



# ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION—GRANTS IN ACTION



**Cobleskill Lodge** donated \$1300 from an ENF Gratitude Grant to the Schoharie County Community Action Program (SCCAP) to send needy kids to summer camp that would otherwise not be able to attend. Pictured are Lodge ENF Chair Linda Angell PER, SCCAP Executive Director Jeannette Spaulding, and Exalted Ruler Charlene Wilder.



**Massena Lodge #1702** used proceeds from a Gratitude Grant to support the Massena Boys and Girls Club. Exalted Ruler James Root is pictured presenting Massena Village Major Tim Currier with a \$2000 check. Mayor Currier serves as the President of the New Massena Boys & Girls club. The donation will be used for building material cost, equipment and snacks. The club is on it's way to becoming a home for the youth in the Massena community.



**Cobleskill Lodge** donated \$700 from an ENF Gratitude Grant to the American Legion's Boys' State Program. Pictured is Inner Guard Bill Cary, ER Wilder, and Lodge ENF Chair Linda Angell, PER. Seated is Myron Kniskern, accepting on behalf of the Boys' State program.



**Auburn Lodge #474** used a Gratitude Grant they received and presented a check to Matthew House. Matthew House is a not-for-profit, non-denominational comfort care home serving Cayuga County and the surrounding areas of Skaneateles and Jordan-Elbridge. Their services are provided at no charge whatsoever, and they receive no public funding or insurance reimbursement. The programs existence depends entirely on contributions by donors and volunteers. The Lodge donation was made in memory of Lodge member William Welch who recently passed away. Pictured: Janel Smith, Lodge Chaplain, Mindy Johnson PDD, Wendy Young Director of Matthew House, Peter O'Conner PER and Lisa Forney SVP



**Clifton Park Elks #2466** donated \$1000 in food to both the Jonesville, Shenendehowa and CAPTAIN Karyl's Kupboard food pantries. Pictured (Left to Right) are Lodge Secretary Dan Mathias, Shen Food Pantry staff Marion Lundgren (Co-director), Sheila Krupski, Mary Howell, and Exalted Ruler Jim Farnan. The donation was made possible by a Gratitude Grant from the Elks National Foundation. The two pantries support over 400 needy families in Southern Saratoga County.



Thirteen **Binghamton Elk** members, nine volunteers, and the three founding coordinators of the Windsor Back Pack Program met to put together food packages for children of families in need. **Binghamton Lodge #70** used its Beacon Grant to purchase \$2,000.00 worth of non-perishable food items, these items were packaged and taken to the Windsor High School to be distributed on Fridays and over vacations so that children in need are guaranteed meals throughout the weekend. Although an exact count is not yet available it is estimated that over 100 Back Packs were assembled.



**Watervliet Elks #1500** accepted a community service award from the Watervliet Kids Count for their continued support of their programs. At the same time it was announced that Watervliet Lodge was awarded an ENF grant of \$2500.00 to help support Kids Count and the backpack program. Shown in photo Watervliet city officials, PSP Bruce Hidley; PER Suschinski; PSVP Ed Rice, ER/PER Colleen Quackenbush and Past Auxiliary President Jean Dean.