



INSPIRING STORIES, EMPOWERING COMMUNITY

Women's Fund  
Community Foundation  
of TOMPKINS COUNTY

# Field of Interest Fund

## 2019

COMMUNITY IMPACT

## Inspiring College Success

Holistic, highly collaborative and founded on a participatory model

The effect of connections, convenings, and the power of community is clear. Women continue to **grow the resources available to vulnerable populations**. In the fall of 2018, the Women's Fall Grant Cycle made a \$2,500 grant to the College Initiative Upstate. (photo: CIU Fall Prep)

support 8-10 women who are not able to proceed with their plans to apply to, enroll in, or continue in college because of outstanding debts, fines or student loans. TC3 is an instrumental partner in this and they are **paving a path of new futures for these women**.

Read more at [www.cftompkins.org](http://www.cftompkins.org) under Granting Stories.

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41%

### Gender and Poverty

41% of Tompkins County families with children, who have a female head of household, live in poverty

College Initiative Upstate (CIU) is a **"Bridge to College"** program for criminal justice involved men and women of Tompkins County as an Alternative to Incarceration program in collaboration with the Tompkins County and Ithaca City Courts. If that sounds to you like courts are **sending people to college instead of to jail**, you are correct. It's no secret that recidivism is a hard nut to crack. Benay Rubenstein and Suzanne Burnham are **breaking down barriers** for many who flourish when given the **support and advocacy** that many of us take for granted. This grant is for the CIU Women's Matching fund, which will

### 2019

Women's Fund Grants will be part of the Spring Grant Cycle this year. **Applications Due: March 14, 2019**

2019 Women's Fund Grant Cycle objectives:

- ✚ Promote educational, economic, and social equality for women
- ✚ enable women to achieve economic self-sufficiency
- ✚ insure necessary resources for women's health and basic needs



### Volunteer Community Service

Diane Shafer, 2018 Laura Holmberg awardee (pictured with her husband, Dick Shafer).



### Promoting Healthy Communities

2018 Women's Fund Grantees promote equality for women, strengthening our communities.



### Thank you to our volunteers

Women's Fund Advisory Committee, ambassadors of community philanthropy.



## By The Numbers (12/31/18)

### \$ 329,000 Women's Fund Assets

- \$ 327,000 Endowed Assets
- \$ 2,000 Expendable Assets

### Women's Fund Advisory Committee

Steph Bailey (chair), Pam Bleiwas, Suzie Brache, Jill Burlington, Rachel Hogancamp, Mimi Melegrito, Stacey Murphy, Kim Rothman, Nancy Schuler, Angela Sullivan, Kayla Wingert, Alice Moore (Community Foundation Board of Directors Liaison)

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

### SAVE THE DATE:

**Annual Women's Fund Luncheon**  
**October 17, 2019**  
**Emerson Suites, Ithaca College**



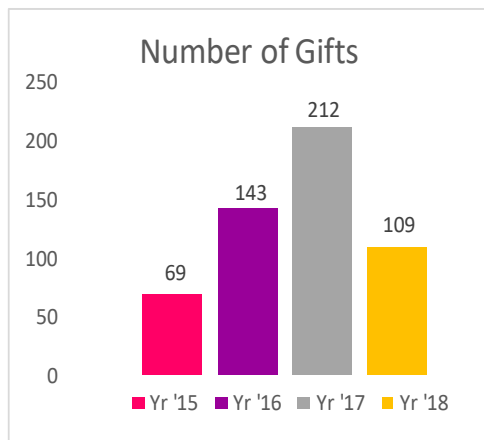
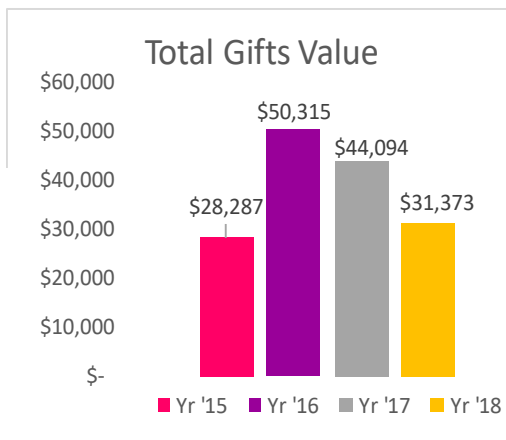
Women's Fund Luncheon Speakers  
 Melissa Perry, Yael Saar, Liddy Bargar, Janet Cotraccia

## Community Impact

"I was spellbound by the **amazing stories** that were shared. It made me think of those times when I had 22 cents in my checking account and no way out. I am **proud to support** the fine work you all do. Please share my gratitude with the entire team."

~ **Women's Fund Luncheon attendee**

## The Community Foundation enables everyone to be a philanthropist.



### CATALIZING AND CONVENING

2/26/19 Women's Fund Gathering:

**Personal and Political Feminisms: Finding Understandings Amid the Chaos**

Speaker: Zillah Eisenstein

Location: Cinemapolis, 120 E Green Street, Ithaca, NY

### Community Impact:

#### Women's Grant Cycles

2018	\$30,150
2017	\$20,300
2016	\$32,445
2015	\$17,700

### 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 (March 2004), Women's Fund has made grants totaling more than \$140,000; the annual Women's Fund Grant Cycle leverages additional funding, expanding the impact of many important programs in our community.

