

Foundation kicks off annual campaign

ROCHELLE — After the Thanksgiving weekend shopping frenzy slows down, the Rochelle Area Community Foundation is urging local residents to consider donating to the organization during its annual campaign, and as a way to help more than 60 local non-profit groups in honor of Giving Tuesday.

Started two years ago, Giving Tuesday serves as a reminder and opportunity for individuals to donate to charitable organizations on a designated day, and locally the Rochelle Area Community Foundation is a perfect way to help a large number of important agencies that make a difference right here in the Rochelle area.

“Since 2006 we have distributed more than \$220,000 to 67 local not-for-profit partners who work to meet the needs of people in our local community,” explained RACF executive director Kim Montgomery. “In 2014 alone we were able to fund \$32,416 in local grant requests and we look forward to granting an even larger pool of funds in 2015.”

Donations to the Rochelle Area Community Foundation are tax deductible and the dollars received are permanently invested with the earnings each year providing funds that are used to provide grants to deserving non-profit organizations year after year.

“The charitable funds we receive are invested and never touched, but as the foundation’s principal balance grows, we are able to award more money each year to more groups and help impact the community in a positive way,” Montgomery explained. “Any gift you can give will help us grow and keep on giving perpetually.”

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such a big difference,” Montgomery added. “During this time of giving and good will, any donation to the Rochelle Area Community Foundation annual campaign is one that will help many local people receive important quality of life services in which they rely.”

To learn more about the Rochelle Area Community Foundation, visit the organization’s new website at rochellefoundation.org.

Give now

Any area resident reading this article now who would like to take part in Giving Tuesday and donate to the Rochelle Area Community Foundation may locate the light green envelope that has been inserted in this very edition of today’s Rochelle News-Leader.

Suggestion amounts are provided on the envelope, but donors may give any amount they wish. Just make out a check to the Rochelle Area Community Foundation, insert it into the green envelope and drop it in the mail.

“It’s that simple, but it can make