

**Herkimer County Office for the Aging Awarded Grant from  
The Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties, Inc.**

The Herkimer County Office for the Aging has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 from The Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties, Inc and the Faxton Street Home Fund. These funds will be used toward the purchase of a vehicle to be used to provide transportation services to senior citizens.



The County of Herkimer and the Office for the Aging express sincere appreciation to The Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties, Inc. and the Faxton Street Home Fund, for their generous support with the purchase of this vehicle. The new vehicle is wheelchair accessible and will allow the continuation of transportation services to senior citizens.

The Foundation has made more than 4,300 grants totaling over \$34.3 million in support of causes ranging from education to health care, the arts to the environment. Grants are generated by the more than 270 funds that comprise The Foundation's endowment, established and advanced by area individuals and families.

During 2010, the Office for the Aging provided 5,532 rides to 177 seniors. These seniors were transported to medical appointments, grocery stores, banks, hairdressers, visiting spouses in nursing homes, etc. Of the seniors served, 31% were age 85 and older, 37% were between the ages of 75 – 84, and 33% were between the ages of 60 – 74. This new vehicle will replace a 2001 Chevy Pegasus wheelchair accessible van that provided service for 171,737 miles.

We also thank the Herkimer County Legislature for their support; they provided the remaining funds for the purchase of this vehicle. The County Legislature has been a loyal supporter of services for our older adults.



*What is it? The new vehicle is an MV-1. To learn more about this vehicle see: <http://www.vpgautos.com/>*