# What We Do By the Numbers 2014

FIELD OF INTEREST FUND

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**Women’s Fund and Women’s Fund Endowment**

Consistent with the Community Foundation’s mission

**“to improve the quality of life in Tompkins County by inspiring and supporting enduring philanthropy,”**

the mission of the Women’s Fund is to

**“make a positive difference in the lives**

**of women in our community.”**

We serve as a catalyst; we partner with local agencies; we support community needs; and we honor local volunteers.

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| **Women’s Fund of the Community Foundation**  **From fund inception: Mar. 2004 – Dec. 31, 2014** |
| Total amount Granted: $ 70,584 |
| Number of Grants: 55 |

These grants represent the current philanthropic goals and interests of our donors as well as the grant making strategy of the Community Foundation’s Board of Directors.

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| Women’s Fund Grant Areas | % of  $ | $ Area  Amount |
| Healthcare | 24% | $16,879 |
| Shelter, Food, Safety | 24% | $16,782 |
| Childcare and Transportation | 12% | $ 8,800 |
| Education and Employment | 12% | $ 8,550 |
| Advocacy and Leadership | 28% | $19,573 |
| Total |  | $70,584 |

Status: 501(c)3 public charity

For additional information, find our latest annual report and financial statements at www.cftompkins.org

or call 607-272-9333

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**Assets** (12/31/14)

$262,000 Women’s Fund assets

$ 242,000 endowed assets

$ 20,000 expendable assets

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**Return on Portfolio Investments**

5.41% 2014 return

18.38% 2013 return

12.05% 3 yr. return (annualized)

10.11% 5 yr. return (annualized)

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**Gifts Received**

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|  | **2014** | **2013** | **2012** |
| $ | $ 42,374 | $ 68,649 | $ 19,938 |
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**Strategy of the Women’s Fund**

* We fund annual grants to local agencies that serve women and girls. Successful initiatives meet the most basic needs of women, empower women of all ages, and support women moving forward.
* We build on our endowment to assist and support women in Tompkins County in a sustainable way.
* We build community by bringing people together for important conversations about women’s issues.

**Learning to Give, Giving to Learn: inspiring and supporting enduring philanthropy…**

***Shared knowledge and civic engagement…***

At its core, a community foundation is a place of and for **learning and civic engagement**. ”Its bottom-line mission is to generate local resources for local needs. But it accomplishes that mission not simply by raising money, but also by educating community members - its neighbors – to see and to care, thus empowering them to support causes close to home and close to the heart.” ***Former member, Tompkins County Funders Group***

***Joanne Florino ~ Senior Vice President for Public Policy, Philanthropy Roundtable***

***Changing lives…***

A unique training program, ReSET, offers unemployed or underemployed individuals a way to discover the impacts of a disposable consumer culture and the value of, skills required for, and satisfaction resulting from reusing materials. “As our community and consciousness continue to **grow and evolve**, the value of the materials that are kept out of landfills is becoming more widely recognized. Programs like ReSET help **give our community and our stuff new life**.”

***Community Foundation grantee***

***Anise Hotchkiss ~ Community Programs Coordinator, Finger Lakes ReUse***

***Engaging the community...***

“Being a student at Cornell means that you are also a part of the broader Ithaca community. Personally, I think that having the opportunity to be at any university means that you have the responsibility to use what you are **learning to give back**. I love being a volunteer with the Community Foundation because I feel like I am using the skills that I've built at the Johnson School to make a difference. I also feel that being a part of the Community Foundation has enriched my own education, and allowed me to **build valuable relationships** across a variety of organizations.” ***Community Foundation Grant Review Team member***

***Beatina Theopold ~ student, MBA program, Johnson School, Cornell University***

***Investing in the future...***

Community Foundation funding supported the expansion of important financial programs into surrounding towns of Tompkins County reaching low-income, rural tax filers. **“We believe in opportunity. For all.”** This year, tax returns were prepared and filed for 1,782 clients, bringing a net total of $3.7 million in tax refunds to working families in Tompkins County and to our local economy. “We’re hungry for ways to help with the many social problems that surround us.” Alternatives’ seeks to build wealth and create economic opportunity for the underserved people and communities.***Community Foundation grantee***

***MaryBeth Bunge ~ Development Director, Alternatives Federal Credit Union***

***Creating community exchange…***

The Civic Ensemble is committed to using storytelling to create an environment in which we as a community can examine different points of view without judgment. The notion of engagement is central to all of Civic’s work. “People say ‘Why theater?”” “Theater is unique in its liveness and its potential through that liveness to **engage people**. Theater engages both

**our thinking and our feeling …** As a tool for dialogue, theater is unique in its ability to engage people, to catch them off guard. They can be having fun, then turn right around to having a serious conversation.” ***Community Foundation grantee***

***Sarah Chalmers ~ Director of Civic Engagement, Civic Ensemble***

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| **Philanthropy Learning Exchange (PLEX)**  **Estate planning questions?**  **Speaker: Michael May, Esq.**  Wednesday, March 4th noon and 5pm  See events at www.cftompkins.org | **Communities – what’s happening?**  **Learn more!**  **Interactive Mapping:**  Community Foundations Atlas  See news at www.cftompkins.org | **Celebrate with us!**  **Share. Honor. Connect.**  **Women’s Fund Annual Luncheon**  Tuesday, March 10th noon -2pm  See events at www.cftompkins.org |