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**Seneca Street Community Development Corporation Receives Grant from  
Garman Family Foundation**

***\$25,000 Grant Administered by the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo***

July 20, 2017 – Seneca Street Community Development Corporation (CDC) has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Garman Family Foundation administered by the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo.

The funds will support Seneca Street CDC's after school and summer programs for children and teens, and other community outreach, located in the Seneca Babcock community of Buffalo for the 2017-2018 funding year.

The after-school program serves about 70 students from kindergarten through high school with age-appropriate activities, homework assistance and concludes each day with a hot meal at its site in Seneca Street United Methodist Church, 1218 Seneca St., Buffalo.

"The generous Garman Family Foundation grant will ensure our efforts to continue to provide quality programming for children and teens, supporting their social and emotional well-being and success in school," said Seneca Street CDC Executive Director Cheryl Bird.

The after-school program runs Monday through Thursday during the school year. The six-week summer program features educational and engaging programming that includes weekly field trips, a two-week reading camp in July and other theme weeks.

A community garden is an outreach effort of Seneca Street CDC offering space where neighbors can grow their own food and connect with others. Children in Seneca Street CDC programs also help with the garden, gaining valuable understanding and skills.

According to student data, 68 percent of the children who attend the program come from homes with an annual income below \$25,000 and 13 percent of students' families earn \$5,000 or less annually.

The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, a 501(c)(3) organization, was established in 1919 to enhance and encourage long-term philanthropy in the Western New York community. The Community Foundation's mission is: Connecting people, ideas and resources to improve lives in Western New York. Since 1919, the Community Foundation has made the most of the generosity of individuals, families, foundations and organizations who entrust charitable assets to the Community Foundation's care. Find the Community Foundation online at [crgb.org](http://crgb.org).

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The mission of the Seneca Street Community Development Corporation is to: "Partner with neighbors in the Seneca Babcock community to provide a supportive environment to overcome educational, social and economic barriers. We provide opportunities for the entire community to acquire skills that build resiliency and self-reliance, enhancing the quality of life and potential for current and future generations in the neighborhood."

For more information about Seneca Street Community Development Corporation, call (716) 939-3601 or go online at [senecastreetcdc.org](http://senecastreetcdc.org).

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