Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the organizing committee, I am excited to announce the beginning of our 18th annual Community Works fundraising campaign!

We are seeking your support for the ten local non-profit organizations that were selected from your nominations, and we are confident of the impact these agencies will have to address community needs that the nominations emphasized: victim services, literacy, poverty, arts, education, prison reform, housing, immigration, athletics, and animal welfare. For more information on the new grant recipients please check our website at communityworks.vassar.edu

As many of you know each organization receives an equal share of the Community Works funds raised, and 100% of our contributions goes directly to the agencies because Vassar pays for all costs of the campaign. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution via payroll deduction, credit card or check. You can use the secure Community Works website to make a payroll deduction pledge or contribute with a credit card.

For payroll deduction please submit your pledge form by December 15th. To give by check fill out and send the form with your contribution to Community Works, Box 9.

Every and any amount counts! We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tracy Sutherland
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**Recipients**

**Peoples Place in Kingston**
A not-for-profit organization feeding, clothing and responding to the needs of the people in Ulster County with kindness, compassion and the preservation of human dignity since 1972.

**Mid Hudson Aquatics**
Provides swim lessons, teams and lifeguard training serving low income, majority minority families in Poughkeepsie. Pools for city residents to participate in lessons have disappeared (closing of the YMCA and YWCA) and lack of public lessons or low cost lessons at the remaining pools in Dutchess create a barrier to many families. MHA provides no or low cost swim lessons to families for swim lessons, provides swim suits, goggles and caps whenever possible, provides bi-lingual instruction, provides one on one lessons for children with autism and other disabilities. MHA also provides a low cost competitive swim team for low income swimmers - less than 50% the cost of the other club team that serves the the town of Poughkeepsie.

**Family Services - Victim Services**
Family Services seeks to meet the changing needs of individuals and families in our community by helping to shape policy, enhance systems and services, and improve the quality of community life, while still maintaining the direct services that support their neighbors. Family Services provides programs and services throughout the Hudson Valley including: Youth Services, Family Programs, Victim Services, Prevention, Community Safety and the Family Partnership Center—all geared to provide hope, improve lives and strengthen community.

**Arts MidHudson**
Provides vision and leadership to support thriving and diverse arts in the Mid-Hudson Valley. They value the abundant presence of art in the Mid-Hudson Valley and its ability to uplift, empower and engage, while honoring diversity and celebrate creativity. They are committed to playing a central role in supporting and promoting all of the arts in the communities they serve.

**Ulster Literacy Association**
Empowering People Through Literacy. At Ulster Literacy, they have been providing their neighbors with one-to-one free tutoring in basic reading and writing skills as well as teaching English as a new language for over 35 years.

**Hudson Valley Animal Rescue & Sanctuary**
Hudson Valley Animal Rescue & Sanctuary (HVARS) is a 501(c)(3) charity organization, located in New York State. We rescue domestic animals, farm animals and rehabilitate wildlife. We also run a low cost spay/neuter program for cats and small dogs.

**Exodus Transitional Community**
Exodus transitional community offers services to individuals recently released from jail/prison. They provide job readiness programming (including job search, resume counseling, mock interviews, “dress for success” style clothes loaning), anger management programming, assistance with housing, transportation, ID services, Medicaid & SNAP, and general case management.

**Hudson River Housing**
Hudson River Housing provides a continuum of services that improves lives and communities through housing with compassion and development with vision. We create pathways out of homelessness through empowerment, education, and advocacy. We strengthen communities by developing and preserving affordable housing and creating opportunities for people and places to thrive.

**Nobody Leaves Mid Hudson**
Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson is a grassroots community organization based in Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster Counties that strives for all people to have their basic human needs met. The organization’s current focus is on immigration assistance and utility access assistance; Nobody Leaves works with thousands of low-income people, immigrants, and people of color across the area. NLMH is an immigrant support organization led by immigrants: Four of the six staff members are immigrants, and a fifth is the only US-born member of her undocumented family. Two of the staff are also Vassar alum.

**REAL Skills Network**
A non-profit organization located in Poughkeepsie, NY that serves area youth along their paths to leadership. Programs that operate under R.E.A.L. are designed to help students that have had difficulty navigating the paths of traditional social, educational, and judicial systems to understand and obtain mainstream skill competency levels and social values that would EMPOWER them to interact in their community, school or job more successfully.

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- To give or pledge online by credit card, debit card, or payroll deduction, go to the secure website communityworks.vassar.edu.
- To give or pledge by campus mail, complete this form below and mail the entire sheet in the enclosed return envelope.
- Choose either payroll deduction or single contribution.
- To give in honor of someone fill in their name here: ___________________________

### One-time contribution by check
Enclosed is my one-time contribution to the 2019 Community Works Campaign in the amount of:

- $500  $250  $150  $100
- $75  $50  $25  other $__________

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- Payroll deduction
  
  My total contribution to the 2019 Community Works Campaign will be:

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  Spread out my contribution over __________ paychecks

One hundred percent of your contribution will support the work of all 10 organizations in our community!