

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** March 28, 2020

Eileen Gulbrandsen Glenn,  
President

Dear Neighbors,

Robert McKenna,  
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The New Paltz Community Foundation, Inc. (NPCF) has long sponsored or supported major community relief projects in New Paltz and Gardiner, such as Flood Aid, the complete renovation of the buildings that house Family of New Paltz, and most recently, the redesign and rebuilding of the St. Joseph's food pantry. In the same vein, we are eager to be of assistance to our local community in this current time of widespread economic hardship.

Michael Beck,  
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To this end, we've developed a plan to help citizens in need of a meal and simultaneously support local businesses to help them remain open or avoid staff cutbacks. The plan would provide meal vouchers to residents referred by a municipality, community agent, house of worship or charitable organization. The vouchers would be redeemable at participating local, independently owned restaurants, cafes, and delis.

Susan Diamond

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Initially, the Foundation will be funding this project with \$15,000, a combination of seed donations from members of our Board and monies already in the NPCF treasury. We are hoping that members of the New Paltz and Gardiner communities will support this project with a contribution to NPCF. Donations can be mailed to New Paltz Community Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 1112, New Paltz, NY 12561 or made via PayPal on our website <https://www.newpaltzfoundation.org> and earmarked for Project Help Your Neighbors 2020.

George Sifre

Donations will enable us to keep this program up and running for an extended period of time. Our hope is that we will be able to help local individuals and families who are experiencing economic hardship during this stressful time, as well as support our hard-working locally owned restaurants. Any funds given for this purpose that remain at the end of this project will be retained by NPCF in a Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for future emergencies.

If you have any questions, about the project, please contact NPCF President Eileen Gulbrandsen Glenn at [sande2930@aol.com](mailto:sande2930@aol.com) or call at 256-1945.

We hope you will partner with us in providing this service to our community in this time of great need.

Sincerely,



Eileen Gulbrandsen Glenn, President NPCF