

Support Windham Endowment

Every community struggles with unfunded ideas and projects that are worthy and important. Every community deserves investment to make some aspect of the community sparkle. But of course every taxpayer has his own opinion about how his taxes should be spent.

The solution to this situation is a charitable foundation like the Windham Endowment. These foundations tap into private charitable giving and philanthropy instead of raising taxes.

My high school in upstate New York started using this approach ten years ago with huge success. Since I donate to the foundation, I can say that because of us, the 1930s era auditorium has been replaced with a modern performance theater, and many classrooms now have SMART boards, and the trademark bell tower on the old school was restored, not torn down.

I am a strong supporter of the Windham Endowment, which has even broader goals for Windham. The Endowment is really a movement, not an institution, because it is a banding together of community volunteer leaders with community donors. It gives us as residents a way to band together for a cause.

The Endowment has touched my life in several ways. It has allowed the WHS music program to provide a strong complement of school-owned musical instruments. Windham's fledgling school concert band could not have won so many national honors without this base of support.

Moeckel Pond is near my home, and the Endowment's Moeckel Pond Fund has been key to funding the purchases to convert this to Public Conservation Land and restore the dam to its previous beauty.

And the Endowment's scholarships echo my philosophy of strong support for education.

We as a community are richly served by the foresight of the founders of the Windham Endowment. We as a community can continue to deserve that service by donating what we can. For more information, visit their website www.windhamendowment.org.

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