

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

2004



Community Foundation of Tompkins County

Enhancing

*the quality of life
for those who
live and work
in Tompkins County*

The “Others” Award is a coveted recognition given by The Salvation Army to individuals who have distinguished themselves in exceptional commitment to others. The award originated when Salvation Army founder, General William Booth, sent a one-word holiday message to his officers throughout the world: “Others.” On May 10, 2004, the Community Foundation of Tompkins County, its Board and Director, were honored for “exemplary work in our community and as a model of compassion for others to follow.”



service

2004 Milestones

- 37% increase in assets under management
- 200% increase in Donor Advised Funds
- 400% increase in donors to the Foundation
 - \$640,000 in overall grants since 2001
- 550 people attending Critical Issues Roundtables

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Making a difference close to home

Community Foundation of Tompkins County



Founded in 2000, the Community Foundation of Tompkins County exists to encourage and support local philanthropy and civic engagement as a means of sustaining and enhancing the quality of life for those who live and work in Tompkins County.

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.

Community Foundation Core Principles

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



promise

2004 marks our fourth anniversary as the Community Foundation of Tompkins County and represents a wonderful year of growth.

We celebrate our donors and our new funds. Over the past year we have experienced a 400% increase in donors and a 200% increase in the number of funds held at the Community Foundation—funds representing individuals, families, nonprofit organizations, agencies, and corporations. People across our community are finding that the Community Foundation is a gathering place through which they can meet the needs of others and have fun doing so together.



We celebrate our role as a community catalyst and convener. Through the success of our Critical Issues Roundtable Series begun in Autumn 2003, we have engaged over 550 people in issue-oriented conversations. We characterize the roundtables as “provocative discussions that lead to action” and we are indeed seeing these results. As we look forward to the 2004–2005 series and beyond, we know that our service to our community rests, in part, on fostering such discussions and encouraging the resulting partnerships.

We celebrate our role as a broker and agent in leveraging resources for our community. We are working with other foundations and funders to tap resources they can bring to Tompkins County. Among these are the Tauck Foundation of Connecticut, the Howland Foundation, and the Community Health Foundation of Western and Central New York. Through these partnerships we capture additional wealth and resources to meet our local needs.

We celebrate our role and our donors’ role as grantmakers. Community foundations are for people who look at the “big picture” and seek lasting impacts. Our volunteer-driven grants have sparked great interest. Though the dollars have been modest, the impact has been significant. Our major grants have addressed both emergency and entrepreneurial efforts. At any level, the grants of the Foundation and our donors touch many lives and meet very diverse needs.

2004 has been a special year. We celebrate the stories and the people of the Community Foundation of Tompkins County. They reflect a firm commitment to our community and emphasize our belief in the inherent generosity of those who live here. Together we are making a difference close to home!

With best regards,

John Moss Hinchcliff
Board of Directors, Chair

Margaret A. Hendricks
Executive Director

celebrate

Roundtables

The Community Foundation of Tompkins County is a gathering place for our community.

In 2003-2004 the **Critical Issues Roundtables** were introduced as a means of exploring areas of concern, unmet needs, and potential opportunities in Tompkins County. Roundtable topics reflect the five major areas of interest for the Community Foundation: Children and Youth; Health and Human Services; Environment; Sustainable Communities; and Arts and Culture.

The Critical Issues Roundtables are provocative discussions that lead to action, produce more effective decision-making and planning practices, promote positive results for our communities, and foster enlightened philanthropy. Each roundtable focuses on a strategic community topic that addresses the quality of life for those who live and work in Tompkins County and identifies “next steps” as follow-up to the highlighted issues. We invite other foundations and organizations to co-host these meetings as a means of promoting partnerships, fostering collaborative efforts, and identifying the natural leaders who are prepared to pursue the results/next steps emanating from the discussions.

More than 1,300 people were invited to participate in 2003–2004. Overall, more than 550 people attended, representing leaders in business, education, local and county government, local nonprofit organizations, economic development, cultural organizations and museums, local funders, residents of various towns/villages in Tompkins County, the clergy, and leaders of the social services community.

We believe roundtables foster enlightened philanthropy, which to us means being informed donors and funders focusing on our community from the broadest possible perspectives.

provocative discussions that lead to
action

Housing



Arts and Culture



Social Services



Bird's Eye View of Roundtables

2003-2004 SERIES SUMMARY

October 2003

Family & Children's Services (F&CS) roundtable focused on plans for a new facility to house their agencies and/or others. The results of this decision will have broad consequences for the quality of human services available to Tompkins County residents. Co-hosting the event was Atlantic Philanthropies (USA), Inc.

February 2004

Housing in Tompkins County is one of the three greatest challenges our area faces in economic development and quality of life issues. Recommendations have already begun to "open" the housing markets to new developments or redefined approaches. The Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce co-hosted this gathering.

