

Community Foundation  
*of Tompkins County*

difference  
close  
to home



*Making a difference close to home*

2003

REPORT TO THE  
COMMUNITY

Our name is our mission and our promise.  
COMMUNITY is the spirit that guides us.  
FOUNDATION is our work in building  
a broad and permanent financial base to  
provide resources for community needs  
far into the future. TOMPKINS COUNTY  
is our home and our focus.



Jon Reis

# community

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Community Foundation  
of Tompkins County

# beginnings

## *Our core principles*

- *Build community*
- *Embrace diversity*
- *Promote participation*
- *Empower individuals and groups*
- *Increase the capacity of charitable organizations*



Sheryl D. Sinkow

In early 1999, a small group of concerned citizens gathered to discuss ways of generating a pool of financial resources to meet the ongoing needs confronting the communities of Tompkins County. More than fifty people joined this discussion over the following months. By early 2000, their ideas focused on creating a community foundation to serve as the philanthropic center for people wishing to help maintain and improve the quality of life for those who live and work in Tompkins County. In June 2000, six people were appointed by the group to serve as the Incorporating Board for the Community Foundation of Tompkins County, a 501(c)(3) non-profit public foundation.

In August 2000, the Foundation became a reality. Nominations for the Founding Board of Directors were solicited throughout the community. Primary criteria for the nominating committee were the importance of diversity among nominees and broadly based approaches to assessing different needs within the community. In September 2000, from a pool of seventy-five candidates, twenty individuals were selected to serve as the Founding Board of the Community Foundation. Board members are distinguished by their community involvement and commitment to increasing philanthropy in Tompkins County—for Tompkins County.

2003

*marks the third anniversary of the Community Foundation of Tompkins County. We have many thanks to give: to the people with the foresight to create the Foundation on behalf of Tompkins County, to those who have served as Board leaders and volunteers through the Foundation's formative years, and, most of all, to those who have seen the Foundation as a significant channel for giving charitably to our communities in Tompkins County. The Community Foundation is a reality through the efforts of these people.*

*We believe philanthropy is a personal journey. We believe that charity lies within each of us—in our hearts, in our heads, in our essential humanity. We understand that people of all kinds, ages, and means wish to help each other by sharing their time, their energy, and their resources.*

*Regardless of our means, we can all be philanthropists. At the Foundation we see this happening—individuals, groups, agencies, organizations, and towns coming together “in community” to pool their means and share their resources for preserving and enhancing the quality of life we all share right here in Tompkins County. We call this “making a difference close to home.”*



*As a young foundation we have much yet to do. The extensive funding to secure the Community Foundation is also a journey, for the needs and charitable spirits within communities never disappear. We celebrate each new donor as a step in that journey. In our roles as steward and educator, we relish the opportunities we have to help those with means support those with needs or dreams. We take our fiscal and educational responsibilities seriously, for we know that we have been entrusted as one center of philanthropy in service to our communities.*

*We anticipate the Community Foundation's role as catalyst and convener in community dialogues that identify pressing issues, and inform potential philanthropists. We are a partner to our donors as well as to our communities as we foster the Foundation's role of bringing people together “in community.”*

*We welcome any questions you have. As Board members and leaders of the Foundation we find great excitement in the growth of the Community Foundation in its first three years. We anticipate a bright future—together, “making a difference close to home.”*

John Moss Hinchcliff  
CHAIR, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

