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The Foundation at a glance





\$350,000

scholarship dollars

77 awardees

96 scholarships

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Through the generosity of Little Italy Lodge members and other donors, to date the Foundation has awarded over \$350,000 to Lodge members and their descendants. The Foundation is financed through the proceeds raised from its annual *Taste of Italy* dinner and special contributions received throughout the year. Our supporters believe in our hearty mission of awarding scholarships to further education for Italian Americans in the Baltimore community.

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Message from Vince Piscopo Chairman of Little Italy Lodge Foundation



A sincere welcome and thank you for joining us at our annual *Taste of Italy*! Our committee has worked very hard once again to plan and implement a wonderful afternoon of dining and entertainment. The goal of today's fundraiser is to demonstrate to you - our guests - sincere appreciation for your support.

Taste of Italy is our primary fundraiser for scholarship funding. The Foundation's mission is to award educational scholarships to eligible Little Italy Lodge members and descendants. For the **2024-2025** school year, we have awarded **\$50,000**. Your generosity enables us to continue awarding future scholarships. For the next round this fall for the 2025-2026 school year, we will award **\$60,000** to nine winners.

Today we are honored to have **Dr. Andrew Ross** join us as we acknowledge him for his many years of service to the Scholarship Foundation and the Italian community. Our chef today is the very talented **Mark Orendorff.** Chef Mark hails from a very successful restaurant family.

Christopher Pisano, our Sons of Italy Lodge president, once again chaired the *Taste of Italy* committee. *Saluti e grazie tanto* to Christopher, his committee, and the many volunteers for pulling together a myriad of details to plan such a large event.

As Foundation Chairman, I appreciate the opportunity to host each of you. Collectively, we are a component of this paramount Foundation. To fulfill its mission is a remarkable privilege. **Taste, eat, sip, dance! Enjoy the event!**



The Little Italy Lodge La Famiglia Scholarship Program - in its 25th year was established in 1999 to assist deserving Lodge members and descendants in good standing as they pursue college/university undergraduate degrees. The hope is, by providing assistance to students, we can help to advance them as they demonstrate the value, contributions, and advancements our Italian legacy has displayed throughout history. The Foundation's Board of Directors announces scholarship awards totaling \$50,000 made to these eight outstanding young people for receiving scholarships for their 2024-2025 school year. We feel extremely proud as we highly congratulate them, as do our many individual supporters who help make La Famiglia program so successful. Gold stars to all awardees, applicants, and donors!





Madalyn Caiazzo \$10,000

Benjamin Carroll \$7,500

Sophia Montcalmo \$7,500

Antonio Applauso \$5,000



Maria Kazlauski \$5,000

Claire Peiffer \$5,000

Irene Zielinski \$5,000

Lille Zielinski \$5,000



The essay topic was ...

With the changing demographics of our society, what unique challenges does your generation face in preserving and continuing the Italian traditions your parents and grandparents cherish and have passed on to you? How would you address those challenges?



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More APPLAUSE for today's stars! Committees - Donors - Volunteers



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In the Kitchen

Chef Mark Orendorff Michael Doughty Tony Greaver Bill Hughes



Chiapparelli's Italian Restaurant DiPasquale's Espresso, Coffee, Tea DiPasquale's Italian Market Grace Otterbein (pizzelle) Ovenbird Bakery Roma Sausage Vaccaro's Italian Pastry Shop



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Established in 1966, ACIM is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization consisting of a very active group of dynamic and energetic ladies – an Italian sisterhood – woven together by a mutual love of humanity. Their mission includes a commitment to develop the educational potential of Italian women through scholarships, volunteerism, and community initiatives; thus, showing the organization's passion as a generous top-tier donor to the Lodge Foundation.



Save the date! ACIM's fall fundraiser

Bull, Oyster & Shrimp Feast Friday, October 10, 2025 7-11 pm with DJ Blaze

Superior Catering Hall 1010 Oldham Street, Baltimore contact Rosemary Bongiorno rosietomatoe@comcast.net



Taste of Italy Committee is grateful to Dr. Thomas M. Scalea



Dr. Momas M. Sca Legacy Sponsor

Named after the Scalea Family, this scholarship was initiated by Anne Scalea's son, Dr. Thomas M. Scalea, who wished to honor his mother's guidance and inspiration. As a single parent and an elementary school teacher, Mrs. Scalea instilled in her five children a spirit of service and a passion for learning.