March 2004

Arts and Culture, Commerce and Community: Independent and Interdependent, co-hosted by the Community Arts Partnership (CAP), focused on Tompkins County's reputation as a cultural center. Over 600 artists in all disciplines live and work here, thereby making the arts a major competitive asset to the quality of life and economic vitality our county seeks to preserve and enhance.

April 2004

Connecting School and Community focused on opportunities and activities to pursue in four priority areas: *partnerships between organizations/institutions and the public schools; after-school programs; volunteers in the schools; and families as partners*. Co-hosts were Triad Foundation, Inc. and Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI), the leading advocate for public education in Ithaca.

May 2004

Camp Barton: Now and in the Future focused on the use of Camp Barton as a year-round community-wide resource. Having served scouting and Tompkins County for more than seventy-six years, Camp Barton is one of the last remaining "open spaces" along Cayuga Lake. Co-hosting the roundtable was the Baden-Powell Council of the Boy Scouts of America, owners of the property.

Those wishing to attend Critical Issues Roundtables should contact the Community Foundation office at 607-272-9333.

2004-2005 Critical Issues

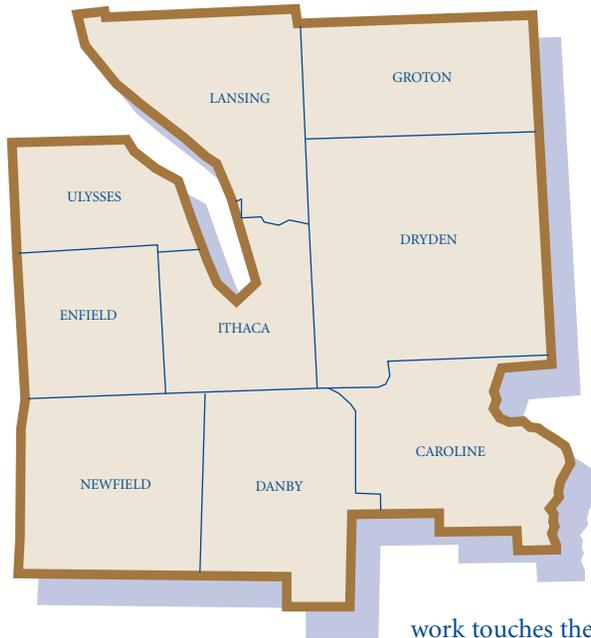
- **Hunger in Tompkins County**
- **Youth Development and Leadership**
- **The Vision for Downtown Ithaca**
- **Aging in Tompkins County**
- **Making a Living in Tompkins County**

Community Partners for the 2004-2005 series include United Way of Tompkins County, Tauck Foundation, Ithaca Youth Bureau, GIAC, Ithaca Downtown Partnership, Gerontology Institute/Ithaca College, Tompkins County Office of Aging, Community Health Foundation of Western and Central New York, Lifelong/Senior Citizens Council, and the Edge Fund.

invitation to come

Grants

Grantmaking is a major role and great privilege of the Community Foundation of Tompkins County. Community grants come from the general funds held by the Community Foundation and serve as a complement to the many grants and gifts given through donor advised funds held as part of the Foundation.



The mission of the Community Foundation's general grantmaking is two-fold:

- to identify and serve unmet needs or opportunities within our county; and
- to promote community collaborations and innovations having sustainable impacts and measurable outcomes.

The Community Foundation considers emerging concerns, unresolved problems, and new opportunities through its grants. Areas of special interest are Children and Youth, Health and Human Services, Environment, Sustainable Communities, and Arts and Culture, but the Foundation does not limit its grantmaking to these priority areas. Overseeing the grants process is the Grants Committee, composed of Community Foundation board members and representatives of the county-at-large.

Grants are viewed as investments and partnerships. Through both the major Community Grants and the Volunteer Initiative Grants, we support agencies or organizations whose work touches the broadest needs and opportunities for those who live and work in Tompkins County. The Community Foundation has also leveraged additional funds from other foundations outside Tompkins County, those having special interests in sustaining and enhancing our county's quality of life.

impact

Since 2001, the Community Foundation has awarded \$215,986 to forty-nine nonprofit organizations through its general funds. Grants from Donor Advised Funds have totaled \$416,554 to over ninety nonprofit organizations.

The History Center in Tompkins County

Student Historian Initiative

\$15,000 Matching Grant

The History Center in Tompkins County (formerly the DeWitt Historical Society of Tompkins County) is a center for learning, using the stories and artifacts of local experience to examine history in both local and national dimensions. The History Center strives to change people's understanding of the past in order to enhance their lives in the present and to create their futures.

What began as an attempt to provide the general public with greater access to its collections in 1999, the "Unwrapped" project has evolved into the Student Historians Initiative, a school-based program that has touched the lives of some seventy-five students in Ithaca and Dryden. Provided with unprecedented, hands-on access to the Center's historic collections and trained to do investigative research using these unique "primary resources" materials, Student Historians write and publish original, compelling, and accurate newspaper articles read by the entire community.