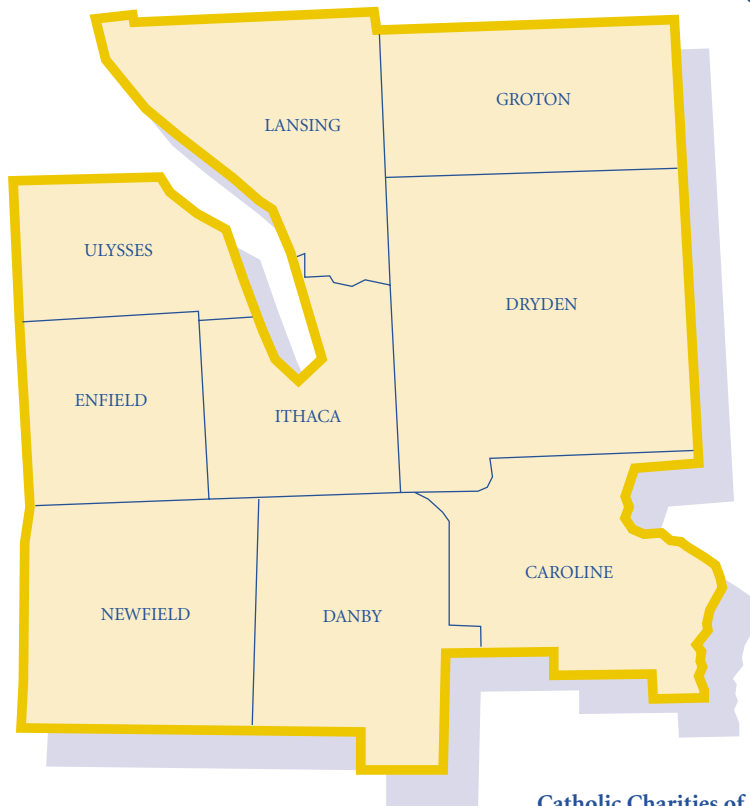
Margaret A. Hendricks  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# *making a difference close to home*

## *Community Facts From Agencies We Have Supported*

### **Literacy Volunteers of Tompkins County, Inc.**

Approximately 30% of the adults in Tompkins County do not have the literacy skills they need to qualify for an adequate job, write a letter to their Congressman, or help their children with homework.



### **Cayuga Addiction Recovery Services**

Their residential treatment facility provides unpaid internships in community businesses and non-profit organizations to help the residents develop employment skills.

### **Tompkins County Food Distribution Network**

44.1% of their clients report having to choose between paying for food and paying for utilities or heating fuel.

### **DeWitt Historical Society**

The DeWitt Historical Society serves students in our community by providing educational programs that help teachers link local events to major themes in the United States.

### **Finger Lakes Land Trust, Inc.**

The Finger Lakes Land Trust has worked with local landowners to conserve more than 7,000 acres of our region's undeveloped open spaces.

### **Family Reading Partnership**

More than 20% of children in our community enter school having had few or no experiences with books in their homes.

### **Better Housing for Tompkins County, Inc.**

In Tompkins County, low-income renters as well as homeowners face issues daily in finding and maintaining safe, decent, affordable places to live.

### **Discovery Trail Partnership**

The eight museums which comprise the Discovery Trail, collectively receive about one million visitors each year.

### **Catholic Charities of Tompkins County**

The Samaritan Center is a major source of rental security deposit and emergency prescription assistance in Tompkins County.

### **Liberty Partnership Program**

The Liberty Partnership Programs of the Groton, Newfield, Trumansburg, Dryden, Ithaca, and Lansing school districts provided a variety of services to the at-risk youth of each community to provide academic intervention and educational outreach services, preparation for final and Regents exams, educational field trips to various New York State sites, or summer programs.

Each year as many as sixty people immigrate to the Tompkins County area, leaving behind their family, friends, jobs, and culture. The Eleanor Roosevelt Free Loan Fund (ERF) was organized in February 2000 as an outreach effort to the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim communities to assist immigrants and refugees with their critical needs during resettlement. A *Community Information Guidebook*, funded by the Community Foundation, is being developed to provide practical information for immigrants building a new life in the Tompkins County area.

The ERF is privately funded and provides free loans to immigrants to aid with the basic needs of setting up a life in a new country. Security deposits for housing, medical expenses, and fees to take the U.S. citizenship exam are a few of the many necessities these loans cover. Since its organization three years ago, the ERF has assisted thirty-seven borrowers in Tompkins County. The loans are usually \$1,000 or less and are paid back without interest. The repayments are recycled to make funds available for others who need them.

The *Community Information Guidebook* is based on feedback from this group of borrowers. Insights about what people new to our country and locale need to know, what they find useful, and details they would like to share with others in the same situation are made available. The reference guide will be published in several languages and designed for easy updates. It will be available to individuals through the referral groups in town that already assist immigrants with the simple loan application process.

The Eleanor Roosevelt Free Loan Fund is designed to empower immigrants. The Fund is a micro-loan fund named for Eleanor Roosevelt, who helped refugees during World War II and “displaced persons” afterwards. The *Community Information Guidebook* is the next step in this effort. The Community Foundation is proud to support the ERF and our new residents with this guidebook.