The hallmark of the Scalea children's upbringing was centered on doing for others. At all levels, she taught them the value of education and striving to do the best they could (regardless of how good that was) as long as they gave it their all. Because of her support, Dr. Scalea chose a career in medicine.

Today he is Physician in Chief at the Shock Trauma Center at the world renowned University of Maryland Medical Center. Dr. Scalea has gifted our scholarship program with a kind and generous donation over two years which benefits the Foundation's mission and today's event.





*The Scalea Family*John, Carol, Rob, Anne, Tom, Donald





Taste of Italy Committee is grateful to Carl T. Julio Legacy Sponsor



A special **THANK YOU** from the Little Italy Lodge and the Lodge Scholarship Foundation to our dear friends, Carl Julio and his son, Lawrence Julio, for their generous support of Baltimore's Italian American community. Their significant financial contributions over many years for the scholarship program are greatly appreciated.





Today's Honoree Or. Andrew Ross

Taste of Italy Committee honors Dr. Ross for spreading the cultural, innovative, artistic and entrepreneurial spirit of the Italian people, through his volunteer and career efforts to improve the lives of children and youth.

"I have always been proud of being Italian, yet never so humbled and surprised, that the leaders of the Scholarship Foundation, who do so much to perpetuate our culture, would honor me. Grazie mille!"

Andy's grandparents emigrated from the provinces of Salerno (San Rufo & Sant Roseario) and Naples (Sasso & Risigliano), Italy; he was named after his paternal grandfather, Andrea Rosa. When his employer spelled it as Ross, Andrea's eventual 10 children and 30 grandchildren were denied a vowel at the end of their surname.

Andy honors his Italian heritage through his membership in the Little Italy Lodge, promotion of its scholarship program and judging students' essays, and as a volunteer for St. Leo's Italian Festival. He is active in the Associated Italian American Charities of Maryland (AIAC) and is pursuing dual Italian citizenship for him and his family: daughters Kate LeBar and Emily Brown; and grandchildren, Spencer, Amelie, Rosa, and Augie.

As the recruiter and coordinator of the exotic Italian car show fundraiser, *Concorso Italia*, Andy brought the show to Baltimore, once staging it on the streets of Little Italy. It became wildly popular and moved to Harbor East and Rash Field during the Italian Festivals once held there.

At *The Children's Guild Alliance*, a nonprofit organization in Baltimore, where Andy was President & CEO during a 26-year tenure, he used his artistic and entrepreneurial skills to grow its mission from 154 children to 6,000. Before stepping down in 2021, he founded six public charter schools and two special education schools; and installed in-house mental health centers in 90 public schools throughout the Baltimore-DC corridor.

Andy also created a management approach that improved outcomes for educating and managing child-serving organizations, and brought modern apprenticeships (unrelated to trades) to Maryland from England. He has authored two books and published 18 journal articles on ways to care for - and educate - traumatized children.

Andy transformed the floors, ceilings, and cinder block walls of schools into threedimensional art by hiring artists to visualize the values and learning systems he created. This, and the 30 musical theater productions he wrote and produced (three performed at Baltimore's Hippodrome Theatre), were used to promote The Guild's work and grow its budget from five- to \$85 million. This earned the organization a prestigious national reputation, as Andy's ideas spread throughout America and several countries. The Guild was recognized as one of the top five-percent of well-funded children's organizations in the United States. Bravo to Dr. Ross for these phenomenal accomplishments and for his work with our Foundation!





A full-course homemade Italian meal

Buffet di antipasti / "before pasta" buffet

A vibrant display of classic Italian starters featuring marinated vegetables, roasted string beans & potatoes, savory sausage & peppers, and an assortment of Italian cheeses & cured meats

Primo piatto / First course

Lobster Ravioli

tender pasta pillows filled with succulent lobster served in a rich, crab-infused tomato butter sauce

Secondo piatto / Second course

Ossobuco

succulent, slow-braised veal shank served over velvety cauliflower risotto, offering a refined low-starch twist on the classic Milanese pairing

