



## **Community Fund Awards Grants of \$518,300 across the BET Community and Announces Eight Student Recipients of The Michael Frey Scholarship Award**

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The Community Fund of Bronxville, Eastchester, Tuckahoe, Inc., at its annual meeting held on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, announced that during the 2016-17 fiscal year it will award \$518,300 in grants to 21 social service agencies and community organizations for 24 programs serving the Bronxville 10708, Eastchester and Tuckahoe communities.

“We are excited to be able to provide such significant funding to these important not-for-profit organizations serving the neediest in our BET community,” commented Doug Meyer, FY 2016 President of the Community Fund. “We are grateful for the generosity of our donors and of our board members, staff, and volunteer evaluators who’ve worked so hard to ensure that these agencies are maximizing the impact of this generosity.”

Andrea Bates, Evaluations Co-chair added, “Our evaluators, working within a fully vetted evaluation process, are committed to ensuring that the money we are so generously given is kept within the Bronxville, Eastchester and Tuckahoe communities and thoughtfully allocated to agencies and programs that best fulfill the proven needs of our residents.”

As part of the annual grant award process, The Community Fund also announced eight recipients of the Michael Frey Scholarship Award. This award provides scholarships to local graduating seniors in memory of Michael Frey, an Eastchester police officer who lost his life in the line of duty, and in appreciation of the dedicated emergency workers in Bronxville, Eastchester and Tuckahoe. The students are nominated by their guidance counselors for demonstrating a commitment to dedicated service and support of their fellow students and the community at large. This year’s recipients were Natalia Kaminski, Juliet Timmins and John Racine from Bronxville High School, Samantha Stroud and Andrew Capriglione from Eastchester High School, Nyla Gallashaw, Anne Szpak and Jordan Walker from Tuckahoe High School.

Melinda Burge, Executive Director of The Community Fund, added, “We are pleased to continue our tradition of remembering Michael Frey with this scholarship that celebrates student leaders who embody the same spirit of generosity and commitment to public service as we do at The Community Fund.”

The Community Fund of Bronxville Eastchester Tuckahoe, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation organized to provide funding and support for social service agencies and community programs serving the health, education, and welfare needs of local residents. For further information about The Community Fund please log onto their website at [www.thecommunityfund.org](http://www.thecommunityfund.org).