



Our Newsletter

2026-2027

Dear Friends,

It is stunning the good that one American soldier has generated in our civilian world these last seventeen years. The existence of The Ben Osborn Memorial Fund is so simple, so basic. From the beginning our focus has been to bring something positive into the lives of the many local children with need. It seems that some kids are continually beaten down. Beaten down to the point that the only reinforcement they get is negative. The question became, why couldn't we bring a ray of hope to these kids' lives by providing some positive reinforcement? That maybe these kids could begin to see and expect good things will come to them. Why can't they have raised expectations, with positive things to look forward to? Do you think this would brighten a child's day, change their outlook, create a more positive attitude? Yes, yes, yes!

This has been our goal from the beginning. To offer a helping hand, with no return expectations. To show kids there are people who care about their well-being. People who are willing to help provide means to make their lives better.

Seventeen years and eleven programs later, our focus has remained steadfast. Though basic in design, we offer some measure of relief and hope that tomorrow will be better than today. All of our programs are designed with this in mind. This is who we are as we strive to make life easier, better and a little more fair to those least able to fend for themselves - our local kids with need.

Thank-you, CPL Benjamin D. Osborn, for giving so much to so many as we continue to honor, remember, and help.

Sincerely,
William D. Osborn
Founder and President



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No farewell words were spoken.
No time to say goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it.
And only God knows why.



Bill and Natalie Working on this Newsletter

100 Women Who Care

Over the years, Ben's Fund has been blessed by many individuals, schools, businesses, and organizations who are true difference makers. Those who have devoted sizable time, effort, or treasure to the betterment of our charitable organization. One such entity is 100 Women Who Care. This is a National charitable organization, with local chapters, who, thru a very fair and random method, select local charities they wish to help.

Recently, The Ben Osborn Memorial Fund was chosen as recipient of their largess. All funds donated will be used to help underwrite our 11th initiative, Ben's School Literacy Program (see Program 11 on Page 8). That is to help purchase the thousands of Scholastic books we donate each year to local kindergarten and 1st grade students.

We deeply appreciate your involvement in sustaining the success of this program. Thank-you!

100 WOMEN Who Care
Northeast Chapter



Check Presented by 100 Women Who Care

BEN OSBORN BOULEVARD

A huge heartfelt Thank You filled with gratitude to: Lake George School Superintendent, John Luthringer, Lake George High School Principal, Fran Cocozza, Lake George Mayor, Ray Perry, and private citizen, Richard Rheinholder. These four gentlemen are responsible for the honor and tribute paid to CPL Benjamin D. Osborn by naming a street in Lake George after him - Ben Osborn Boulevard. The Boulevard runs east to west, north of Lake George High School, Ben's Alma Mater.

Ben gave all he had in our country's war on terrorism. Ben was killed during a combat rescue mission in Afghanistan on June 15, 2010. What a tremendous way to honor and remember an American hero for years to come. The Osborn family deeply appreciates not just the tribute, but the presentation and attention to detail given at the unveiling on June 9, 2026. It is worth the short trip to view.



Family, Friends & Board Members at Unveiling





Mom, Dad & Sister



Osborn Family Reunion - August, 2026



Bill and Grandson Ben
Installing a New Book Station

WELCOME TO OUR LOCAL POINTS OF LIGHT

In the 1980s, then President George H. W. Bush coined the phrase "Points of Light across America". What he was hoping for was an unofficial network of individuals, organizations and charities to step up in care of local individuals the government was unable to provide for in a timely or meaningful way.

I would like to think Ben's Fund is one of those Points of Light here in rural eastern upstate New York. Through our 11 programs we are able to provide basic needs for our local kids - to help them cope with what life throws at all of us.

This meets our mission of helping local kids with need. This has been our focus, for what is now, our seventeenth year. All designed to "give kids a little lift". We now operate in four counties and over sixty-five schools in pursuit of reaching local kids who struggle. We work with or provide funding to over thirty organizations as we strive to provide what is needed to help level life's playing field for those who may otherwise do without.