Dolce / Dessert

Vaccaro's Cannoli Cake



Wine Pairings abbinamenti di vini

Selections by Osteria da Amedeo Wine Bar in Little Italy

* **Pinot Grigio served with antipasti

medium bodied, crisp, light, and fruity, with lovely aromas of citrus

Montepulciano served with antipasti

medium bodied, tannic and well balanced

Sangiovese served with Lobster Ravioli

light bodied with balancing acidity and super soft tannin character

Chianti Reserva served with Ossobuco

dry and full-bodied; fruity with notes of dark chocolate and black cherries





History of Scholarship Recipients

1999 to 2024

2024

Antonio Applauso Madalyn Caiazzo Benjamin Carroll Maria Kazlauski Sophia Montcalmo Claire Peiffer Irene Zielinski Lille Zielinski

2023

Derek Caiazzo Carolyn Davis Brendon Elliott Isabella Keh Ashley Keister Claire Peiffer Charles Petro

2022

Brendan Elliott Isabella Keh Ashley Keister Ingrid Lenzenweger Madelin McLean Sophia Montcalmo Ethan Zielinsky

2021

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Isabella Keh Mia Lenzenweger Madelin McLean Michaela Rusinko

2019

Anthony Apicella Isabella Barbieri Jackson Landgraf Maria Laske

2018

Isabella Barbieri Jackson Landgraf Wyatt Laudicina Gabriella McClean

2017

Anna Cuffari Victoria Tully

2016

Isabella Barbieri Cullen Siepp

2015

Anna Berrettini Nicholas Butta Elizabeth Guidice Brooke Lorber

2014

Nicholas Butta Alexander Culotta Ian Hughes Justin Lorber

2013

Nicholas Butta Alexander Culotta Brooke Lorber Anthony Meek

2012

Michael Butta Nicholas Butta Brianna Collachi Drew Myers

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Michael Butta Charles Corasaniti Sal Corasaniti Drew Myers

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Jillian Augustyniak Michael Butta Maria Ferrante Jamie Restivo



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2008

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2006

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2005

Katie Ann Augustyniak Maria Ferrante

2004

Jennifer DiFolco Max Pompa

2003

Jennifer DiFolco Bianca Posterli

2002

Katelynn Petrella Bianca Posterli

2001

Stephanie Anderson Michelle Stanley

2000

John J. D'Adamo Danielle Lombardi

1999

Cathan Daughtery Danielle Lombardi







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Much success

with the Taste of Italy!

We also congratulate DR ANDREW ROSS - recognized for his years of support to the Italian American community and past leadership of the Foundation



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The Iacoboni Family wishes to congratulate our friend, Andy Ross, on being honored for his outstanding dedication and loyalty to the Little Italy Lodge and the Italian community. *Bravo, Andy!*



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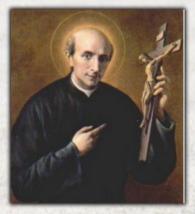
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- Food & craft vendors
- Italian cultural area
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for his many contributions to the Italian American community and his work with the Foundation.

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... takes pride in our Scholarship Program and the students it benefits.

Congratulazioni to the recipients and grazie to ...

our Scholarship Committee volunteers

for their dedication and effort in the management of this noteworthy program throughout the year, and in coordinating today's signature event.



Christopher Pisano President, Little Italy Lodge

on behalf of Little Italy Lodge Council & Membership

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La Famiglia Montcalmo acknowledges ...



Our *congratulations* to all of the students who have benefited - and to those who will benefit - from the Foundation's support and from the results of their hard work!

Our sincere *Thank You* to Dr. Andy Ross for his 26 years of success with The Children's Guild Alliance, his long-term involvement with our Foundation, and his consistent support of the entire Italian American community.



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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- The *applicant* must be a member of the Little Italy Lodge, spouse of a member; or a child, grandchild, step-child/grandchild or legal ward of a member.
- The $\it sponsor$ must have been a member in good standing of the Lodge as of 1/1/2024.
- Instructions, criteria, and application on littleitalyfoundation.org/application.
- $\bullet \quad \text{Questions to } \underline{\text{littleitaly} foundation} \underline{\text{@gmail.com}}$
- Submission deadline **May 31, 2025** for 2025-2026 scholarships based on this question:

Many Italian American families can trace their roots back to a specific region in Italy. Investigate your family's region of origin, noting any special customs, dialects, dishes, or festivals unique to that area. Compare how those traditions are practiced (or remembered) in your household today. Discuss which elements you'd like to preserve, adapt, or leave behind as you grow into adulthood.