

TIME TO ACT TO PROTECT SERVICES AND JOBS IN OTSEGO COUNTY

Otsego County nonprofits play a major role in our local economy. There are more than 160 nonprofit organizations in Otsego County working hard to provide vital services and to improve our quality of life.

Nonprofit employers provide over 6400 jobs, representing almost 40% of all jobs in Otsego County. More importantly, our nonprofits work in many areas of need including food insecurity, agricultural sustainability, job creation, education, medicine, recreation, the arts and more.

Recent and rapidly changing budget proposals in Washington have put our nonprofits under threat:

- Massive cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) which would further strain our Otsego County food banks and farmers
- Over \$700 billion in Medicaid cuts that would be extremely harmful to rural hospitals such as Bassett and nursing homes such as the A.O. Fox Nursing Home
- Elimination of USDA programs that provide grants that allow our schools and food banks to buy meat, dairy and produce from small, local farms
- Reductions in veterans' benefits
- Withdrawal of already approved grants to at least one of our nearby museums
- Cancellation of medical research grants
- Threats to withdraw the non-profit 501(c)(3) status of selected charitable organizations

These actions affect you and your neighbors. The implications of many of these actions and cuts in budgets have not been well thought out or planned for, leading to the potential collapse of many vital services nonprofits and local agencies provide to our community. Other cuts that have been proposed and then withdrawn (such as HeadStart) have created an atmosphere of instability and uncertainty resulting in additional stress for our nonprofits.

Please join the non-partisan Community Foundation of Otsego County to demand our national representatives stand in strong opposition to actions that weaken our nonprofits' capacity to provide vital jobs and services to our communities.

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