

# Community foundation kicks off annual campaign

**ROCHELLE** – Envision with us, a generous, vibrant and sustainable community. A place where people bring their best to collaborate, working together to bring big dreams to life.

Now in its fifth year as a national annual event, #GivingTuesday serves as a reminder and opportunity for individuals to donate to charitable organizations on the first Tuesday following Thanksgiving. 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 with your one gift.

This year, Abraham's Bar & Grille, the Flight Deck, New York Bagel Shop and Cypress House have chosen to Be A Part of the Rochelle Area Community Foundation by giving back 10 percent of each purchase made on Giving Tuesday. By enjoying lunch or dinner at these local restaurants on Giving Tuesday, you are making a difference in the lives of many right here in Rochelle.

"In 2016 alone, the Foundation awarded over \$50,000 in grants to local organizations," explained RACF executive director Kim Montgomery. "We were able to grant requests to 33 programs that impact people in the community

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Donations to the Rochelle Area Community Foundation are tax deductible and the dollars received are permanently invested with the earnings each year providing a pool of funds that are used to provide grants to deserving non-profit organizations. This method of charitable giving ensures the availability of grant awards year after year.

## ***Give now***

With the help of our local newspaper, it's simple to participate in #GivingTuesday and give now to the Rochelle Area Community Foundation.

A light green envelope has been inserted in this very edition of today's Rochelle News-Leader. Just make out a check to the Rochelle Area Community Foundation, insert it into the green envelope and drop it in the mail. Suggested amounts are provided on the envelope, but a gift in any amount is appreciated.

"It's that simple, but it can make 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 to build a strong foundation for the future."

To learn more about the Rochelle Area Community Foundation, visit the organization's website at [rochellefoundation.org](http://rochellefoundation.org).

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