Our Eleven Programs

1. **General Giving** (1st Program)

Our first program we developed in 2010 is General Giving. This initiative is designed to "give kids a little lift" at a basic level. One of our first requests was for an $8 sewing kit. At some point, we evolved with donating a $1,000 cello for ongoing school use. Of course, much of what we provide falls between those extremes - school supplies, footwear, bedding, clothing, musical instruments, sports equipment, and tuition are just a few to name. This is the core of who we are and what we provide as we help level life's playing field for those least able to fend for themselves.

2. **Holiday Giving** (Founded in 2010)

We adopt children and families to ensure they realize the joys of Christmas' wonder – that there is something to look forward to under the Christmas Tree. In addition, we purchase $50 gift cards from Walmart and distribute 5 each to be given to the neediest kids in local high schools we partner with.

3. **Senior Scholarships** (Started in Spring, 2011)

Every year The Ben Osborn Memorial Fund, Inc. awards scholarships to local high school students who are pursuing further academic studies or trade school training. In each of the school districts that the Fund collaborates with, two students are chosen. Award recipients are chosen based on submission of an essay on patriotism or service and **"Possessing the criteria of good character, charitable heart, current need, commitment to self-improvement and being service oriented."**

Interested senior high school students are invited to visit the website at:
www.benosborn.org/scholarships and download the scholarship application. Applications and essays should be directed to the student's guidance department or scholarship committees of the participating schools. The deadline for Applications is mid-June.

4. **Local Food Pantries**

Twelve years ago, looking for a different way to reach children, we decided to take a back door approach. We reached out to local food pantries and asked what they needed that currently was not available to them and would benefit families with children. The feedback was the need for personal hygiene and household supplies. Now, almost exclusively, we provide both on a quarterly basis to 13 local food pantries. This program has been a huge success helping struggling parents provide for their families.

Food Pantry Partners (4th Initiative):

- Adirondack Community Outreach Program
- (North Creek)
- Adirondack Vets House
- Baptist Church (Fort Edward)
- Caldwell Presbyterian (Lake George)
- Family Service Association of Glens Falls
- Maxfield Community Center (Lake Luzerne)
- Moreau Community Center (South Glens Falls)
- North County Ministry (Warrensburg)
- Open Door of Glens Falls
- Saint Mary's Food Pantry (Glens Falls)
- Salvation Army
- Warren Hamilton ACEO
- Washington County EOC (LEAP)



Remembering and Honoring Ben and those who served during Christmastime with a wreath on each headstone from "Wreaths Across America" at Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery

Our Eleven Programs

5. **Ben's Book Stations** (A Literacy Program)

"Ben's Book Stations" are spread throughout Warren, Washington and Saratoga Counties. These have been created by Eagle Scouts and technology students in collaboration with local school districts. There are currently 34 Book Stations offering children and young adults the opportunity to read and be read to at home (with promises of more to come in the next year). The Ben Osborn Memorial Fund set out to improve literacy in our community by offering books on an honor system. People may borrow a book and bring it back; if it becomes a family favorite, they may keep the book and it will be replaced. All books are new or gently used and have been kindly donated with preschool to school-age students in mind.

Find one of Ben's 34 Book Stations Near You!

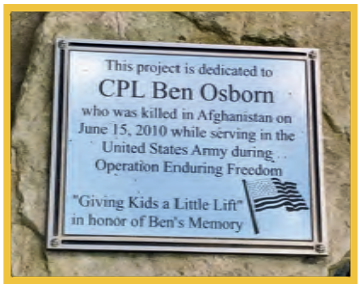
Brant Lake: Adirondack YMCA, Bliss Family Farm Stand
Chestertown: North Warren Central School
Fort Ann: Fort Ann Central School, Superstop
Glens Falls: Bluebirds' Nest Preschool, Salvation Army, Family Service Association, Abe Wing Elementary School, Jackson Heights Elementary School, Kensington Elementary School, Glens Falls Youth Center, Village Green Apartments, Glens Falls Hospital, Broad St. Commons, Crandall Park Playground
Granville: Main St.
Hudson Falls: Maple Street, Derby Park
Lake George: Usher Park, James St.
Lake Luzerne: 52 Main Street
North Creek: Johnsburg Ski Bowl
Queensbury: Freedom Park at Hovey Pond (2) Bean's Country Store, Ben's Mobile Book Station, Queensbury Elementary School, Montcalm Apts., Nicholson Nature Preserve - Luzerne Rd.
Schuylerville: Fort Hardy Park
South Glens Falls: Moreau Recreation Park
Warrensburg: North Country Ministry Route 9
Whitehall: Whitehall Recreation Center

