

**Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo and John R. Oishei Foundation  
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**Self Sufficiency/Education**

: [Buffalo schools' cut in free transportation is hardship for some](#)

The Buffalo Board of Education eliminated bus service for more than 1,000 students to save money, adhere to state Education Dept regulations and reduce administrative and logistical headaches.

: [Research Findings to Support Effective Educational Policymaking: Evidence & Action Steps for State, District & Local Policymakers](#)

Synthesizes research findings on educational leadership, out-of-school time learning, & arts education. Presents evidence-based policies and practices critical to success of educational reforms.

: [Exploring Options: Communicating Education Metrics](#)

Describes tools for presenting metrics for educational issues as part of child outcome data: fast facts, fact sheet, profile, story, issue brief, map, diagram of forces, and dashboards.

: [Science labs on Hilbert's academic agenda](#)

Hilbert College plans to renovate at least one science laboratory next summer now that it has secured a \$200,000 state grant.

: [More Americans in poverty, formula shows](#)

A revised formula shows that approximately 47.4 million Americans last year lived in poverty, 7 million more than the government's official figure.

**Philanthropy/Grantmaking**

: [Assets of U.S. Community Foundations Fell 27 Percent, Report Finds](#)

Based on survey of 200 community foundations, a report found that community foundations' equity exposure fell nearly 7% in 2008.

: [RWJF, Growth Philanthropy Network, and Duke University Launch Social Impact Initiative](#)

The Social Impact Exchange will work to disseminate knowledge about best practices for expanding proven programs, provide venues to collaboratively fund those expansions, and help build infrastructure for scaling of social programs and innovations.

**Donors/Development**

: [Most Charitable Among Wealthy Have Highest Net Worth – And Are Happier, Too](#)

Wealthy people who give away 10% or more of their income to charity tend to build a higher net worth – and to be happier – than other wealthy individuals who give less.

: [Donor Motivations for Giving Vary With Income and Education, Report Finds](#)

The report found donor motivations could be explained by regional differences in income and education rather than underlying values specific to a particular region.

**Stable Neighborhoods**

: [Groups to voice community upgrade plan](#)

Public officials and interest groups from throughout WNY met to discuss the importance of revitalization. Groups included VOICE-Buffalo, Niagara Organizing Alliance for Hope (NOAH), People United for Sustainable Housing and the newly-formed Western New York Coalition for Regional Economic Revitalization.

**Environment**


: [Study finds danger in the air around Tonawanda Coke](#)

Tonawanda Coke Corp's foundry was found by state DEC to be emitting benzene, a carcinogen, up to 75 times higher than recommended guidelines.

: [Stimulus money growing green work force](#)

Community Action Org. of Erie County received more than \$3 million in federal stimulus money for green work force initiative and job development.

**Arts**

: [\\$100,000 in state funding to assist 20 local arts groups](#)

Twenty local arts organizations will share \$100,000 in state funding to help bolster a variety of cultural programs, from historical and heritage projects to programs that provide dance and music training for young people.

: [Albright-Knox has momentum](#)

So much for the post-9/11 blues that left many cultural institutions in a fiscal and creative funk. The last seven years have easily been among the most dynamic in the Albright-Knox Art Gallery's storied history.

: [NYS, feds reach deal on West Valley](#)

Gov. Paterson said an accord has been struck to pay for cleanup at West Valley site in Cattaraugus County, ending a long dispute between NYS and federal government.

**Regional Assets**

: [UB reveals more of grand expansion plan](#)

The University at Buffalo released details about ambitious \$5 billion transformation that would see the institution expand its presence across 3 campuses.

: [Niagara U. bulking up scholarship dollars](#)

Academic scholarships at Niagara U. are rising for new students, part of an effort to make school more affordable and drive up enrollment numbers.