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PHILANTHROPIC ACTION



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LOCAL PHILANTHROPY,
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, AND
COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Philanthropy

Community Foundation of TOMPKINS COUNTY

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Grant Cycle: Strengthening Communities Application deadline: October 16th Grant range: \$5,000-\$20,000

This grant cycle aims to foster and develop within Tompkins County communities, the ability to improve the quality of life for all residents through collaborative planning, capacity building, and finding solutions to complex challenges.

Values and Preferences that inform the grant review process:

- Clear collaboration across organizations and/or sectors
- Inclusion of "context experts"

- Promotion of *equity* across race, socio-economic difference and rural/urban access
- Use of supporting data with clear targets reflecting local community
- Amelioration of systemic practices
- Building of social capital for and with *new audiences* not traditionally engaged in community leadership and decision making

Find out more at www.cftompkins.org under Grant Opportunities

SUMMER 2019 UPDATE

Education and Basic Needs

Three of our newest field of interest funds support these types of initiatives:

- Birth to Three Endowment Fund supports the social, physical, and emotional capabilities from birth to three years old
- Cathy Zumoff Basic Needs Fund meet basic needs: providing food, shelter, counseling, animal protection
- Joel Zumoff Education in the Arts
 Fund provides education in the arts





A Growing Promise - Super Goal

For 2019 a special incentive is available from an anonymous donor. For every new person who makes a **Legacy Society** plan known to us, an anonymous generous donor will contribute \$1,000, up to a total of 10 new members. **BREAKING NEWS!** We have acheived our 10 new Legacy Society members and our donor would like to challenge us with a super goal *to stretch to 15 new members!* Make your plans by the end of 2019 and leverage your impact.



Loaves & Fishes Cools Off

First air-conditioning system; a welcome surprise for patrons and volunteers at local soup kitchen

Diners arriving for a free meal at Loaves & Fishes in downtown Ithaca have been greeted with a welcome surprise — air-conditioning. For the first time in its 36year history, the soup kitchen in the social hall of St. John's Episcopal Church has been air-conditioned this summer. The cool air was not only a relief for patrons but also for the volunteers who prepare 140 lunches or dinners each day. "It has proven to be a godsend during the recent heat," said Rev. Megan Castellan, the rector at St. John's. "The air-conditioning has allowed each guest to cool down, eat and feel like a different person." The \$30,000 project wouldn't have happened without the

Responsive Philanthropy

Donor advisors respond to funding requests: providing critical support for community needs

help of Sandy True, who learned last fall that Loaves & Fishes was requesting funding from Community Foundation of Tompkins County to install four commercial ceiling fans. Directors of the soup kitchen were seeking money to buy the fans because they thought that air-conditioning was cost-prohibitive.

True and her husband Jay, owner of True Insurance, however, decided to contact Loaves & Fishes to explore the possibility of going a step further to assure a more comfortable environment for patrons.

"We thought, 'What if we look at air-conditioning and fans?' "True said. "And that started the ball rolling."
While the soup kitchen went ahead with installing fans, thanks to donations from several local organizations, True started calling her friends, and within three weeks, she had raised the full amount needed to install

air-conditioning. "There are a lot of people in Ithaca who are very philanthropic if they hear the story and hear the need," True says. "This was easy. We're feeding the needy and we're taking care of our elderly. If people are able to, they step up."

Since 2003, Sandy and Jay True have had a donor-advised fund at Community Foundation, which allows them to respond directly to funding requests submitted by local nonprofits. Through their fund, they donated \$5,000 to the project. "Nobody thought we could come up with the money for this," said Rev. Christina Culver, executive director of Loaves & Fishes. "Then along comes Sandy, who said, 'I can raise enough money to do this.' We are very grateful for Sandy's efforts and for the remarkably generous individuals whose gifts made our 36-year dream to cool the dining hall and kitchen come true."

UPCOMING

WOMEN'S FUND
ANNUAL LUNCHEON
OCTOBER 17, 2019



Women's Fund Advisory
Committee invites YOU to
join the most amazing
gathering of passionate
people dedicated to
making a difference in the
lives of women in
Tompkins County. More at
www.cftompkins.org

The project wouldn't have happened without two local contractors that offered discounts for its services — Pleasant Valley Electric, and HSC Associates, Inc., which provided the air-conditioning. In addition, Claudia Brenner Designs donated its services to develop a plan for the air-conditioning project. Find out more at www.cftompkins.org under Granting Impact Stories

2019 SUMMARY (thru 6/30/19)

318 gifts total \$2.7 million, fuel grants, deepen community connections and grow resources.
282 grants total \$1.1 million, make community investments impacting lives in Tompkins County and beyond.
125 funds hold \$20.8 million, with investment performance of 12.44% General Portfolio and 13.6% ESG Portfolio.