The History Center is poised to extend the reach of this innovative educational model to all school districts within Tompkins County, with particular emphasis on engaging rural students and students from minority communities. Community partners joined in expanding the program include the *Ithaca Journal*, TST-BOCES, GIAC, IPEI, the Discovery Trail, Lifelong (formerly the Tompkins County Senior Citizens Center & Council), and the historical societies/associations of Dryden, Lansing, and Groton.

The Community Foundation is pleased to partner with the History Center not only in expanding the Student Historian Initiative but in inviting others to support this program through its challenge grant. For each \$5,000 that is raised by the History Center, the Community Foundation will match 100%, up to \$15,000.



The Women's Opportunity Center

Displaced Homemakers Program \$20,000 Transition Grant

The Women's Opportunity Center (WOC) is a nonprofit organization helping displaced homemakers and low-income families to become job-ready by removing barriers to employment and professional training. Since 1979, WOC has been part of the state of New York's twenty-three-center Displaced Homemakers Program. In 2002, WOC expanded its services through the Bridge Program to help welfare recipients and their families as they transition from welfare to employment and financial independence. Among WOC's services are individual and family counseling, computer training, and other programs preparing participants for the challenges of today's workplace. Today, the Center serves six counties and hundreds of women and families, 66% of those in Tompkins County representing "displaced homemakers."



As defined by the New York State Legislature, *displaced homemakers* include families with a single parent, same-sex partners, and families in which the parents have chosen not to be legally married. For over twenty-five years the State has served over four hundred families annually under this definition. In early 2004, however, the *Federal Workforce Investment Act* changed the definition to "a person who has been legally married," thus leaving many of the women served through WOC without funding and leaving the Center itself with a \$90,000 loss of funding essential to help these people and their families.

We commend the work of the Women's Opportunity Center as they serve women and families in need. Through this grant, we wish to help the Women's Opportunity Center in managing its current Federal and State funding crisis.

The Village at Ithaca

Operations Grant

\$20,000 for Part-Time Staffing

The Village at Ithaca is a grassroots, all-volunteer organization begun in 2002 by civic leaders and advocates for equity and excellence in the Ithaca City School District. Through after-school programs, the Village at Ithaca helps Black and Latino students, particularly low-income students, meet and exceed school district and state standards of academic achievement. Community partners include Cornell University and its Public Service Center, the Ithaca City School District, Calvary Baptist and St. Paul's Methodist churches, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Ithaca

College, and the *Ithaca Journal*. In recognition of its remarkable success, the Village of Ithaca was named the recipient of the 2003 Martin Luther King, Jr. Peacemaker Award.

The Village at Ithaca has served over 200 youth since its inception. Its programs include:

Brainstorm, a Saturday tutoring program offering intensive academic intervention for students (both students and their guardians or parents attend);

Student Opportunities for Academic Recognition (SOAR), a program with Big Brothers/Big Sisters that provides adult mentors for Black and Latino boys, ages nine to fifteen;

Path of Success, a five-hour motivational seminar focusing on students' choices and commitments to excellence;

Let's Get Ready, a free SAT preparation program for low-income and minority students.

Joining the Community Foundation in funding this grant is the Tauck Foundation of Connecticut. As a result, what represented a \$20,000 one-year request for help now represents a \$50,000 commitment for two years staffing support and a third year's 50% challenge.

We commend the Village at Ithaca for their inspiring work and we thank the Tauck Foundation for its partnership in funding this request.

Established in 1994, the Tauck Foundation is a private family foundation in Norwalk, Connecticut whose funding priorities reflect the shared interests of family members and the family travel business, Tauck World Discovery. Priorities include: youth development grants (after-school and summer programs for children ages five to eighteen); community projects, and destination grants linked to historical, environmental, and cultural preservation where Tauck World Discovery currently operates.



Volunteer Initiatives Grants

The Volunteer Initiatives Grants (grants up to \$2,000) recognize and promote the work of community members who voluntarily step forward to address new issues or to meet ongoing needs within their organizations or the community-at-large. Grants support projects and programs initiated and run by volunteers.

Opportunities for voluntary initiatives often arise suddenly, may be short-term activities, or represent ongoing efforts. To support the dynamic nature of volunteerism, the Community Foundation reviews these grant applications upon receipt and makes decisions on funding within thirty days.

The Community Foundation celebrates the great spirit of volunteerism active in Tompkins County.

FRIENDSHIP DONATIONS NETWORK

To fund food delivery costs

The Friendship Donations Network started in 1958 with a mission to rescue good, nutritious food for distribution to families in need: to eliminate waste in the midst of hunger. Area supermarkets, bakeries, and food wholesalers contribute excess produce, breads, dairy items, and slightly damaged groceries—to be delivered through eight food pantries, a soup kitchen, youth programs, and twelve low-wage work sites. Free food is offered daily at a scheduled site and location. Volunteers from each program do all the work serving 2,000 low- and moderate-income persons seven days per week. The Community Foundation is pleased to provide the \$2,000 grant needed for transportation costs of these food deliveries.

