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OUR MISSION: To seek and stimulate permanent endowment building and to help ensure that today's and tomorrow's charitable needs in Rockland are met. Our focus is to raise the public consciousness of charitable giving in the County, to the benefit of all non-profits in Rockland, and to develop and increase Rockland's overall capacity to raise private, corporate, public & foundation funds.

CASE STATEMENT: The Rockland Community Foundation (RCF) was incorporated in 2005 to create long-term support for community betterment initiatives in Rockland County. We provide a way to connect individuals and businesses with the causes they care most about. RCF is a tax-exempt, non-profit charitable organization with a mission to improve the quality of life by increasing local charitable giving.

Community Foundations continue to make up one of the fastest growing sectors of philanthropy in the United States today. Currently, there are over 750 Community Foundations in the country

The Rockland Community Foundation was created as a smarter way for individuals, families and businesses to engage in charitable giving. Rather than giving once to a charity, monies placed into our donor and board directed funds are responsibly invested, and can be added to by the fund creator or others so the fund continues to benefit its specific cause for many generations. Accountability, transparency and responsible stewardship are our hallmark's. RCF is the ONLY public, fund-based nonprofit in Rockland. We do not support a single organization or need, but rather the broadest range of charitable concerns in the communities we serve. Our portfolio of funds is determined by the charitable goals of the donors who establish them. Funds can be opened with as little as \$1,000. Donations can take the form of cash, appreciated stock, bonds or other securities, property, etc. Donations to the fund can also be bequeathed or established as a family trust. Fund types include donor advised, field of interest, scholarship, project, memorial, and agency funds, as well as unrestricted general funds which allow us to direct monies where they are needed most.

Opportunity & Outcomes:

The key to sustaining our ability "strengthen the power of giving" in Rockland County lies in growing the organizations ability to:

1. Strengthen the economic sustainability of the nonprofit sector.
2. Deepen relationships among member organizations to increase knowledge, effectiveness, and capacity for collective action.
3. Build bridges between nonprofits and key institutions (business, local government, philanthropy, etc.) to increase partnership and cooperation.
4. Amplify nonprofit community engagement.

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