Deide Hatch

*Eleanor Roosevelt Free Loan Fund*

*providing opportunities*

*The Foundation has awarded \$152,086 in its first three years to forty-three local non-profit organizations through the general funds.*

## Arts and Culture: \$16,750

- Community Arts Partnership  
*Community Cultural Assessment*
- DeWitt Historical Society  
*Our Historic Treasures UNWRAPPED!  
(Phase II)*
- Greater Ithaca Activities Center  
*Community Unity Multicultural Music and Art  
Program*
- Ithaca City School District  
*Project LinkUP*
- Kitchen Theatre Ensemble  
*School and Community Project*

## Health: \$17,500

- AIDSWork  
*Syringe Exchange Program*
- Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance  
*Update and Computerize Database*
- Longview  
*The Ithacare Mobility Project*
- Mental Health Association—Tompkins County  
*Understanding & Dealing with Self-Injury Workshop*
- Tompkins County Senior Citizens Council  
*Promoting Physical Activity: A Video Project*

## Community Development: \$28,800

- Better Housing for Tompkins County  
*Group Work Camps Home Repair Project*
- Brooktondale Community Center  
*Roof Replacement*
- Catholic Charities of Tompkins County  
*Samaritan Center: Community Council  
Rural Partnership*
- Challenge Industries, Inc.  
*Improving the Quality of Work Life for Employees  
in the Not-For-Profit Sector*
- Discovery Trail Partnership  
*Guide for Field Trip Explorations in Tompkins County*
- Eleanor Roosevelt Free Loan Fund  
*Community Information Brochure*
- Finger Lakes Land Trust  
*Community Mapping Project in Tompkins County*
- Ithaca Neighborhood Housing  
*Mini-repair Classes for Homeowners*

## Environment: \$11,000

- Cayuga Lake Watershed Network  
*Citizens Guide to Protecting Water Resources*
- Cayuga Nature Center  
*ECO—School Program*
- Danby Agricultural and Environmental School  
*Danby School Community Garden  
(T-S-T BOCES)*

## Education: \$27,500

- Beverly J. Martin Elementary School  
*Book Giveaway Project*
- City of Ithaca Youth Bureau  
*Grow Your Own Teachers Project*
- Coddington Road Community Center  
*Headstart Collaboration Support*
- Cornerstone Recovery Services  
*Cornerstone GED 2002 Project*
- Day Care and Development Council  
of Tompkins County, Inc.  
*Early Education Partnership*
- DeWitt Technology Education Department  
*Tech Connections*
- Family Reading Partnership  
*Books to Grow On*
- Literacy Volunteers of Tompkins County, Inc.  
*Enhanced Tutor Training Program*
- Sciencenter  
*YouthAlive! Program*

## Recreation: \$5,000

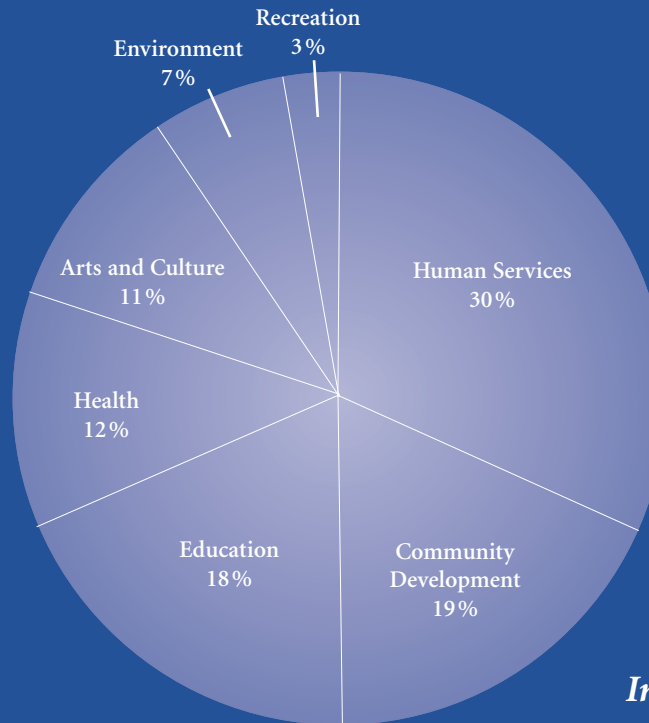
- Franziska Racker Centers  
*Tompkins County After Hours Pilot Project:  
A Time for Awareness*

