Rockland Community
Foundation founding
member Simona Chazen
and her husband Jerry
have long been
passionate supporters of
non-profit causes in our
community. When RCF
was in its infancy, the
Chazens made a
generous donation to
establish what would be the first of many
scholarship funds, “The Chazen Spirit of Rockland
Scholarship.”

The Rockland Community Foundation’s Chazen
Legacy Society honors the contributions of Simona
and Jerry. We hope it will inspire others to emulate
the Chazens’ commitment to local and enduring
charitable giving.

Remembering the Foundation through a will, trust,
life insurance or other planned gift automatically
includes you as an honored member of the Chazen
Legacy Society putting you in the company of
others like you who care about leaving a legacy to
protect and strengthen our community for years
to come.

“The Rockland Community
Foundation is one of the county’s
most important philanthropic
institutions. Supporting RCF through
planned giving is critical to building
the Foundation and improving the
lives of our community at large.”

- Simona Chazen
Memorial funds can be created to provide scholarships, to make grants to local nonprofits, to sustain the work of particular organizations or to support the Rockland Community Foundation. Funds are quick and easy to establish, do not require great wealth, and can be set up to last in perpetuity. **Memorial funds require a $1,000 balance at all times for disbursements to be made against them.**

RCF manages and monitors all donations that are made to the memorial fund, including generating thank you letters to acknowledge the generosity of the donors. RCF works with experienced financial and legal advisors and is structured to handle the required administrative work of setting up a fund making it simple and eliminating the burden of complicated legal requirements for you.

All RCF funds, including memorial funds, are publicized through a listing in the RCF annual report and on the RCF website.

If establishing a fund is not the right fit for you, consider making a gift in your loved one’s memory to RCF through:

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**Establish a Memorial Fund**

Losing someone you love is never easy. A wonderful way to keep their memory and spirit alive is through establishing a fund or scholarship in their name. Starting a named fund to memorialize someone you cared about, honors their life and creates a lasting legacy.

Let the Rockland Community Foundation Help

The Rockland Community Foundation can connect you to the causes important to you or the causes that were meaningful to your loved one. The types of causes are as varied as the people we want to memorialize. From the arts, to education, to social programs, to the environment and everything in between, RCF can help you create a charitable fund that will honor the memory of the person who has passed.

Establishing a memorial fund with the Rockland Community Foundation is an extremely cost-effective and less time consuming alternative to creating and maintaining a private foundation or non-profit organization.

Create a Lasting Legacy

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Marisa Rose Verbraak Memorial Scholarship Fund

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**Additional Ways to Memorialize a Loved One**

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