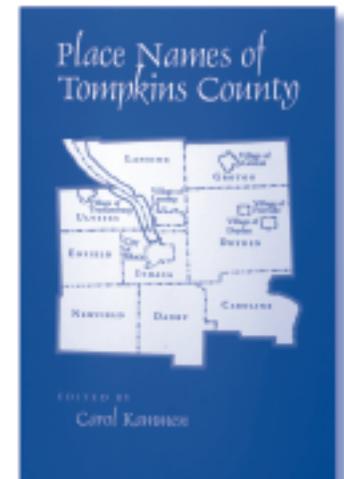
“Without this grant, deliveries to low-wage work sites would be terminated and families that earn unlivable wages would suffer from a lack of more nutritious food than they could afford.” —Sara Pines, Director, Friendship Donations Network

TOMPKINS COUNTY HISTORIANS

To publish book Place Names of Tompkins County

In 2000, Tompkins County’s sixteen appointed historians (of village, town, city, and county) voted to update and expand a 1951 pamphlet about the origins of area place names. Using local records and maps, interviewing residents and real estate developers, the historians researched their respective municipalities. The goal was to create an educational and interesting book for the public while improving the group’s historical skills and knowledge of Tompkins County. The Community Foundation was pleased to support the historians’ collaborative effort by granting \$2,000 to assist with the publishing of this local historical reference.

“I value the sense of satisfaction, of pride in a job well done, and in the growth of each contributing individual as much as I do the fine book that resulted from our effort. Our gift of education to the community became a gift of intellectual and emotional satisfaction for us as well.” —Carol Kammen, Tompkins County Historian



CROSSROADS LIFE CENTER/CARRIAGE HOUSE CAFÉ

To provide equipment for weekly radio broadcasting

Crossing Borders is a multicultural concert series/radio show, Ithaca's first and only such venue, broadcast live on WVBR (93.5 FM). Its mission is to promote interaction and awareness among cultures through the diversity of music. International and local artists present unique musical styles and cultures, joining together on stage to combine their ideas and explore the musical diversity that results. The Community Foundation was pleased to grant \$2,000 towards the purchase of the equipment necessary for the live broadcast. The show launched on June 19, 2004 and airs every Saturday night, live from the Carriage House Café in Ithaca.

“In order for this project to be implemented, a special piece of equipment was required to broadcast live. The Community Foundation granted one half of the cost of the equipment, enabling the radio project to match funds through other means and produce our show.”
—Denice Karamardian, Producer and Host, *Crossing Borders*



CAYUGA NATURE CENTER

To provide supplies for the Bobcat training program

In the summer of 2003, the Bobcat Counselor-In-Training program was established for youths, thirteen to sixteen. As unpaid assistants to camp counselors, Bobcats work to develop skills and abilities that enable them to work with younger children, build community, and promote environmental protection. Items such as training manuals, name tags, t-shirts, and achievement awards were identified by volunteers as important to improving the program. The Community Foundation was pleased to grant the Bobcats \$585.45 for these supplies.

“[As a Bobcat...I know that just a few improvements can make a difference.] T-shirts and name badges make the Bobcats feel more part of the team. They signify that they are important and have a job here at the Nature Center that assists in how the summer programs are run.” —Jessamyn Perlus, Bobcat Volunteer



SUSTAINABLE TOMPKINS

To provide community dinner for Sustainable Tompkins

Sustainable Tompkins was formed in early 2004 to explore community response to issues surrounding the sustainability of our current social, economic, and ecological systems. Through a series of study circles and conversation “salons” held across the community, proposals for volunteer projects emerged. To launch the project groups, whose goals range from establishing a green business information hub to using the arts to communicate sustainability issues, a work-summit was held in April. The Community Foundation was pleased to help support the summit efforts through granting \$1,455 for the summit's community dinner.

VILLAGE OF GROTON

To provide fencing for the Groton Skate Board Park

In 2003, Groton Village officials were faced with the decision either to purchase safe equipment or to close the Groton Skate Park, a park built through the efforts of Groton youth and local government in 2001. Recognizing the park as a much-needed athletic resource, the Village of Groton agreed to purchase new equipment. More funds, however, were needed to complete other safety and insurance requirements. The Community Foundation was pleased to be able to provide a \$1,800 grant for secure fencing and necessary signage.

“We expected Phase 1 of the project to have taken two or more years to complete. With the help of the Community Foundation of Tompkins County we were able to complete Phase 1 in exactly one year. Groton youth are in their glory.” —Deborah Finton-Crouch, Village of Groton Trustee

Howland Foundation Grants

The Community Foundation of Tompkins County is pleased to announce its partnership with the Helen Thomas Howland Foundation and the M&T Trustees. Helen Thomas Howland was a native of Binghamton and spent much of her life in Ithaca. A trust was established in her will to support grants in both Tompkins and Broome Counties.