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# grants

## Human Services: \$45,536

- Catholic Charities of Tompkins County  
*Samaritan Center—Urgent Assistance Programs*
- Community Dispute Resolution Center  
*Enhancing Peer Mediation*
- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County  
*Parents Count Project*
- Enfield Food Distribution Program  
*Computerization of Records*
- Family & Children's Service  
*F&CS/GIAC Child Counseling Collaboration*
- Family & Children's Service  
*F&CS/GIAC Outreach and Training*
- Greater Ithaca Activities Center  
*The Intergenerational Community Program*
- Groton Central School District  
*Liberty Partnership Program*
- Ithaca Community Recovery  
*A Village Camp Experience:  
Children, Families, Recovering Addicts*
- Lansing Community Library Center  
*Handicapped Access Renovation*
- Learning Web, Inc.  
*Youth Outreach Young Adult Project*
- Southside Community Center  
*RIBs All-Stars Project*
- Tompkins County Community Justice Center  
*Tompkins County Coalition Against Domestic Violence*
- Varna Volunteer Fire Company  
*Project SAFE*



*Thank you*

*The Community Foundation of Tompkins County pays special tribute to the Park Foundation and Atlantic Philanthropies, Inc. for their significant*

*contributions to the Foundation's beginning. Thanks to the farsightedness and trust of these special donors, the Community Foundation has been able to cover its start-up administrative costs and its funding awards to the communities and organizations of Tompkins County during these beginning years. Both the Park Foundation and Atlantic Philanthropies have been key to improving the quality of life for those who live and work in Tompkins County—and, in their support of the Community Foundation, have provided a place where all those who love this area can participate through their own gifts.*



## *Donor Advised Grant Awards*

*Since 2001, Donor Advised Funds have generated grants to forty-six organizations totaling \$327,072.*

# people to people

Amnesty International\*  
Audubon Society\*  
Better Housing for Tompkins County  
Cayuga Medical Center Foundation  
Cayuga Waterfront Trail  
Center for Study of American South/ University of North Carolina\*  
Community Foundation of Tompkins County  
Community Recreation Center, Inc.  
Cornell University Fund, Courtney Sanford Endowment Fund  
DeWitt Historical Society  
Edge Fund  
Family & Children's Service of Ithaca  
Family Reading Partnership  
Filling Foundation\*  
Finger Lakes Land Trust, Inc.  
First Congregational Church  
Grassroots Leadership\*  
Hangar Theater  
Historic Ithaca  
Hospicare  
Huber Opera House and Civic Center\*  
Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance  
Ithaca Community Recovery  
Ithaca College  
Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.  
Ithaca Public Education Initiative  
Kendal at Ithaca  
Keuka Health Care Foundation\*  
Loaves and Fishes  
Longview/Ithacare Service Center  
Massena Memorial Hospital Fund\*  
The Nature Conservancy, Central and Western NY Chapter\*  
Oesterlen-Services for Youth, Inc.\*  
Planned Parenthood of Tompkins County, Inc.  
Powers Library\*  
Reconstruction Home  
Red Cross  
Salvation Army  
Schuyler Health Foundation\*  
Sciencenter  
Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce Foundation  
Tompkins County Public Library Foundation  
Ulysses Philomathic Library  
Unitarian Church  
United Way of Tompkins County  
University of Vermont, College of Education Fund\*

*\* Grantee is outside of Tompkins County*

One size does not fit all when it comes to learning! DeWitt Middle School teachers Bob Walters and Dave Buchner wanted to attract more students to the technology field, and, in particular, they wanted to increase the number of girls involved in the school's Technology Club. "Tech Connections," a project funded by the Community Foundation of Tompkins County in 2001, provides girls with the opportunity to demonstrate their unique strengths in nontraditional ways by utilizing desktop publishing, web page design, digital photography, and digital video activities during an after school Tech Club.

