variety has also been the key to her success as the owner of her own full-time business and non-profit organization, God Winks Inc.

A career photographer, western New York native Saviano has 24 years of experience in just about every area of the business. “In my years of photography, there’s no aspect that I haven’t done,” said Saviano. “Everything from weddings to corporate and family events to high school senior portraits, maternity, newborn, and baby milestone sessions, boudoir and engagement photos, to bridal shoots and product photography.” Saviano has even done sports photography, as well as real estate shoots, both residential and commercial.

With such an impressive portfolio, it’s not hard to understand why Saviano would make the move from working as a manager and subcontractor for others’ studios to strike out on her own in September of 2019. But starting her own business six months before the start of a global pandemic? Simply put, Saviano never anticipated such a challenge during her first year of business. Despite the restrictions of the pandemic and its crippling financial effect on small business owners, Saviano has not only grown her business, but also made the full-time move to Ellicottville to take it to the next level.

In January 2021, Saviano and her family moved from East Aurora to Ellicottville, where her family has had a long history. Saviano explained, “My husband is on ski patrol with Holiday Valley, and our kids ski and snowboard, and we mountain bike and hike during the summer. There’s a lot of activity in Ellicottville, and we were spending so much time down here - just about every weekend - that we got an apartment.” Moving to Ellicottville full-time was actually the Savianos’ projected goal for retirement, but instead the family decided to move up the plan by several years, which has worked out quite well!

Saviano’s versatility and her editing and design skills are a key combination that has helped her develop a reputation for excellence. She credits her years of on-the-job experience for her ability to capture her subjects in their most authentic, natural moments, while also creating a great experience for all involved. “My mother is a portrait artist, so I grew up around all different kinds of art media,” Saviano explained. “She put a manual camera in my hands at a pretty young age. Before long, I was entering into children’s photography contests, and in high school, I took every photography class there was to take. We even had a dark room to process our own film and develop our own prints.”

At a transitional point in Saviano’s life, she was introduced to the owner of a photo studio looking for help. Her artistic edge and photographic eye were quickly recognized, and Saviano began subcontracting for more studios in need of her talent. Not only did she learn how to work with many different personalities in a variety of settings, but she also learned how to edit her own photos. “I found that editing your own photos helps to hone your skills as a photographer because you’re seeing where you went wrong or how to improve the next time,” Saviano said.

Saviano is also the president and founder of God Winks Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which she established in 2015. She explained, “I work with families that are facing terminal or life-threatening diagnoses. I offer professional family portrait photography at no charge, whether it’s cancer, ALS, Alzheimers or any other potentially life-threatening diagnosis, a loved one in palliative care or end of life care, a baby in the NICU, or a stillbirth or miscarriage.” Saviano has professional affiliations with several

Nadine Saviano Photography” continued page 12

SAVING GRACE OUTREACH

Community Cares Center gets financial boost from M&T Bank



Christina Smith, branch manager of Ellicottville’s M&T Bank (left) presents a check for \$11,000 to Elizabeth O’Neill of Saving Grace Outreach.

By SPENCER TIMKEY

Ask a random person on the street how the past 15 months have felt, and the overwhelming majority would probably give you one word: difficult. It’s been difficult, these past 15 months, because we — as a society, not anyone in particular — have experienced such a vast spectrum of emotions. Anxiety for the uncertainty of the next day or week or month, grief for the ones we’ve lost, and a seemingly endless stream of talking heads spewing doom.

But if you started peeling back the layers, you saw the very best of humanity come out. The United States isn’t a perfect place — far from it — but in times of desperation, everyday Americans have an innate tendency to extend a helping hand to those in need. Elizabeth O’Neill understands this better than most.

A founding member of Trading Post Community Care Center in Springville, NY, she looked south for her next endeavor. In 2009, she would found Saving Grace Outreach, a “Trading Post South” in Cattaraugus.

“I felt God was calling me to help his people in Cattaraugus,” she said. “We found the building for Trading Post South in 2008 and by August 2009 opened our first location, serving approximately 25,000 people with food and hygiene products, clothing, household furniture and emergency shelter.”

