

2023 Charity Donation Vote

Established in 1991, CADE is a not-for-profit organization based in Oneonta whose mission is to increase the number and diversity of successful farm enterprises and related businesses in NY.

For 32 years, CADE has been at the forefront of keeping small and mid-sized farms thriving through business incubation, business development, facilitating access to capital, market matchmaking, value added product development, legal support, farmland access, and more. Throughout the year, CADE offers free educational workshops and webinars, 1 to 1 technical assistance, referrals, and networking to help farm and food businesses grow, learn, find opportunities and connect.

Today, we proudly serve 365 farm and food businesses in Delaware County—keeping agriculture and our rural economy running strong. www.cadefarms.org



The purpose of the Cooperative Family Fund is to provide support for children of electric cooperative employees when they experience the loss of a parent while actively employed at a cooperative. This support actively demonstrates the value our cooperative network places on cooperative families at the time of their greatest need. Children enrolled in the program will receive a memory book with photos and stories from their deceased parent's coworkers at their cooperative and a one-time monetary contribution when a child turns 18 that can be used for college or any other expenses related to launching themselves into adulthood with the goal to put a maximum of \$10,000 into an investment for each child. www.cooperativefamilyfund.com



The Delaware County Firefighters' Association supports the 1,500+ volunteer firefighters of Delaware County that are on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Their mission is to protect lives and property, however great or small the task.

The Delaware County Firefighters' Association's training center is home to a classroom, a mask confidence maze building, a 3-story fire tower, a confined space simulator, a 5-story ladder/rappelling tower, and a hydrant system. Having all of these makes for a great learning experience for the brave that take a step to becoming firefighters and for the experienced firefighters keeping up on their skills and knowledge. Continually training in new technology and updating skills is necessary for our 100% volunteer-based firefighters to help protect lives and property in Delaware County.

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