The original idea for the DeWitt Tech Connections project came from the National Technology Student Association (TSA) competition in June 2001. "We saw a majority of girls participating in multimedia presentations—a technology we did not offer," said Buchner. With the help of this grant, a new lab is now filled with iMAC computers, digital cameras, a digital video camera, and a color scanner. The number of girls in Tech Club has increased significantly over the last two years. These young women are quickly becoming experts in this new field. At the 2002 National TSA Competition one student finished fourth in digital photography after learning the technology just weeks before. This year, five girls will be competing in the digital video and photography categories.

Veteran teachers Walters and Buchner want their students to understand the materials, processes, and systems of the technology they will encounter in the real world, and prepare them to meet future challenges. The greatest measures of success are the lives touched by such teachers. An alumna of the DeWitt Tech Club recently took first-place at the 2003 TSA Competition, high school level, in the digital video competition. The Community Foundation is proud to provide the funding for this innovative program!

*DeWitt Middle School Tech Connections*  
*investing in our children*



# *inspiration*



*Layel and Nan Ridenour* were looking for a way to do their charitable giving yet remain involved in the decision-making process. They found the answer with a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) at the Community Foundation of Tompkins County.

Since 1878, generations of the Ridenour family had farmed the homestead in Hicksville, Ohio. Layel and Nan Ridenour were no exception. Guided by both a strong moral obligation to be close to Layel's parents and care for them in their later years, and by Nan's love of country life and values for raising their own children, they returned to the farm in 1947 and spent the next thirty-five years raising crops, poultry, and beef cattle. Nan also returned to elementary school teaching in 1957, and taught for sixteen more years before retiring in 1973. Their leadership roles in the church, Rotary, various farm organizations, and 4-H Clubs were a few of the many ways they expressed a lifelong commitment to family and community.

They celebrated their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary before deciding to sell the farm in Hicksville and settle in Ithaca in 1999 to once again be near family. With a longstanding history of community involvement in their hometown of Hicksville, and after a lifetime of careful saving and investing, Layel and Nan chose to keep their hard-earned dollars working...for them, their family, and their special community interests.

The Ridenour Family Fund was established in the spring of 2002. When asked why he decided to set up a DAF with the Community Foundation of Tompkins County, Layel replied, "It was the logical thing to do. It was easy to start our DAF. We are able to use the earnings to assist deserving organizations, both in this community and back in Ohio."

Layel and Nan immediately used their Fund to assist in the restoration of the historic Huber Opera House in downtown Hicksville. Locally, a gift to Hospicare of Tompkins County was established in memory of Nan, who passed away in March 2002. They have also donated to the Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance.

The entire Ridenour family is committed to making a difference, both in Ohio and in Ithaca. Layel and Nan showed by example how life should be led. Their love of family and desire to be of service to their community has been an inspiration not only to their own family but to all who have known them.

**The Endowment Fund** represents the permanent base of the Community Foundation. Gifts of any size matter. Through its income, the fund makes annual grants to non-profit community projects and organizations throughout Tompkins County.

**Area Funds** are located within the Endowment of the Community Foundation and include special areas of interest such as: *Children and Youth, Health and Human Services, the Environment, Arts and Culture, or Sustainable Communities*. Donors may designate their gifts to one of these funds.

Wendy Bakal and Augie Stagliano  
Peg and Ted Hendricks  
Nancy and Bill Myers  
Helen Saunders  
Susan Schattschneider and Jeffrey True  
Diane and Dick Shafer

**The General Fund** represents general gifts to the Community Foundation. They support the general needs of the Foundation and its activities in service to the community.

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True, Walsh, and Miller  
Jeanne and Gene Yarussi

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*Special thanks* to  
**Cornell University and Ithaca College**, who have provided much help in making the Community Foundation a reality.

### **Donor Advised Funds (DAFs)**

Let donors establish an endowed fund for their personal short- or long-term charitable giving. They can make gifts to their favorite charities in Tompkins County or elsewhere.