Saving Grace counts on megastores like Wal-Mart, Lowes, Target, Panera Bread and Tops to keep its wheels turning, but also receives assistance from the local community, churches and even FEMA for emergency housing. It has taken a village to open “God’s Warehouse,” at the Community Cares Center located at 26 Mill Street.

In 2015, M&T Bank donated \$500 to Saving Grace to assist in finishing the bathroom at the Community Cares Center, where those in need of shelter can go.

“The mission of Saving Grace closely aligns with the priorities of M&T Bank, therefore, when they came to us again with information on their new Community Cares Center, we knew we wanted to get involved and provided a donation of \$11,000,” said Christina Smith, Ellicottville’s M&T Bank Branch Manager. “Saving Grace is helping the local communities in Cattaraugus County during an unprecedented time of need, and we’re happy to help make sure they have the resources they need to effectively carry out this mission.”

Upon completion, the Community Cares Center will include a youth center, indoor archery range, community kitchen, daycare and transitional apartments. The entire project to completion will take more community support.

The pandemic could have set the entire process back, but O’Neill had help.

“We were stretched thin with having to let go of all our elderly volunteers, but my kids — Sean, Shane and Caitlin — were home from college and school stepped up and helped run the day-to-day operations including pickups and other food orders. I could have not run the ministry without them so I cannot thank them enough for their dedicated service to their community serving as God’s hands and feet,” she said.

It helps when the community steps up to help in such a significant way, such as the grant from M&T.

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Following a mellow 2020 season, Stroll the Streets is returning to the downtown area in 2021 with a full slate of entertainment! Enjoy FREE family oriented activities in the village each Friday through summer. Rotating features may include anything from face painting and balloon twisting to henna tattoos, kids yoga, chalk art and more. Plus, live musical acts on the sidewalks in front of the shops and restaurants - SUPER! Search 'Stroll the Streets in Ellicottville' on Facebook and keep up with the many activities planned.

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Aside from the obvious aesthetic benefits of maintaining a lean, tight core, there are important functional pluses as well. Imagine easing back pain, improving posture and balance, and being able to lift heavy objects without strain or stress. A strong core allows you to execute everyday movements with ease, even as you age. Core training is an insurance policy for keeping the body performing at peak levels.

There are three key elements to core training and fitness:

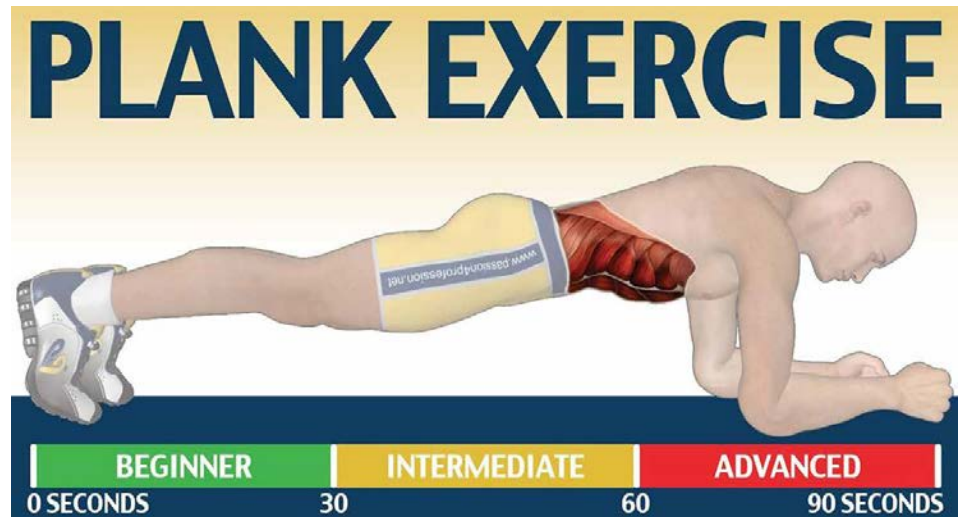
1. Breathing
2. Form
3. Speed

Breathing. Think of the inhalation as an archer's bow before launch, and follow it with a deep exhale on the positive or extended portion of the movement as if you were releasing the arrow. Aim for slow and controlled negative followed by an explosive positive.