The Little Charity with a Big Heart

The more you read, the more you know.
The more you know, the smarter you grow.
The smarter you grow, the stronger your voice
when speaking your mind or making a choice.
~Anonymous~



Queensbury HS Senior and Artist Reagan Fish with Bill Osborn



"The more things that you read, the more things that you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go. "

Dr. Seuss


Rotarian Bob McMillen Servicing the Book Station at Usher Park in Lake George

Rotary

A total of 19 Rotarians and friends of Rotary from 2 local Rotary Clubs continue to service and maintain the 34 Book Stations in our surrounding communities. Rotarians from Rotary Club of Glens Falls and from Granville Rotary Club regularly replenish the Book Stations with about 18,000 books per year and also make repairs. Many thanks to the following for recently donating thousands of books for this Literacy Program: Queensbury Elementary School, Glens Falls Middle School, Jackson Heights Elementary School, Toys for Tots, St. Mary's Academy, Bluebirds' Nest Preschool and Caldwell Lake George Library.

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6. Child Advocacy Program

This is our Elementary School Initiative, giving to our local elementary schools throughout the school year. Items such as nutritious snacks, boy's and girl's underwear, socks, head lice kits, blankets and deodorant are provided. This is another means of reaching kids. With this program, kids can concentrate on school without worry of their comfort or dignity after illness or accidents.

7. Hygiene Kit Initiative (2017)

In 2017, we unveiled our seventh initiative - Ben's Personal Hygiene Kits! The sole purpose of this program is to make it possible for all teens to have access to the basics of good hygiene health. With these kits, both boys and girls can better present themselves, smell better and feel better as they go about their daily lives. They no longer have to worry about the basics of taking personal care of themselves. The contents of these popular kits were thoughtfully selected for the needs of emerging teens. The students will find in their bag 20 helpful items for healthy hygiene.

This includes a toothbrush with case, toothpaste, shampoo, band aids, nail clippers, tweezers, cotton swabs, lip balm, hand lotion, mouthwash, soap, a wash cloth and hand towel, floss, facial tissues, wet wipes, a hair brush and comb. The string bag that all of these items come in can be reused as a carry-all or book bag.

So far, over 6400 Hygiene Kits have been donated to school health offices and many local organizations that focus on kids' programs.



Volunteer Friends and Family and Romeo Toyota Employees
Before and After Assembling 350 Hygiene Kits at Romeo Toyota
August 28, 2026



Romeo Auto Group has again donated enough funds for 100 Hygiene Kits ($2000) and let us use their Delivery Bay at Romeo Toyota to assemble 350 Hygiene Kits with the help of Romeo Toyota employees and 30 family and friends community volunteers. Thank you to ALL!



Lisa and Patty of
Romeo Auto Group
Presenting Check to Bill



Rotarian Pat Adams
Delivering Hygiene Kits to
Greenwich High School
Nurse Patrice Wright

Our Eleven Programs

8. Sponsored Organizations

Over the years we have become aware of the many organizations that impact the lives of area children. We annually donate funds to help support their effort. Our list of giving is both local and regional to include 29 enterprises as we expand our reach and help.

29 Organizations We Help Support:

Adirondack Community Outreach Backpack Program	Moreau Community Center S.G.F., Mountainside Library
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Southern Adirondacks	Muscular Dystrophy Association, Salvation Army
Camp Corral, Cornell Cooperative Extension 4H, Crandall Library	Saratoga City Child Care Center
Crandall Park Beautification Committee, Double H Ranch	Special Olympics, The King's School
Family Service Association of Glens Falls	Ticonderoga Area Backpack Program, Wait House
Franklin Community Center, Glens Falls Area Youth Center	Warm the Children (The Post Star & Glens Falls Rotary)
Glens Falls Family YMCA, Habitat for Humanity	Warren/Washington Child CARE Center
Head Start of Washington County, Make-A-Wish Foundation	Warren County Child Protective Services
Minerva Back to School Shoes and Backpack Program	Warren County Sheriff's Summer Camp Program, Women in Need (W.I.N.)

