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### **Stewart's Shops Supports Schoharie Scrub Club**

Schoharie Scrub Club, a collaborative, multi-school effort between Cobleskill-Richmondville, Middleburgh, and Schoharie High Schools, recently received additional funding support of \$2,000 from the Stewart's Shops Corporate Giving Office.

"Stewart's Shops is committed to giving back to all our shops' communities. We are pleased to support a program which will not only benefit youth by providing a pathway to a rewarding medical career but also help make our communities healthy." Susan Dake, President Stewart's Foundation.

The Scrub Club program was created by Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center (AHEC) to help high school students build solid futures by introducing them to a broad array of healthcare careers through interactive programs, hands-on activities, and inspiring field trips. To date, thirteen schools and at-risk youth programs are currently utilizing Scrub Club as a longitudinal program, an afterschool program, a cooperative community educational effort, or they have incorporated it into their daily curriculum. The goal of Scrub Club is to engage students through encouragement and mentoring programs to demonstrate that continuing their education beyond high school can be meaningful, engaging, and relevant to their future.

Schoharie Scrub Club will soon take a field trip to the BODYWORLDS exhibition in New York City as part of the Scrub Club curriculum. Field trips such as this are possible with support from their funders, which include Fenimore Asset Management, Cobleskill Regional Hospital, Sterling Insurance, and now Stewart's Shops.

Catskill Hudson AHEC is a non-profit organization whose mission is to address regional healthcare workforce shortages through education and collaborative community relationships to assist students, career seekers, and health professionals. For additional information on programs and services, please contact the staff at Catskill Hudson AHEC at (845) 883-7260 or visit their website at [www.chahec.org](http://www.chahec.org).

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