Form. Every exercise has its proper starting position, movement path and action. Maintain control through every repetition; controlled exercise develops strength, stamina, flexibility and ease of movement.

Speed. Neither rush through your reps nor greatly slow them; instead, adopt a neutral pace that you can sustain throughout the set while keeping proper form. You want to focus on completing exercises in a full range of motion and not letting momentum do the work your core should be doing.

The bridge is a classic exercise to strengthen the core. To do this properly you need to lie on your back with your knees bent, feet on the floor. Tighten your abdominal muscles and raise your hips off the floor until they are aligned with your knees and shoulders. Hold and squeeze your glutes muscles while taking deep breathes. Add a ball between the knee or a resistance



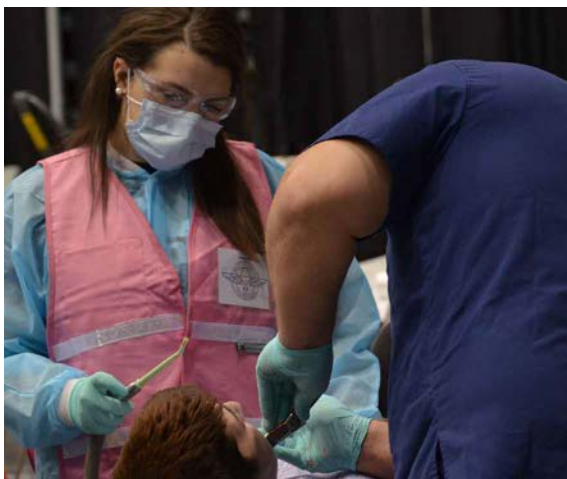
band around the thighs for a little extra work on hips, abductor and adductors.

Other very effective core strengthening exercises are planks, vertical leg crunches, flutter kicks, Russian twists, and hollow body hold and hang. Also, just bracing your core throughout the day is an excellent way to stabilize your core and correct posture imbalances.

For best results, less is more: aim to lengthen the muscle, then contract and squeeze. Place the tension on the core muscles you are working without recruiting muscles you are not. And, when in doubt, reach out to the experts at Core Performance for advice and assistance to ensure you are correctly building the core strength to meet your body's needs.

Kim Duke is a certified personal trainer and owner of Core Performance Fitness and Training located at 55 Bristol Lane, Ellicottville, NY. Kim resides in Ellicottville where she raised her two sons, Zach and Nik. For more information about her studio visit her Facebook page or www.coreperformancefitness.com. Kim can be reached at 716-698-1198.

Fund Established at CRCF to Bring Free Pop-Up Clinic Back to Cattaraugus County



OLEAN - A group of local organizers, working in collaboration with the nonprofit Remote Area Medical - RAM®, recently established the RAM Fund of Cattaraugus County at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation to bring a RAM free pop-up clinic back to Cattaraugus County in September.

This will be RAM's second pop-up clinic held in Cattaraugus County. The first clinic was held in 2017 at St. Bonaventure University and provided approximately 400 residents with more than \$188,000 worth of dental, vision, and medical services free of charge.

RAM is a national nonprofit organization that brings medical professionals from all over the country to volunteer their services at free pop-up clinics that serve uninsured and underinsured people who may not be able to otherwise afford dental, vision, or medical care. According to local community organizer Reed McElfresh, also of BonaResponds, the clinic is needed more now than ever.

"The pandemic has further isolated uninsured and underserved individuals from nearby rural areas who do not have the access to quality health, dental, and optometric care," said McElfresh. "The economic impact of the pandemic has also prevented those who have lost jobs from seeking expensive healthcare services." The free clinic will be held Saturday and Sunday, September 11th-12th at SUNY Jamestown Community College's Cattaraugus County Campus in Olean, NY.

The RAM Fund of Cattaraugus County will allow the public and area businesses to provide tax-deductible financial support for the free clinic. According to McElfresh, \$30,000 in financial support must be raised for the clinic by Sept. 1st.