9. Ben's Bears

Our logo of a teddy bear has a history that goes back over 40 years. Ben's Mother, Beverly, lovingly used to refer to him as her "teddy bear". As Ben grew, her teddy bear became just "Bear". It was a term of endearment steeped in love, comfort and his innocence. It was a mother/son feel good phrase that made both feel special.

I would like to pass this special feeling to local traumatized children so they too can feel special, loved and cuddled like Ben. "Ben's Bears" will provide a sense of secure well being, comfort, and hope that tomorrow will be better than today. Our Bears are 16"-24" long to provide an armful of love and a message that someone cares. We want to help local children who have been traumatized by events and situations well beyond their control, such as serious illness, loss of family or home, or abuse in all its ugly forms.

As always, we wish to help in some way. This is our 9th initiative that stays within the structure of our mission to "give kids a little lift". It has expanded our reach and scope of those that we serve while lifting spirits of all involved. This will help level life's playing field to those least able to fend for themselves.



Bill Osborn & Dave Lebel Delivering Teddy Bears to Essex County Sheriff's Office



Ben's Nephew, Ben Birkholz with our Teddy Bears



Bill Osborn & Dave Lebel Delivering Teddy Bears to Glens Falls Hospital

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Organizations whose at risk children have experienced the love, security and comfort of Ben's Bears:

- Double H Ranch
- Warren-Washington Child Care Center
- Children's Advocacy Center of Saratoga
- Catholic Charities of Northeastern New York
- Glens Falls Hospital - Emergency Department
- Kelly's Angels
- Essex County Sheriff's Office
- Franklin Community Center Inc.
- Warren County Sheriff's Office
- Warren County Emergency Services
- New York State Police
- South Glens Falls Fire Department
- Washington County Sheriff's Office
- West Glens Falls EMS

10. Ben's Environmental Program

A pretty fancy title for a very basic program. This program is different in that we are not helping kids, but rather asking kids to give back to their local communities. How you ask? By involving kids from our partner schools to help us pick up roadside trash - both Spring & Fall. We began with 7.5 miles of road clean-up in Hudson Falls, Kingsbury, Glens Falls and Queensbury. There will be more as we continue our mission in November. If you see us along local roads give us space and a honk! Thank you to Kevin Carpenter for his help this spring with the Washington County Youth Bureau's involvement. What a difference we made!!



Kevin Carpenter & Students from Washington County Youth Bureau



Getting Ready to Work

11. Ben's School Literacy Program

At the beginning of 2025, a retired Kindergarten teacher from Hudson Falls pitched the idea that she would volunteer and go to all the Hudson Falls Kindergarten classes once per month to read stories to each class for about 15 minutes and leave each student with a book from The Ben Osborn Memorial Fund. After 3 months, with the very high demand of 225 Kindergarten books each month, we started purchasing new Scholastic books for this program. When the 2025-2026 school year ended in June, 901 kids in 15 schools were receiving one book each month from this program. As we start a new school year in September, 2026, 17 schools will be participating in Ben's School Literacy Program with over 1000 kids receiving a new Scholastic book each month.



