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

**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](http://www.cftompkins.org) **under Grant Opportunities**

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**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 achieved 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 36-year 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 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.”

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

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.

GRANTS BY PROGRAM AREA

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