Priority areas for Howland Foundation grants are Aging, Animal Welfare, Youth, and the Environment. Grants are limited to qualified non-profit organizations serving these priorities. Grants fund operational, capital, and special project needs. The Howland Foundation favors organizations that demonstrate long-range planning rather than crisis management.

Since 1993, the Howland Foundation grants have totaled \$640,437 and served over 114 agencies and organizations in Tompkins County.

2004 Helen Thomas Howland Grants in Tompkins County

Lifelong/Tompkins County Senior Citizens Center <i>Health Insurance Information Counseling Assistance Program</i>	\$1,500
Tompkins County Public Library Foundation <i>Summer Reading Program</i>	\$1,800
The Village at Ithaca <i>Let's Get Ready SAT Preparation Program</i>	\$3,700
The Hangar Theater <i>Infrared Assisted-Listening System for Hearing Impaired</i>	\$4,000
WSKG <i>Nature Program</i>	\$5,000
Dryden Youth Opportunity Fund <i>Dryden Youth Development Grants</i>	\$5,000
Earth Connections <i>Summer Camp at Hammond Hill in Dryden</i>	\$5,000
Finger Lakes Land Trust <i>Preserve Enhancement Project</i>	\$5,000
Longview/Ithacare <i>Mobility Project: Phase II Automatic Doors</i>	\$5,000
Vitamin L Project <i>General Support</i>	\$5,000

The Community Foundation serves as the administrative agent for the Howland Foundation's grantmaking in Tompkins County. The Howland Foundation values the broad understanding of Tompkins County reflected in the Community Foundation's work.



Donor Advised Grants

Donor Advised Funds are created by individuals, families, groups, nonprofit agencies, organizations, and corporations. Between 2001 and March 2003, Donor Advised Funds have generated grants totaling \$327,322 to fifty-six organizations.

Between April 1, 2003 and July 1, 2004, Donor Advised Funds have generated additional grants totaling \$89,232 to thirty-six organizations.

Audubon Society*

Boy Scouts-Baden Powell Council

Cayuga Medical Center Foundation

Community Foundation of Tompkins County

Community Recreational Center, Inc.

Cornell University Fund /Courtney Sanford Endowment Fund

Cortland Repertory Theatre Company*

Family & Children's Service of Ithaca

Finger Lakes Land Trust, Inc.

First Congregational Church

Historic Ithaca

Hospicare

Ithaca Neighborhood Housing

Ithaca Public Education Initiative

Johnson School of Management

Kendal at Ithaca

Keuka Health Care Foundation*

Light in Winter

Loaves and Fishes

Massena Memorial Hospital Fund*

NYPIRG-New York Public Interest Research Group

Planned Parenthood of Tompkins County, Inc.

Powers Library*

Red Cross

Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester*

St. Luke Lutheran Church*

Salvation Army

Schuyler Health Foundation, Inc.*

The Nature Conservancy/Central Chapter

Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce/Cayuga Waterfront Trail

Tompkins County Public Library Foundation

Tompkins County SPCA

Ulysses Philomathic Library

Unitarian Church

United Way of Tompkins County

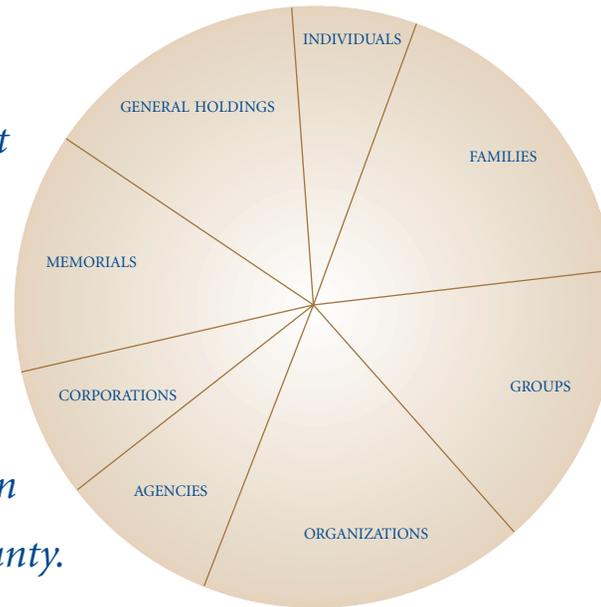
University of Vermont*

**Grantee is outside of Tompkins County*

people to people

funds

What makes the Community Foundation distinct is its diversity of funds, created by individuals, families, agencies, nonprofit organizations, corporations, and other foundations. The Foundation's "family of funds" reflects the tapestry of our communities in Tompkins County.