Argyle Kids Being Read to and Receiving Their Books



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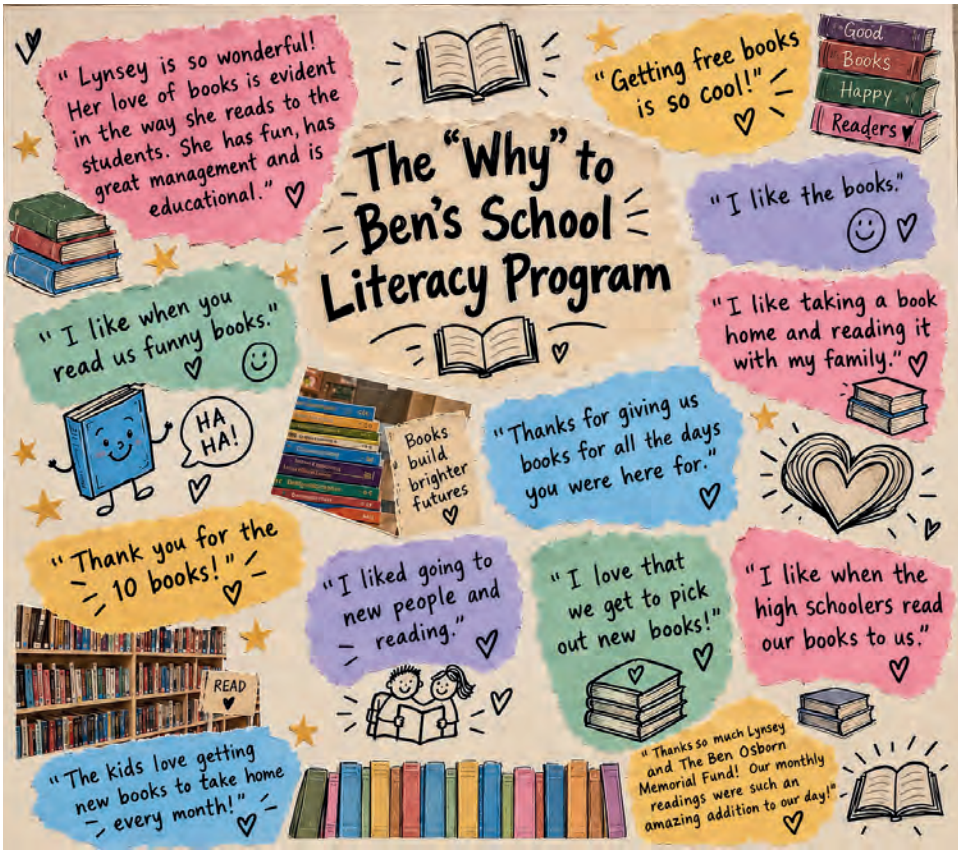
We received a $5000 Grant from the **CR Wood Foundation** this Spring specifically allocated for this program. And just recently we received a generous donation from **100 Women Who Care** so we can continue and expand this program into the new school year (see Page 2). In addition, we just received another Grant from the **Dollar General Literacy Foundation** - this one was for $5000 - for this new School Literacy Program.

Ben's Pumper Truck Dedicated to his Memory in 2010 by the North Queensbury Fire Company





The question was posed to students and teachers from Argyle and Hudson Falls: "What was your favorite part?"



My deepest gratitude to Dave Lebel for his friendship and dedication to the betterment and therefore success of The Ben Osborn Memorial Fund. Thank you, Dave, for your selflessness of time, effort, and treasure; to help ensure smooth sailing on this journey. You are a true difference maker.
-Bill Osborn

YOU'RE INVITED!
BASKETS FOR BEN 2026

Friday, Oct. 23 - 4:30pm

With leaves just turning orange, and rows of pumpkins along with our magnificent northern harvest lining wooden roadside stands . . . the air is cooling, football & sweater season's here, AND THE BEN OSBORN MEMORIAL FUND ANGELS ARE BUSY CREATING OUR BASKETS FOR BEN 2026, OUR ONE AND ONLY FUNDRAISER FOR THE YEAR, AND **YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND!**

The Queensbury VFW Post 6196 again welcomes us for another glittering BASKETS FOR BEN on Friday, October 23. The doors swing open at 4:30 p.m. to a Silent Auction featuring an amazing array of sparkling wrapped Baskets of Gifts donated by the very kind hearts of Warren, Washington, Saratoga and Essex Counties who support Ben's Fund & desire helping our local children who are in need right now, by providing "A Little Lift!"

