

Engaging



Let's Talk Philanthropy

Active, **powerful conversations** engaged a broad community of donors connected to the issues affecting Tompkins County. Small group discussions dived into **a wide range of issues**, from **housing, environment, sustainability, mental health, substance abuse,**

aging, arts & culture, social justice and more. During our 2017 Listening Learning Series, we **heard many voices and important insights from across our community.** These interactions helped build **new connections, deeper understanding, and stronger relationships.** Find out more on our website under [Resources, Community Meetings and Surveys.](#)

Grant recipients shared **inspiring impact** stories with over 200 attendees at the annual



Inspiring

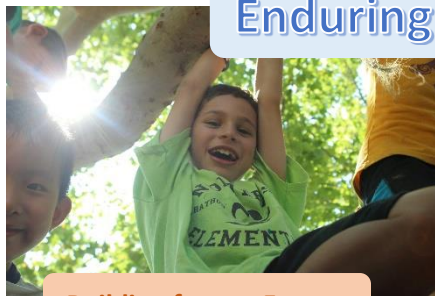
10 Years of Supporting Women's Programs

Women's Fund Luncheon. Because of strong adult women who are trustworthy and knowledgeable (see photo), several young girls involved in risky behavior learned new skills and are now back in high school, or in college, or working full time with benefits. Find these stories and more on our website under [Grant Impact Stories.](#)



Thank you to donors, board members, & volunteers who make everything possible!

Enduring



Building for our Future

Eight new endowment funds create **permanent renewable community resources.** These special funds honor or remember the

many contributions to our community. Dr. Marguerite Uphoff Endowment Fund celebrates and **honors Dr. Uphoff's tireless dedication and support for children and families** during her work as a pediatrician for over 45 years. Leon Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Fund, designated for Southside Community Center awards, **honors the late Leon Lawrence, a beloved Ithaca activist and civic leader.** Family Reading Partnership Fund provides permanent funding supporting the nonprofit and their mission to **"create a culture of literacy."** New endowments created by Tom and Maria Eisner Fund, to **better meet current needs,** provide annual support for 4 institutions. A long-time resident \$100,000 gift creates an endowment supporting a **wide range of local nonprofit organizations.** Collectively, these endowment funds total **more than \$385,000 benefiting our community both today and in the years to come.**

Find these stories and more on our website under [Giving, Who Is Giving, Donor Stories.](#)

Transforming



Aspiring young writer

Communities across our county and beyond, from rural villages to larger towns benefit from grants. The Bernard and Shirley Rosen Library Fund grants have transformed a genuine **intellectual curiosity and a lifelong love of reading and learning,** by supporting **access by youth** to 33 Finger Lakes Libraries. Since 2011, annual grants of more than \$130,000; total over \$750,000 in 155 grants. This year, teen author of famed Minecraft Series **toured 15 area libraries.** After one of the sessions, Andy, an 8 year old went home to write his book! (see photo)

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Community Building Community

"Thank you for everything the Community Foundation does for our community!" ~ Jessica Gosa, Meals on Wheels

"Community Foundation is committed to educating people about philanthropy. The foundation takes new approaches to issues and it honors volunteerism too. It is labor intensive work but the outcome of Community Foundation help is more dollars come to this community." ~ Mary Berens

"I attended the Women's Fund luncheon and was so impressed ... that I walked away knowing I wanted to contribute. Thank you to all the volunteers!" ~ Kate Seaman

"I would like to start with a sincere thank you to the Community Foundation for the work that you have done and the leadership you have shown in driving the community toward thriving through collective impact." ~ Dominick Recchio, Chamber of Commerce

"The Community Foundation of Tompkins County builds our strength." ~ Joni Spielholz

"We truly appreciate the generous support that the Community Foundation has given to the genesis and growth of collective impact (CI) efforts, over a few years now; beginning with your support of seven community members to attend the Tamarack Institute's conference in Toronto, so that they could share the principles and benefits of using a CI approach to address big issues here at home." ~ Laura Branca, The Building Bridges Initiative

"In honor of the dedicated staff at Community Foundation and all your contributions to making Tompkins County a great place to live. Here's to the next 200 years!" ~ Kelly White

"I am inspired by the good work of the Community Foundation." ~ Lisken Cordes