



Legacy Society

WHY GIVE TO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Dozens of donors have provided for Community Foundation through their estate. Bequests can provide support in perpetuity for one's areas of interest or for the most urgent needs of our community. Community Foundation gifts are invested and, with the oversight of a diverse board of community members, each gift's strength and relevance remain forever. A donor's foresight in providing for our community's future has a ripple effect, multiplying the original gift many times over.

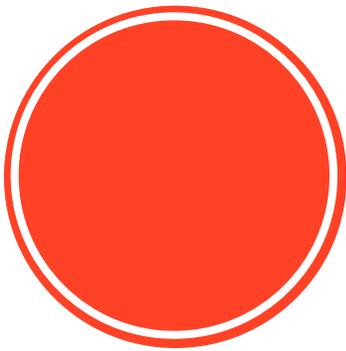
Generous donors to Community Foundation have provided more than \$11 million in grants to nonprofits from 2000 through 2016. These grants are addressing needs in education, environment, social justice, human services, children and youth, women's issues, arts and culture, and community building.

You are giving **thought** to what you will leave behind for people you **care** about. Consider what you might leave for your **community** to help address your community's urgent needs **forever**. Consider **giving back** to the place which made a difference in your **life**.



THERE ARE SEVERAL TYPES OF NEEDS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HELPS YOU ADDRESS

Community Foundation of Tompkins County addresses community needs through collective impact. We have thriving and successful communities in Tompkins County but there are simple, complicated, and complex needs here and what we learn continuously changes. Community Foundation can move problems from talking to action in multiple ways. We take in information, we learn about what is needed, we share that information by assembling groups, and we give financial backing in the form of grants.



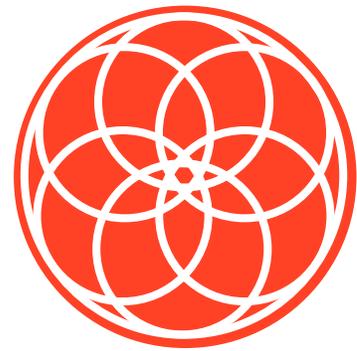
Simple Needs

The right "recipe" gives the same results every time.



Complicated Needs

Over time the solution can be repeated with success.



Complex Needs

There is no right "recipe" and outside factors influence the results.

ADVANTAGES TO YOU

Providing for your community now ensures that your heirs will have a clear directive as to your charitable priorities. Furthermore, by arranging a bequest to Community Foundation, you may be able to shelter a considerable portion of your estate from taxes. Retirement fund assets can face tax rates of up to 75% when left to an individual, other than a spouse.

HOW TO GET STARTED

Please feel free to consult with us as a resource for your philanthropy. You and your financial advisors, along with Community Foundation, can work together to make sure that your charitable preferences are honored.



HOW TO PLAN YOUR GIVING

Please consider:

- Including Community Foundation in your will, either a percentage or a specific dollar amount.
- Gifting a life insurance policy to Community Foundation or naming Community Foundation as primary or contingent beneficiary of a policy.
- Gifting appreciated stock, real estate, trusts, business holdings, or other assets which offer unique advantages and tax benefits.
- Discussing with your financial advisor how a Charitable Remainder or Charitable Lead Trust can provide income to you or your heirs while also benefiting Community Foundation.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HELPS DIRECT YOUR DOLLARS TO ADDRESS NEEDS TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE

Community Foundation is structured to meet the current and future needs of our community and beyond. No other nonprofit does this in Tompkins County. Assets are pooled and invested, generating interest, which is then granted to local organizations, who are addressing local and national needs.

We are aware that you receive multiple requests for your philanthropic dollars. Community Foundation helps you direct your dollars to solve current needs where they will have the greatest impact.

Community Foundation serves as a repository for permanent gifts, no matter how great or small, from all who have lived or worked in - and care about - Tompkins County.



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WHAT IS OUR LEGACY SOCIETY?

Community Foundation Legacy Society honors each individual who has committed to the future of the Tompkins County region through a planned gift.

Listing you as a member provides a second gift, as others who see your name may be inspired to follow your lead. Your name helps broaden our reach in the community. While most donors choose Legacy Society acknowledgment listing, others prefer to remain anonymous.

If you would like to learn more or arrange to meet personally to discuss your plans, please contact:

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If you have already included Community Foundation in your estate plans, please let us know. Doing so enables us to better serve you and your intentions.

Thank you!