Hope Rosati & Friends will stun us again with another over-flowing and enormously popular Wheelbarrow of Wine for raffling! We're also featuring Ben's Wear Clothing and door prizes!
At 6:30, Auctioneer Roy Ross and his wife Jamiee take over the reins and navigate our happy crowd with a live auction for the rest of the evening. Look for everything you can think of! Wonderful items for your home, car, entertainment, overnight accommodations, sports, art, foods, spirits, crafted goods, scratch lottery tickets, golf packages, store and restaurant gift cards, beauty and spa items and a spectacular fire pit forged by Monahan Metals!
Hint – this is a super way to begin your Christmas shopping!

Our beautiful dining tables covered with a full buffet of delectable foods & desserts donated by local restaurants and grocers and served by SUNY Adirondack Culinary Arts students will please! Make sure you stop in and visit the Lovely Louise at our cash bar, too! She's waiting with a smile to see you again!

All of this for a **$25.00** ticket! So come and join us again, support our Ben Osborn Memorial Fund and enjoy the familiar faces you know and the new friends you'll meet at **The Queensbury VFW Post 6196, 32 Luzerne Road, Queensbury, NY 12804.**

Thank You - 2025 Baskets for Ben Committee:

Denise Lamouree, Carole Geruso, Nadine & Charis Battaglia, Bethany Birkholz, Rudi Brady, Jaime Rozell, Kathleen Gebo, Michael & Dawn Neyhart, Hope Rosati, and Dave Lebel (and their families).

A Special Thanks To:

Roy and Jamiee Ross of Ross Auctions of Athol, New York for providing years of their talents at Baskets for Ben!
South Glens Falls and Bolton Key Club Members



Wheelbarrow of Wine from Last Year's Raffle

Photos From Last Year's Baskets for Ben



Ross Auction Family & Bill



Thank You SUNY ADK Culinary Students



Thank You to Brian Carr @ Kings of Cornhole







Bethany & Son Ben



Thank You Monahan Metals



Hope, Bev & Jaime

Our mission

The Ben Osborn Memorial Fund, Inc. was founded to support local children with need. This fund was created in loving memory of CPL Benjamin D. Osborn. Ben was killed during a combat rescue mission in Kunar Province, Afghanistan on June 15, 2010; this was while serving in the United States Army in the war on terror during Operation Enduring Freedom.

It is our mission and hope that the values he learned such as a charitable heart, work ethic, sportsmanship, leadership, discipline, and pride will all be encouraged and passed on through Ben's legacy. Ben's fund is supported by people like you in our local communities. All that you give goes to support our 11 programs. There are no utilities to pay, no gas or automotive allowances, and no administrative costs. We fundraise locally, we buy locally, we help locally.

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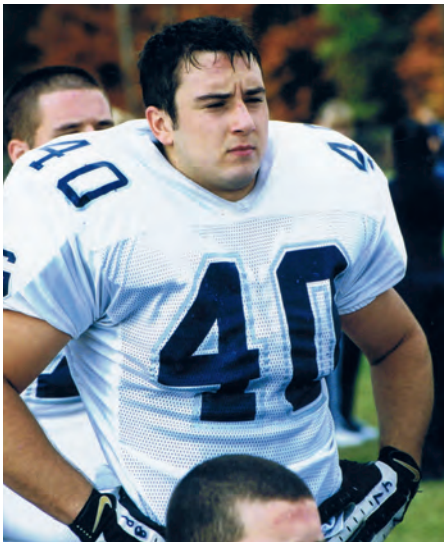

Ben - Age 17

"Ben was my hero long before he went to war - for what he grew to become: his character, compassion and willingness to give."

-William D. Osborn



Help "give a child a little lift" and become one of "Ben's Angels"

Enclosed is my donation:

☐ $10 ☐ $25 ☐ $40

☐ $100 ☐ $250 ☐ $____

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or by Credit card at

www.benosbornfund.org

SCAN ME

Giving with our hearts.