INDIVIDUALS 6%,
FAMILIES 16%,
GROUPS 16%,
ORGANIZATIONS 18%,
AGENCIES 11%,
CORPORATIONS 7%,
MEMORIALS 10%,
GENERAL HOLDINGS 16%

Percentages for fund distribution ending in July 2004

Over time, the funds will provide a perpetual base of financial resources dedicated to preserving and enhancing the quality of life for all who live and work in Tompkins County.

asset builders

Types of Community Foundation funds

Endowment Fund	represents the permanent base of the Community Foundation. Gifts of any size matter. Through its income, the Fund generates annual grants to nonprofit community projects and organizations throughout Tompkins County.
Area Funds	are located within the Endowment Fund of the Community Foundation and include special areas of interest such as: <i>Children and Youth, Health and Human Services, the Environment, Arts and Culture, or Sustainable Communities</i> . Donors may designate their gifts to one of these funds.
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.
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.
Designated Funds	allow donors to identify and direct their gifts automatically to a specific agency or purpose.
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.
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.
Agency Endowment Funds	assist nonprofit 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.
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.

All gifts to the Community Foundation are tax-deductible.

Individual and family funds



Browning Fund

Francille and John Firebaugh Fund

Howard Hartnett Fund

Carman and Sandra Brink Hill Donor Advised Fund

Hinchcliff Family Fund

Mansoor Family Fund

Satya and Chandra Talpade Mohanty Fund

Taylor Peck Fund

Q-G Fund

Ridenour Family Fund

Jerry and Nan True Fund

Sandy and Jay True Fund

At the request of certain donors, not all donor advised funds are listed.

Memorial Funds

Gramkee Youth Ministry Memorial Fund

Established 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.

James E. Lawrence Environmental Memorial Fund

Established to honor the life of James E. Lawrence, a dedicated conservationist and environmentalist, the Fund supports projects that reflect his love of the natural world through local and regional conservation.

The Louis Perlgut Scholarship Memorial Fund

Benefits deserving biochemistry graduate students currently enrolled at California State University where Dr. Louis Perlgut had a distin-

guished career as a biochemist and coordinator of the biochemistry department. Begun by his daughter Sue Perlgut, a long-time Ithaca resident and leader of nonprofit and philanthropic activities in Ithaca, her family joins her in this scholarship.

The Erin Aljoe Schlather Memorial Fund

Established to honor the life of Erin Schlather, who touched the lives of so many people.

The Rere Sojourner Hassett Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established to honor the life and work of Rere Hassett and her lifelong commitment as an advocate for education, students, and community.

inspiration



“I have, in my eight years of doing the Morning Report, not found a more comprehensive, caring, and devoted organization in this community than the Community Foundation. Plenty of local groups have done enormous good in our hometown, but the Community Foundation’s devotion and dedication to the cause of nonprofit fundraising and awareness-raising in Ithaca is unparalleled!”

—Casey Stevens, Host/Producer, The Morning Report, WHCU 870 AM

Group, Organizational, and Corporate Funds

ACS Bike Path Fund

Supports the programs and activities of the Alternative Community School's (ACS) bike path project.

Alumni and Friends of Ithaca High School (AFIHS) Fund

Supports the activities of AFIHS, an organization dedicated to furthering the traditions of excellence and spirit at Ithaca High School.

Asian American Foundation for Educational Empowerment (AFFEE) General Fund

Supports educational activities and opportunities for Asian Americans and others who wish to learn more about their respective cultures.

George B. Bailey Agency Fund

Supports the company's gifts to the community.

Carriage House Café Fund

Supports cultural, educational, and social activities for international students and families in Tompkins County as a means of promoting cultural understanding.

Cascadilla Boat Club Fund

Supports the scholastic rowing program for high school athletes in our community through donations from businesses, private donors, grants, and charitable organizations. These funds provide the necessary capital for equipment, scholarships, and training opportunities for coaches and rowers.

Children with Challenges Fund

Supports children with physical challenges.

Crime and Sexual Assault Victims Fund

Benefits agencies and organizations that help victims of crime and sexual assault. Provides an annual grant of \$5,000 and was given to the Community Foundation as a gift when the Crime and Sexual Assault Victims Agency closed in September 2003.

Discovery Trail Partnership Fund

The Discovery Trail Partnership, a group of organizations engaged in informal education in Tompkins County, promotes public awareness and understanding of the connections among art, history, literature, science, and the natural world. Discovery Trail Partnership members include: Cayuga Nature Center, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Cornell Plantations, Johnson Museum of Art, PRI's Museum of the Earth, Sciencenter, History Center in Tompkins County, and Tompkins County Public Library.

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.

Family & Children's Service

"As the oldest human services agency in Tompkins County, Family & Children's Service of Ithaca knows that a good idea can take root, grow and evolve over the course of many years—to the great benefit of our community. It's one of the reasons why Family & Children's Service was happy to be the first not-for-profit to place a fund at the Community Foundation. By joining with the Community Foundation to build our endowment, we are helping to lay the foundation for a better and brighter future for the children, adults and families who turn to us for help with life challenges, today and for generations to come." —Katherine Anderson, Director of Development, Family & Children's Service

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 rights, and more.

Education Fund

Donated by the Community Development Professionals in 2004, this fund was established to provide fundraising and marketing education to nonprofit organizations in Tompkins County.



