

Gateway Foundation
President's Report 2021

The Brattleboro Gateway Foundation was founded by our club in 1986 to create a local fund to award scholarships to deserving, area students pursuing higher education. Historically, the Gateway Foundation has been supported through club fundraisers, such as Christmas Tree Sales, as well as individual donations from dedicated Rotary members. For the past two years, we received a donation from the Golf Committee.

Every Brattleboro Rotary Club member is a member of the Gateway Foundation. Many of us on the board have served multiple terms. While the workload is light, the oversight of the foundation is vital. Please consider serving on this important arm of the club.

Gateway gave the Scholarship Committee \$19,000 this year. In addition to six students from area high schools, we presented the seventh recipient of a \$2,500 scholarship to a Community College of Vermont student pursuing a career in early childhood education. This award was created to honor **Jesse Corum**, a dear Rotarian who recognized the need for education.

The Gateway Foundation has given out over \$500,000. While this is a fantastic accomplishment, our award amount is not enough to fund even one year of college for one student.

Gateway's endowment increases through our annual Christmas tree sales, annual golf tournament, and contributions from individuals.

Our goal continues to be to increase the number of members contributing to the Foundation. This money will allow us to sustain our endowment and award more scholarships to more deserving students. You can help us reach this goal! Please send your donation to:

Gateway Foundation
PO Box 6433
Brattleboro, VT 05302-6433

Thank you for your consideration.

For the past eight years, I have had the pleasure and honor of serving as President of Gateway. As I step down from the board, I remain confident that goal of the organization will continue.

Yours in Rotary,

Marty Cohn
President, Gateway Foundation