



THE RIPPLE EFFECT: ONE ACTION, MANY RESULTS

## The Ripple Effect: uncovering needs, expanding funding, magnified results

At the Community Foundation's Annual Meeting panelist, Risa Mish, Cornell University's Johnson School faculty member, shared how she learned about the stark reality, that some women in our community did not have the most basic necessities and undergarments to dress for a job interview. Having attended the annual Women's Fund Luncheon and hearing one of the stories shared by Dammi Herath, Executive Director, at the Women's Opportunity Center, Risa expanded her giving, making an additional gift to the Women's Opportunity Center.

# 39%

### Gender and Poverty

39% of Tompkins County families with children, who have a female head of household, live in poverty.

Through last year's grant cycle, the Women's Opportunity Center received \$2,250 from the **Women's Fund**, **Rachel J. Siegel Fund** and **21 Goodwill Street Fund**. This allowed 5 participants a weekly stipend while they completed a 6 week "On the Job" training

program. Participants have no work history or work experience and are having difficulty competing in the job market with those who do. This grant provided them with income while not losing other necessary support services through the Department of Social Services.

This year's Women's Fund Luncheon, held in annually in March at Emerson Suites, Ithaca College, brought together more than 250 guests to celebrate programs serving women in Tompkins County.

The 2016 Women's Fund Grant Cycle awarded 17 grants to 12 organizations totaling a record \$32,445 from the Women's Fund, Crime Victims Fund, and 6 Donor Advised Funds.

2016 Women's Fund Grant Cycle priority areas:

- ✦ promote educational, economic, social and political equality for women
- ✦ enable women to achieve economic self-sufficiency
- ✦ insure that women have necessary healthcare resources

## Field of Interest Fund

## Spring 2016

COMMUNITY IMPACT



Thank you to our volunteers! From serving on grant review teams, office filing, board service, committee work, and much more; you are ambassadors of community philanthropy.



### Women's Fund Luncheon Honorees

Millicent Clarke Maynard, Phoebe Brown, Jennie Graham in attendance at the annual Luncheon.



### Promoting Women in Leadership

Documentary chronicles fight for equality.



**By The Numbers** (3/31/16)

**\$ 264,000 Women's Fund Assets**

- \$ 251,000 Endowed Assets
- \$ 13,000 Expendable Assets

**Women's Fund Advisory Committee**

Angela Sullivan, Ann Mathews, Annie Wall, Carol Travis, Carrie Regenstein, Elsa Hyde, Jan Hertel, Jill Burlington, Nancy Schuler, Stephanie Bailey, Suzanne Brache, Suzanne Smith Jablonski

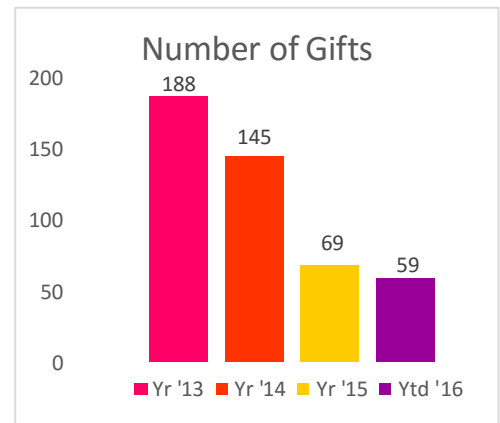
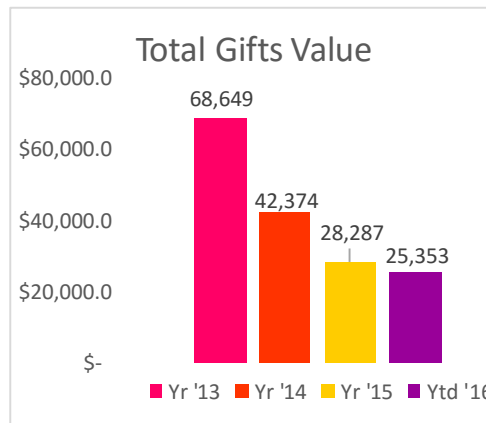
We serve as a catalyst; we partner with local agencies; we support community needs; and we honor local volunteers.



Community Impact

Recent grant funds a pathway to citizenship for the Immigrant Services Program through Catholic Charities assisting low income women applying for work authorization and citizenship.

The Community Foundation enables everyone to be a philanthropist.



**CATALIZING AND CONVENING**

**Past years' themes and topics:**

**Spring Annual Lunches held in March**

**2016** Bridges: A Journey Reflections on My Life's Work in Senior Care

**2015** Stepping Out of the Shadows: Embracing New Leaders, New Voices

**2014** Women Donors: Philanthropy's Untapped Resource

**Fall Gatherings held in November**

**2015** Women and Poverty Demographic Data

**2014** Serving Women Veterans: Community Supports

**2013** From Mumbai to Ithaca: A Passion for Gender Justice

**YOUR GIFTS MAKE THIS POSSIBLE**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: [www.cftompkins.org/giving/our-funds/womens-fund](http://www.cftompkins.org/giving/our-funds/womens-fund)

Since inception, the Women's Fund has made grants totaling more than \$100,000; the annual Women's Fund Grant Cycle leverages additional funding, expanding the impact of many important programs in our community.