Family & Children’s Service of Ithaca Endowment

Builds Family & Children’s Service of Ithaca’s capacity to assist children, adults, and families facing life challenges. Services include mental health and crisis counseling, guidance for troubled youths, home care for the elderly and ill, adoption consultation, employee assistance, and advocacy for crime victims. Gifts to the endowment may be unrestricted or restricted or directed to two special endowment funds designed to assist those with limited means to access services: the James G. Johnston Fund for the Uninsured and the Home Care Program’s Helen Searle Fund.

Friends of the Lansing Community Library Center Fund

The Friends of the Lansing Community Library Center, Inc. (LCLC) is a nonprofit organization which supports the programs, activities, and facilities of the Lansing Community Library Center, a Reading Room of TCPL. Completely staffed by volunteers, LCLC was established in July 2001 to maintain and improve the quality of life for the citizens of the Lansing Community by providing access to information, cultural resources, and opportunities for personal enrichment.

Friends of the Youth Bureau Fund

Supports the programs and activities of the Ithaca Youth Bureau.

Groton Central School District Fund

Supports the educational and operational needs for programs provided to the students of Groton Central School District.

Merrill Lynch Shoot-out

Special thanks to Dave Murphy and Rob Ainslie, 2004 chairs of the Merrill Lynch Shootout, for choosing the Community Foundation as their administrative partner and one of the four recipients of the 12th Annual Merrill Lynch Shootout. We salute all those at Merrill Lynch for their great commitment to our communities of Tompkins County!

History Center Fund

The History Center in Tompkins County is a center for learning, using the stories and artifacts of local experience to examine history in both local and national dimensions. Their vision is to change people’s understanding of the past in order to enhance their lives in the present and to create their future.

Howland Foundation

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

Ithaca Asian American Association (IAAA) General Fund

Supports civic, social, educational, and cultural programs which promote civil and human liberties, encourage full participation of all Asian Americans, and expands the enrichment and advancement of the Ithaca Asian American community.

Ithaca Downtown Partnership Fund

Established to support programs and activities that enhance the strategic plan and vision for Downtown Ithaca.

Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI) Fund

The Ithaca Public Education Initiative is committed to strengthening Ithaca’s public schools by encouraging community partnerships and collaboration. IPEI makes grants to teachers and student groups and is the convener of the IPEI Roundtable, which provides an organizational home for community education groups working to support Ithaca’s public schools. IPEI, a 501(c)3 organization, is an advocate for the importance of excellence in public education for all students.

Ithaca World Arts Alliance Fund

Supports the programs and activities of the Ithaca World Arts Alliance (IWAA), a group dedicated to fostering the appreciation of cultural diversity through presentation of multicultural arts programs.

Johnson Graduate School of Management Community Impact Fund

Supports grants to the community by the students of the Johnson Graduate School of Management at Cornell University.

Kids-at-Art at Wessex-Bristol Fund

Funds art therapy and wellness programs for youth.

Kitchen Theater Fund

Supports the programs and activities of the Kitchen Theater.

Light in Winter Festival, Inc. Fund

Supports the programs and activities of the Light in Winter Festival. Founded in 2004, the festival is a three-day celebration of the fusion of music, art, and science through performances by outstanding artists/academics.

LoPinto, Schlather, Solomon and Salk Fund

Supports the company's gifts to the community.

Merrill Lynch Shoot-Out

Supports annual golf tournament and benefits Tompkins County nonprofit organizations. The Community Foundation served as the 2003–2004 administrative partner.

Museum of the Earth at Paleontological Research Institution (PRI) Fund

Supports the museum's multitude of activities focused on the earth, life sciences, and the relationship of science and art to diverse audiences, as well as education programs, internships, public events, educational publications, and natural history exhibits for visitors of all ages and backgrounds.

National Dance Week Fund

Supports the mission of National Dance Week, which is to heighten the awareness of dance and its contributions to our culture. Dance is a positive, noncompetitive, cultural exchange that increases the understanding of people, their diverse cultures, mores, lifestyles, and traditions.

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.

North American Rock Garden Society (NARGS) Adirondacks Chapter Fund

Provides funds to educate others and promote rock gardening through personal growth and public projects.

Sciencenter Endowment Fund

Supports the programs and activities of the Sciencenter.

Sustainable Tompkins Fund

Supports the programs and activities of Sustainable Tompkins as a community-wide collaboration.

Tabula Rasa Fund

Dedicated to building connections between local living composers and their community through live performances and educational outreach activities; to bringing contemporary, relevant, classical music into local environments for performances, lectures, and workshops at all grade levels; to enhancing understanding of composition and its creative processes.

Tompkins County Quality of Life Fund

Supports programs and activities of Tompkins County government services by having a permanent fund to encourage local voluntary donations that can supplement the County programs for which tax dollars are unavailable or in short supply; begun by Michael Koplinka-Loehr in 2004.