### **The Browning Fund**

Priscilla E. Browning

### **Q-G Fund**

Priscilla Quirk  
Gregory L. Q. Garvan

### **The Hartnett Fund**

Howard P. Hartnett

### **Carman and Sandra Brink Hill Fund**

### **Johnson School of Management Community Impact Fund**

### **Lo Pinto, Schlather, Solomon, and Salk Fund**

### **Satya P. and Chandra Talpade Mohanty Progressive Fund**

### **Ridenour Family Fund**

Layel C. Ridenour  
George A. Ridenour  
Mary A. (Ridenour) Dietz

### **Nan and Jerome True Donor Advised Fund**

### **True Insurance Community Fund**

### **True, Walsh and Miller Fund**

# donors

**Special Funds** are established by groups of donors to cooperatively support projects that are consistent with missions and goals they define for themselves. Each Special Fund has its own Advisory Group, which recommends grants to specific causes.

### **Dryden Youth Opportunity Fund**

Provides resources for the benefit of the youth in the Dryden community by funding innovative programs that enrich educational and community services.

John Bailey  
Paul Streeter

*“Creating a special fund within the Community Foundation eliminated the burden and cost of operating as a stand-alone foundation and is allowing us to focus our time simply on raising funds and developing opportunities for the youth in Dryden.”*

—PAUL STREETER

# donors

## The EDGE Fund

Supports projects that benefit the Tompkins County community in the context of a global vision for progressive social change including peace, social and economic justice, environment sustainability, human liberation, and more.

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Eric Lerner  
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Priscilla Quirk and Greg Garvan  
Jake Ryan  
Natasha and John Suter  
Carol Terrizzi  
Jens Wennberg

## Newfield Central School Fund

Provides financial support for educational enrichment not included in the school district's operating budget for the benefit of the children of the Newfield School System during the time they are enrolled.

## The Vitamin L Fund Project

Supports the activities of The Vitamin L Project, an organization dedicated to encouraging positive character development in young people (ages 7–21) through the powerful medium of music; an affiliate program of the Center for Religion, Ethics, and Social Policy at Cornell University (CRESP).

**Family & Children's Service of Ithaca** has chosen to place endowment funds with the Community Foundation because we support and share the Foundation's mission to make a difference close to home and encourage and retain philanthropic giving in Tompkins County. Family & Children's Service provides a wide range of mental health, home care, and other services to community members who are facing significant life challenges.

— JIM JOHNSTON, CEO FOR F&CS

**Agency Endowment Funds** assist non-profit organizations by creating a permanent endowment tailored to their charitable service. The Community Foundation takes care of the long-term investment management and services for each organization assuring these funds will always be available for charitable purposes.

## Family & Children's Service of Ithaca General Endowment

Since 1885, Family & Children's Service of Ithaca's general endowment has enabled the agency to provide a wide range of services that help support and strengthen children, individuals, families, and our community. Currently, these services include mental health counseling, guidance for troubled youths, adoption counseling, home care and respite services, and caregiver counseling for the ill and the elderly.

## The Howland Foundation

Supports grants to Tompkins County and other surrounding counties of Western New York in areas such as aging, youth, animal welfare, and health/human services.

## The Kitchen Theater Fund

Supports the programs and activities of the Kitchen Theater.

**Memorial Funds** ensure that loved ones are remembered in perpetuity. Charitable gifts are received and acknowledged in a timely manner, providing family and friends with time to make a thoughtful decision regarding the most meaningful use of the funds.

## Gramkee Youth Ministry Fund

In honor of Reverend David N. Gramkee's personal commitment to social ministry and community projects throughout the Ithaca, Elmira, Seneca Falls, Auburn, and Rochester areas, the Fund is dedicated to the support and enhancement of youth ministry programs and activities in our region.

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Dede Hatch

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Since 2001, the students, faculty, and staff, of the **Johnson Graduate School of Management** at Cornell have raised \$41,000 to benefit the Tompkins County community through their Annual Charity Auction. All auction proceeds go to their “Community Impact Fund” at the Community Foundation.

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*Thanks to those who gave anonymously, and to those who gave gifts after August 4, 2003.*

## James E. Lawrence Environmental Fund

Established to honor the life of James E. Lawrence, a dedicated conservationist and environmentalist. Grants from the fund will support his love of the natural world through local and regional conservation projects.

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**Directed Accounts** represent short-term accounts created by local organizations utilizing the Community Foundation as fiscal administrator for special events and activities. The Community Foundation manages fund collection, initial acknowledgements, and final reporting back to the organization. The organization directs the use of the unendowed fund.

