

How did the John Alfred & Oscar Johnson Memorial Trust/ BPU Good Neighbor Fund Originate?

John Alfred Johnson and his brother **Oscar** emigrated from Sweden to Jamestown. John worked for a local manufacturer in the day and, at night, for Oscar, a local contractor.

John was proud of his Swedish heritage and thought of himself as a “working man.” He labored hard, saving and investing his money.

To take effect upon his death, he created the Johnson Foundation which Jamestown Swedish Consul/Attorney **John Sellstrom** and his wife **Carole**, operated in accordance with Johnson’s wishes. They endowed the **John Alfred & Oscar Johnson Memorial Trust/BPU Good Neighbor Fund** in



December, 2014, to be held in perpetuity at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation.

The Salvation Army qualifies the hardship. The BPU verifies that you’ve made regular utility payments & receive no Social Services for utility assistance. Customers on Social Security, Food Stamps or HEAP may qualify if they have attempted to keep up a regular payment record. Anyone with a good payment record may be eligible — all incomes qualify.

John Alfred & Oscar Johnson Memorial Trust/ BPU Good Neighbor Fund

The John Alfred and Oscar Johnson Memorial Trust/BPU Good Neighbor Fund is available to assist customers with a one-time payment on their BPU utility bills. If you are a customer who: makes regular bill payments; has not received social services assistance on your utility bill; and are currently facing a financial hardship; you may qualify for this type of help. *This program is open to all income levels.*

What do we mean by a financial hardship? Examples:

An unknown leak in your plumbing may result in high water bills quickly.

An accident or sudden illness could tie up your regular income for a period of time.

Sudden unemployment could prevent you from paying BPU bills right away.

Immediate house repairs leave you with utility bills you can’t pay on time.



How Do I Apply for Help?

Call the Salvation Army at 664-4108 to make an appointment. The Salvation Army is located at 81 South Main Street (near Brooklyn Square), Jamestown.

The Salvation Army verifies your financial hardship, then notifies the BPU that funds from the John Alfred & Oscar Johnson Memorial Trust/BPU Good Neighbor Fund could be applied to your account. The BPU qualifies your consistent payment record and your attempts to pay regularly before final approval is given.



The limit for help from the Fund is \$250 a year per account. Aid is on a first-come, first-serve basis. At any time, income from the Fund may be depleted and assistance may not be available.

The form below should be completed & taken to the Salvation Army to your appointment. The process is simple and quick.

Name _____

Hardship: _____

I verify that this hardship is true.

Signature _____

Date _____

Attach Copy of BPU Bill

Donating is Easy — Ways to Give:

Directly through the BPU:

You may check a box on your monthly BPU bill stub indicating the dollar amount you wish to donate or write the donation amount in the blank on the stub. Then, add your donation amount to the bill payment check.

If you're in our Balanced Billing or Easy Pay Programs, indicate the amount you wish to donate and send a check directly in the return envelope enclosed with your bill.

Any group or individual may bring donations to BPU Customer Service, 92 Steele Street, or mail a check written to:

“John Alfred & Oscar Johnson Memorial Trust/BPU Good Neighbor Fund”
P.O. Box 700,
Jamestown, NY 14702-0700.

Business donors of \$250 may be a “Good Neighbor of the Month” in a BPU Customer Newsletter.
Contact Becky Robbins: 661-1680.

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Directly through the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation:

You also may donate to the John Alfred & Oscar Johnson Memorial Trust/BPU Good Neighbor Fund at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation:
418 Spring Street, Jamestown, NY 14701
661-3390
www.crcfonline.org

The Chautauqua Region Community Foundation accepts gifts made by credit card, cash, checks, life insurance and securities.

You may remember the Good Neighbor Fund in your will through the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation.

Donations to the John Alfred & Oscar Johnson Memorial Trust/BPU Good Neighbor Fund are tax-deductible.
All gifts, regardless of size, are important and deeply appreciated.

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