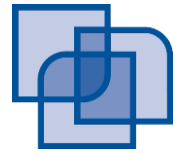




2017 Community Leader Special Award



John R. Oishei Foundation

The John R. Oishei Foundation has been the largest private foundation in WNY since 1947 and has had a tremendous positive impact on our community. Named for its founder and creator of Trico Products, the Foundation has the bold mission to be a “catalyst for change...” This January the Foundation celebrates its 75th anniversary, and based on its record of giving, creating collaboration, and of fortifying institutions that benefit all WNY’ers, it is obvious that it is fulfilling that mission.

One could never list all the projects funded or connections made by the Foundation, but it would suffice to say the impact is grand. During our region’s recent renaissance, Oishei has enhanced the vitality, and community spirit of this area and its people. It has a vision of a Buffalo Niagara region that is a “safe, healthy, thriving, culturally rich, and diverse community.” Through its commitment to responsible and equitable leadership, Oishei is at the forefront of that vision.

As evidenced by their remarkable gift to the new Children’s Hospital, the Foundation and its stewards remain true to Mr. Oishei’s core values of interdependency, innovation and entrepreneurship, collaboration, and inclusiveness and respect. They know that true community building is about relationships.

For all they do for our region, its people and its institutions, the NFJC is proud to present this Special Community Leader Award to the John R. Oishei Foundation. Accepting this award is their President Robert D. Gioia.



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