## Merrill Lynch Shoot-Out

Represented the 2003 community golf tournament to benefit four local organizations: Hospicare, Sciencenter, Literacy Volunteers, and SPCA. In 2004 the Community Foundation will be one of the four beneficiaries.

James Lawrence knew what it meant to be a careful citizen of the land and he dedicated his life to sharing that passion with others. A Professor Emeritus at Cornell University, he was a teacher, a writer, and a steward of the environment, committed to conservation and conservation education.

His family and friends felt that a dedicated Environmental Fund would be a fitting tribute to his lifelong service to environmental education and outreach. **The James E. Lawrence Environmental Fund** was established with the Community Foundation because “his spirit embodies all that the Community Foundation is about,” said his family. “. . . in purpose, in its sense of intergenerational philanthropy, in its ways of capturing a sense of community and the ways that regular people make uncommon contributions to make the world and our lives a better place.”





# commitment

## *Carman and Sandra Hill*

contribute to a long list of organizations each year. A financial planner with the MassMutual Financial Group for fifty years, Carman knows the importance of estate planning. “The Community Foundation enabled us to establish a donor advised fund that will make grants to our selected charities as long as we live, plus one more generation, and thereafter as advised by the CFTC’s Board of Directors. The money stays in Tompkins County...we like that,” they said.

“In addition, the stock we gave had a large gain. When we gave it to the CFTC, there was no capital gains tax. We also have a large income tax deduction, and it takes money off the top of our estates, reducing that tax, too.”

Soon after graduating from the Cornell College of Agriculture in 1949, Carman made Ithaca his home. He has been active in the Rotary Club, the United Way, Family & Children’s Service, Hospicare, and the Ithaca Memorial Society. “Thirty-five years ago, a group of women leaders asked me if I would help them start Planned Parenthood of Tompkins County. They felt they needed a man to help raise money,” said Carman. “I agreed because there was and still is a strong demand for the services and care given by them. Planned Parenthood is at the top of our list.”

Carman and Sandy place a high value on education. Sandy was a teacher of Home Economics/Home and Career Skills for twenty years at the South Seneca Central School district. Now retired, she volunteers her teaching skills and talent at the Enfield Elementary School. She loves children, talks with them, and they gather around her. Carman served on the Ithaca City School District Board of Education from 1961 to 1971. They are pleased to give to the Ithaca Public Education Initiative.

“Ithaca has been good to us,” said Carman and Sandy. They are thankful that they have been able to leave this place a bit better, and with the CFTC some of their works will continue on and on.



## The Taughannock Society



The Taughannock Society recognizes individuals who establish planned gifts with the Community Foundation of Tompkins County. Begun in 2003, the Taughannock Society promotes enlightened lifelong philanthropy and planned giving opportunities for those who wish to benefit the communities and organizations located in Tompkins County, New York. Members have the joy of helping their community while they secure financial options for themselves and their heirs.

Planned giving is truly a “win-win” opportunity. As a vehicle for charitable giving, the Foundation offers the advantages of tax savings, simplicity and flexibility, administrative convenience, as well as sound fiscal management. Through various estate planning options, Taughannock Society members have the chance to maximize family and financial benefits while addressing philanthropic goals that might seem unreachable. Planned gifts include bequest intentions in a will, life income agreements, trusts, flexible endowments, real estate with retained life use, retirement plans, and life insurance.

# legacy

### *What Enlightened Philanthropy Can Do for You*

- Generate current income tax deductions
- Produce lifetime income for you and your spouse
- Complement or complete your existing estate planning
- Increase income from low-yielding assets
- Avoid capital gains taxes on the sale of appreciated assets
- Reduce or eliminate estate taxes

The Community Foundation of Tompkins County is a collection of many gifts and bequests contributed by the people of our community for the benefit of our community. Please consider making your planned gift today. We look forward to welcoming you as a member of the Taughannock Society.