Top 17 Reasons to Support Ben's Fund:

17 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

1. 100% of donations go to our 11 programs with no administration cost.
2. Your donation is tax deductible!
3. Thousands of local children are helped every year.
4. We work directly with our partners to meet the immediate needs of kids.
5. We fundraise locally, support local businesses and help local kids.
6. According to National Institute of Health, donating money makes you feel good! Really!
7. Did we mention that 100% of donations go to help kids--we don't take salaries or pay automotive costs or office expenses.
8. Giving promotes generosity in your own children and you want to be a good role model!
9. Your donation can make the difference in the life of a child.
10. Your child can benefit from this too through scholarships and Hygiene Kits!
11. Build a strong community for the future - a strong foundation and strong family units will build a stronger community.
12. Your generous donations can help propel a student into their future career through our scholarship program!
13. We are a local literacy program dedicated to providing well over 18,000 books per year to local kids, toddlers to teens, through Ben's Book Stations.
14. Help promote the idea of community service from teenagers who help with our many activities.
15. With your support we are able to provide love, comfort and a feeling of security to traumatized children through our Ben's Bears Initiative.
16. Ben's School Literacy Program - providing books for classroom reading and home libraries to over 1000 students annually.
17. Easy, no stress access to our programs and products.

Our Local Partners

The Fund partners with local schools and organizations so that we can help meet the immediate needs of children.

School Partners:

Abe Wing Elementary School
Argyle Central School District
Bolton Central School District
Cambridge Central School District
Caroline St. Elementary School of Saratoga
Corinth School District
Fort Ann Central School District
Fort Edward School District
Glens Falls School District
Granville School District
Greenwich School District
Hadley Luzerne School District
Hartford School District
Hudson Falls School District
Johnsburg Central School
Lake George School District
Maple Street Middle School of Saratoga
Minerva School District
North Warren Central School District
Prospect School
Queensbury Union Free School District
Salem Central School
Sanford Street School
Saratoga High School
Schroon Lake Central School
Schuylerville Central School
South Glens Falls School District
The King's School
Ticonderoga Central School District
Warrensburg School District
Warren Washington Saratoga BOCES
Whitehall Central School District

Whether you are a new donor and our friendship has just begun, or you have supported The Ben Osborn Memorial Fund for any of our seventeen years and are part of our growing family, ***THANK YOU!*** Thousands of local youth have been helped by your donations. Thank you for caring and taking action to help kids who "need a little lift."

In addition to the growing family of supporters, we couldn't do this without the continued support of:

Thank You to our Supporters:

- 100 Women Who Care
- Adirondack Trust
- Assemblyman Matt Simpson
- Adirondack Brewery and Pub
- Bank of Clarke
- Barbara Ryan
- Borgos Marketing & Events
- Caroline St. Elementary School - Saratoga
- Community Exchange Foundation
- Charles R. Wood Foundation
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- Dollar General Literacy Foundation
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- Glens Falls Foundation
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- Network for Good
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- Patrick Geruso
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- Queensbury Auto Mall
- Renée Reardon/McDonald's
- Romeo Toyota
- Rotary Club of Glens Falls
- Salice Family Foundation
- South Glens Falls Marathon Dance Committee
- State Senator Dan Stec
- Stewart's Shops
- Touba Family Foundation
- Wellers Auto Parts
- William Massry
- W.I.N. - L.G. and The Nichols Family



Sheila Jun

"I was a POW in Ash Camp under the Japanese in Shanghai. When we were repatriated in 1945, I was very sick and covered in rash boils, very malnourished. My parents thought I was dead. One American soldier lifted me in a soiled blanket I was wrapped in. He happened to put his hands over my mouth and yelled out "this one IS alive." His officer had them rush me to the Army Base Hospital where it took me 1 year to recover. We never knew his name but I dedicated my life to Nursing the Veterans. Took a salary cut not going to Stanford and worked at the VA in Palo Alto for over 30 years. I never feel I have repaid enough for saving my life - thus very proud to be a dent in your fundraising." **- Donor Sheila Jun - Menlo Park, CA**

Soldier's creed

I am an American Soldier.
I am a Warrior and a member of a team.
I serve the people of the United States of America and live the Army Values.
I will always place the mission first.
I will never accept defeat.
I will never quit.
I will never leave a fallen comrade.
I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained and proficient in my Warrior tasks and drills.
I always maintain my arms, my equipment and myself.
I am an expert and a ProFessional.
I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy the enemies of America in close combat.
I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.
I am an american soldier.

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