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CACDA Wins Grant!
CNY Community Foundation Makes Award

Cazenovia, NY - On Thursday, 1 December 2005, the Cazenovia Area Community Development Association, Inc. (CACDA) received official notification of a funding contribution. The Central New York Community Foundation has awarded a \$20,000 grant to help support CACDA's start up as an independent not-for-profit organization.

Betsy Powers, President, said, "The Board of Directors of CACDA gratefully and respectfully accepts the CNYCF grant and its validation of both our mission and the expertise of our Executive Director in execution of that mission. The overall positive response the organization has received from residents and more recently from the local municipalities speaks to the need for, and relevancy of, CACDA as a facilitator and resource for the community."

Unanimous resolutions of support from the Village and Town of Cazenovia, and the Town of Nelson accompanied the grant application. Thomas Dougherty, Mayor of the Village, said, "The Village Board is happy that CACDA received the grant from the Community Foundation and glad that we could be of some help."

Cazenovia Area Community Development Association, Inc. is an independent 501(c)(3) not-for-profit community based organization representing a broad cross-section of stakeholders. CACDA seeks to facilitate the planning and implementation of various projects and programs that will enhance the quality of life, for all residents in the greater Cazenovia region, through education and consensus-building activities.

CACDA offers assistance in accomplishing community goals and objectives. It provides a non-political clearinghouse for discussion and a resource for fact finding as well as dissemination of information.

Individuals and corporations can support CACDA's programs through donations and volunteer efforts. For more information, please call Barbara Henderson, Executive Director, at 655-7651 or e-mail director@cacda.net.

The Central New York Community Foundation, a charitable endowment for Onondaga and Madison counties, has served our community for over 78 years. It awards over \$5 million in grants annually to not-for-profit organizations and administers over \$100 million in assets. More information about the Central New York Community Foundation, including grant applications and deadlines, is available at www.cnycf.org or by calling 315/422-9538.