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Brendan McGrath Memorial Scholarship Winners Announced, Fundraiser Planned

Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc. awards its second round of scholarships in memory of former Board Chairman Brendan McGrath.

AUBURN, NEW YORK, February 11, 2015 – Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc. (CSCAA) is pleased to announce recipients of the Brendan McGrath Memorial Scholarship Fall 2015 round. Three awards in the amount of \$500 each were granted to Kimberly Look, Ashley Davenport, and Jennifer Wellington.

Ms. Look is pursuing a degree in Business Administration at University of Buffalo, Ms. Davenport is pursuing a Masters in Psychology, Child & Adolescent Development at Capella University, and Ms. Wellington is pursuing a degree at Onondaga Community College in Early Childhood Education. Ms. Davenport said, “I am extremely thankful for the support in continuing my dream to further my education in order to help children and adolescents.”

Brendan McGrath served for 21 years as a volunteer board member for CSCAA, 19 of which he served as chair. Under his leadership, the Agency experienced expansion of numerous programs and services. Mr. McGrath’s family has worked closely with Agency Executive Director Laurie Piccolo since his accidental death in March of 2010 to honor his legacy of giving.

Ms. Piccolo conceived of the scholarship program as a way to continue Brendan’s work of helping people to achieve and sustain self-sufficiency. “Higher education provides hope for a brighter future and one of the most promising pathways out of poverty,” Piccolo said. “We are grateful to have an opportunity through support of the McGrath family and community to offer this scholarship initiative.”

To help sustain the Brendan McGrath Memorial Fund and Scholarship Program, supporter Tinkers Guild will host the 2016 Winter Olympics fundraiser on Saturday February 20, 2016. Registration is at 1:30 pm followed by the National Anthem at 1:45 pm, with the Olympics beginning immediately thereafter. The cost is \$50 per team of 2-6 participants. For more information call 315-255-1128 or sign up in person at Tinkers located at 78 Franklin Street, Auburn.

“The McGrath Family is grateful to Tinkers owners the Mortimers and to everyone who participates in the Winter Olympics, and to those who donate so generously to the Brendan McGrath Memorial Fund,” Mary McGrath said. To learn more about the scholarship program, or to make a direct donation, please visit us online at <http://cscaa.com/mcgrath.html>.

Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit that was incorporated in 1965 through the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, to fight the war against poverty locally. The Agency serves both Cayuga and Seneca Counties, with a staff of more than 140 employees. The mission of Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc. is to respectfully assist people to achieve and sustain self-sufficiency through direct services, education, and community partnerships.

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