The local steering committee for this event decided to utilize the services of CRCF to enable its fundraising efforts. The steering committee is comprised of: Jim Mahar and Reed McElfresh (BonaResponds); SUNY Jamestown Community College faculty and staff led by Paula Snyder (executive director of the Cattaraugus County Campus); Meme Yanetsko (chief operating officer, Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce); Karen Fohl (director for strategic partnerships, Upper Allegheny Health System); Scott Medler (associate professor of physician assistance studies, St. Bonaventure University); Kim Rossi (president, Greater Olean Association of Churches); Frank Morales (director, St. Bonaventure University Veteran Services); Kevin D'Angelo (clinical instructor of restorative dentistry, University at Buffalo); Kevin Watkins (public health director, Cattaraugus County); and many professional and non-professional volunteers.

CRCF Executive Director Karen Niemic Buchheit applauded the steering committee's efforts and its vision. "At CRCF we supported the first RAM clinic in 2017, and the results were incredible, but one of the first things that was discussed in the days following was the hope that this could return again," she said. "Providing this resource for those that otherwise do not have access to medical care is essential."

Donations can be made to the RAM Fund of Cattaraugus County at CRCF, 301 North Union St., Suite 203, Olean, NY 14760, or online at cattfoundation.org.

Established in 1994, CRCF is growing good by connecting donors to the causes they care about most in the region. Grants from the foundation support many areas, including education, scholarships, health care, the arts, community development, human service, and youth development. To learn more, call 716-301-CRCF (2723), email foundation@cattfoundation.org, or visit online at www.cattfoundation.org. CRCF is also on Facebook ([facebook.com/cattfoundation](https://www.facebook.com/cattfoundation)) and Twitter (@CattFoundation).

About Remote Area Medical: RAM is a major nonprofit organization that operates pop-up clinics delivering free, quality dental, vision, and medical services to undeserved and uninsured individuals who do not have access to or cannot afford a doctor. Since RAM was founded in 1985, more than 173,000 volunteers - comprised of licensed dental, vision, and medical professionals, as well as general support staff - have treated more than 863,000 individuals delivering \$174 million worth of free healthcare services.

CLASSIFIEDS

Summer Intern Position at the Ellicottville Memorial Library

The Ellicottville Memorial Library is pleased to announce the generous donation of funds from the Rotary Club of Ellicottville Foundation for Youth to hire a local student as a summer intern to help with the children's Summer Reading Program. "We are thrilled because this additional person will give us the ability to provide more programs and activities to the 100+ children that sign up each summer for our Summer Reading Program," said Laura Flanagan, Library Director.

The theme for this year's Summer Reading Program is "Tails & Tales" so library staff will concentrate on animals and their stories. "This program will help motivate children to read and develop positive attitudes about reading and books," explained Flanagan. "It will also help children maintain their reading skills over summer vacation and encourage regular use of the library. We are already gearing up to provide programs and events focusing on group games, physical challenges, art projects, science and more."

Any student interested in applying for this position should stop by the Ellicottville Memorial Library or call 716-699-2842 for information. The intern must be currently enrolled in college or planning on attending college this fall; preference will be given to Ellicottville Central School graduates.

This position will run from June 21st through August 13th. (These dates can be adjusted by one week if necessary to accommodate high school seniors.) The pay rate is 30 hours per week at \$12.50 per hour. Please submit an application and resume by June 5th.

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western New York healthcare organizations, including Kaleida Health, Hospice, Essential Care, CompassionNet, Catholic Health, and more, but she also works with patients receiving treatment at other healthcare facilities in the region.

Saviano's faith is what inspired her to create this organization and is what continues to propel her to help more families. "This wasn't necessarily something I was looking to create," Saviano explained. "A series of people came into my life, and these seemingly random or coincidental conversations kept taking place. Looking back on it, I saw these 'God winks' from above. It became so overwhelming at one point, I stopped and said, 'Okay, I will do this but you have to help me.'"