### *Planned Giving: Choose the Gift that Matches Your Goals*

If your goal is to:	Then you can:	And your benefits are:
Secure a fixed life income while avoiding taxes	Establish a Charitable Remainder Unitrust with the Community Foundation	Tax benefits and often a boosted rate of return from assets
Defer a gift until after your lifetime	Put a bequest in your will (cash, specific property, or a share of the estate residue)	Estate tax deduction and keep assets in your name during your lifetime
Maximize heir's inheritance while benefiting the Community Foundation and Tompkins County, New York	Name the Community Foundation as beneficiary of your retirement plan; leave other assets to your family	Reduced estate and income taxes
Make a large gift with little cost	Give a life insurance policy you no longer need	Current and possible future income tax deductions
Create a hedge against inflation over the long term	Establish a charitable remainder trust	A variable income for life and tax benefits
Reduce gift and estate taxes on assets you pass to your children and grandchildren	Create a charitable lead trust that pays income to the Community Foundation for a specific term of years	A gift or estate tax deduction and your family keeps the assets
Make a revocable gift during your lifetime	Name the Community Foundation as the beneficiary of assets in a living trust	Full control of the trust and its assets during your lifetime

## Endowment Fund

represents the permanent base of the Community Foundation. Gifts of any size matter. Through its income, the Fund generates annual grants to non-profit community projects and organizations throughout Tompkins County.

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## Area Funds

are located within the Endowment Fund of the Community Foundation and include special areas of interest such as: *Children and Youth, Health and Human Services, the Environment, Arts and Culture, or Sustainable Communities*. Donors may designate their gifts to one of these funds.

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## General Fund

represents unrestricted gifts to the Community Foundation. They support the general needs of the Foundation and its activities in service to the community.

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## Donor Advised Funds

(DAFs) let donors establish an endowed fund for their personal short- or long-term charitable giving. They can make gifts to their favorite charities in Tompkins County or elsewhere.

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## Designated Funds

allow donors to identify and direct their gifts automatically to a specific agency or purpose.

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## Special Funds

are established by groups of donors to cooperatively support projects that are consistent with missions and goals they define for themselves. Each Special Fund has its own Advisory Group.

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## Memorial Funds

ensure that loved ones are remembered in perpetuity. Charitable gifts are received and acknowledged in a timely manner, providing family and friends with time to make a thoughtful decision regarding the most meaningful use of the funds.

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## Agency Endowment Funds

assist non-profit organizations by creating a permanent endowment guided by their own Advisory Group. The Community Foundation takes care of the long-term investment management and services for each organization, assuring these funds will always be available for charitable purposes.

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## Directed Accounts

represent short-term accounts created by local organizations utilizing the Community Foundation as fiscal administrator for special events and activities. The Community Foundation provides fund collection, initial acknowledgements, final reporting, and other services to the organization.

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*All gifts to the Community Foundation are tax-deductible.*

# financial

	AUDITED Year Ended March 31, 2003	UNAUDITED April 1, 2003– June 30, 2003
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 393,242	\$ 374,500
Unconditional Promises to Give	130,000	130,000
Investments at Market	817,125	906,523
Other Assets	7,442	7,036
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,347,809	\$ 1,418,059
LIABILITIES		
Accounts and grants payable	\$ 7,048	\$ 1,937
TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,048	1,937
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	\$ 117,350	\$ 77,851
Unrestricted-Board Designated	867,578	960,876
	984,928	1,038,727
Temporarily Restricted	355,333	376,695
Permanently Restricted	500	700
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 1,340,761	\$ 1,416,122
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 1,347,809	\$ 1,418,059
<i>Statement of Activities</i>		
REVENUE		
Contributions/Grants	\$ 291,679	\$ 27,528
Investment Income	(96,821)	91,013
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 194,858	\$ 118,541
EXPENSES		
Grants	\$ 418,318	\$ 500
Administration	115,049	42,680
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 533,367	\$ 43,180
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ (338,509)	\$ 75,361
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 1,679,270	\$ 1,340,761
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 1,340,761	\$ 1,416,122

*The Community Foundation is a member of the Council on Foundations. The Community Foundation's policies meet the National Standards for United States Community Foundations.*

## *Current Board Members 2003*



Robert Barker

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## Community Foundation Board of Directors 2002–2003

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diversity



*It takes a community to build a community foundation. These individuals have served as board members for the Community Foundation of Tompkins County, volunteering their time, energy, and insights to create the essence of this organization. The Incorporating Board and the Founding Board established a public foundation committed to supporting the communities of Tompkins County and deserve thankful recognition.*

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\*denotes deceased member

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”*

—MARGARET MEAD





*We make a living by what we get,  
but we make a life by what we give.*

—WINSTON CHURCHILL

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