Nadine explained her mission: "To provide hope, support and prayer for families in need. It's rare that people have updated family portraits and the opportunity to have a family photo session helps them to step outside of their current situation and just enjoy one another during that time, to simply be together and laugh together. Certain situations are once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for family photos and provide priceless and precious memories." Professional referrals are not required, and families can contact Nadine directly through her website, Godwinksinc.org.

In her words, "I'm a perfectionist when it comes to my work. Part of that is making sure that the families that I work with through either God Winks Inc. or my studio have a positive experience and a comfortable experience. I strive to really make sure that the personalities are reflected in the photography. I want to see natural smiles, natural interactions, so that people's personalities actually come out in the photography."

To learn more about Saviano's photography business and to schedule a session, visit nadinesavianophoto.com and complete the contact form or call her at 716-510-5259. Find Saviano on Facebook or Instagram @nadinesavianophoto to see more samples of her work.

SAVING GRACE OUTREACH

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"As a community focused bank, supporting our communities is our most important work. Throughout the pandemic, as needs arose for funding in the community, our team worked quickly to deliver funds," Smith said. "This investment in Saving Grace is one of many in our communities. Every day and in everything we do, we try to live our purpose to make a difference in people's lives."

Outreach programs like Saving Grace were critical during the pandemic and will continue to be going forward. Serving communities in need isn't an easy task, but thanks to people like Elizabeth O'Neill and her legion of supporters, the helping hand of America will continue to reach out. For more information or ways to donate to Saving Grace Outreach, please contact Elizabeth at 716-229-2008 or 716-257-3077.

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Ellicottville Chamber Gives Back



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ELLICOTTVILLE - Each year, as a part of its mission, the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce looks to help the local community. 2020 was without a doubt a challenging year for many including the Chamber, which had to cancel all of their festivals and events. In keeping with tradition, the Chamber Board has approved a donation for 2021 to the Ellicottville Alley Katz. "This amazing group of volunteers not only water and care for the flowers and plants around the village, but I am not sure everyone knows that they also pay for them out of donated funds," noted Brian McFadden, Executive Director of the Chamber. Pictured presenting the check to Debbie Yantomasi, Chairperson of the Alley Katz and her crew is Jim Carls of Dina's, President of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. The Alley Katz welcome donations from the public, which can be sent to PO Box 1407, Ellicottville NY 14731.

CHERYL STRAYED

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only sunshine can provide. When you reach out for something more, the universe will always provide. Strayed's journey of becoming "unstuck" has molded a generation of young women and her efforts were not in vain. I couldn't think of a better way to memorialize her and am grateful beyond measure that this statue has found its permanent home so close to mine. Strayed famously said, "Don't surrender all your joy for an idea you used to have about yourself that isn't true anymore." ... Just remember, when you're stuck, reach.



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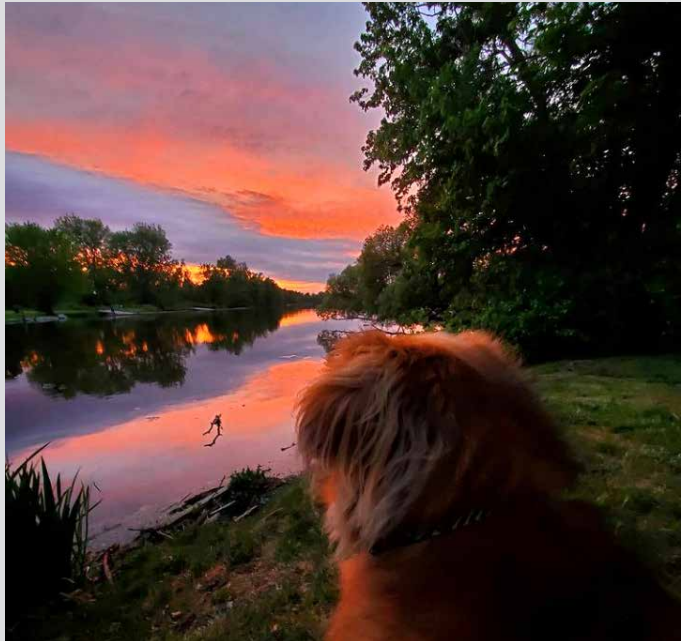
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