Tompkins County Quality of Life Fundraiser

“Thanks for being there—Community Foundation! I was inspired to swim Cayuga Lake since I love to swim and knew the gaps in funding, specifically the quality-of-life needs that will occur in the County budget process this year. Setting up the Tompkins County Quality of Life Fund with the Foundation was easy and having a permanent mechanism for voluntary contributions will enable annual efforts to supplement County programs that tax dollars could never cover.”

—Mike Koplinka-Loehr, County Legislator, Budgets Committee Chair

True Insurance Community Fund

Supports the company’s gifts to the community.

True, Walsh and Miller Fund

Supports the company’s gifts to the community.

Village Camp Funds

Generates scholarships for children with limited financial resources to attend Village Camp and other Earth Connections Programs. Village Camp and Earth Connections Programs are designed to reconnect children to the earth through hands-on outdoor living and survival skills, and earth exploration activities. Scholarships may be distributed through organizations such as (but not limited to) the Greater Ithaca Activities Center, Southside Community Center, and Ithaca Community Recovery.

Special thanks to Cornell University for its support of the Community Foundation’s 2004–2006 outreach activities

Special grant for Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance

A grant of \$6,000 was given to provide a new office phone system to better serve their clients

Vitamin L Project Fund

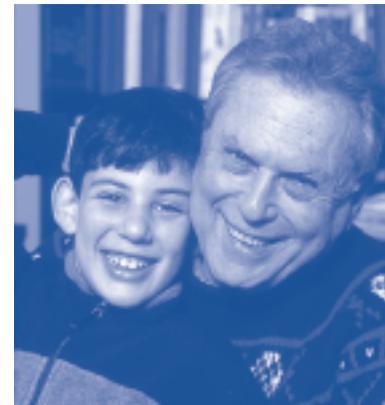
Supports the activities of the Vitamin L Project, an organization dedicated to encouraging positive character development in young people (ages seven to twenty-one) through the powerful medium of music; an affiliate program of the Center for Religion, Ethics, and Social Policy (CRESP) at Cornell University.

Wilcox Press Donation Fund

Supports the company’s gifts to the community.

Women’s Fund of Tompkins County

Pays tribute to the special roles women play and seek in our local, regional, national, and international societies. Begun during Women’s History Month 2004 by a group of local leaders to support personal and professional development opportunities, educational scholarships, and other efforts that support women of all ages in Tompkins County. Serves as a venue for honoring women as philanthropists, women as leaders, and women whose lives and work have made notable contributions or critical differences to their communities, their families, and their professions.



Donors

Donors are “asset builders” for our community. Funds established by donors to serve their own philanthropic visions or interests are the backbone of our community foundation. In fact, 75% of all grants given through the Community Foundation are provided through Donor Advised funds.

Growth in donors increased 400% in 2004. Our donors are making a difference. You can, too!

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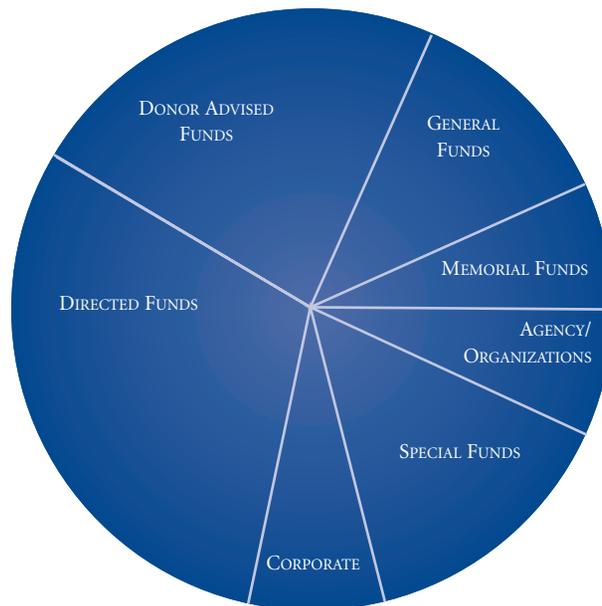
AGENCY/ORGANIZATIONS 7.8%

SPECIAL FUNDS 17%

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Leaving A Legacy

Shirley and Bernard C. Rosen have named the Community Foundation as a beneficiary in their wills. Their bequest will create the Bernard C. and Shirley Rosen Library Fund to benefit libraries within the Finger Lakes Library System; their goal is to provide greater access to library resources, particularly by rural youth. Having spent a lifetime reading—and writing—books, the Rosens are delighted to create this lasting legacy through the Foundation.

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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.

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

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Statement of Financial Position

	Audited Year Ended March 31, 2004	Audited Year Ended March 31, 2003
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash equivalents	\$ 371,914	\$ 393,242
Unconditional Promises to Give	61,993	130,000
Investments at Market	1,317,940	817,125
Other Assets	<u>158,831</u>	<u>7,442</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,910,678</u>	<u>\$ 1,347,809</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts and Grants Payable	<u>\$ 6,955</u>	<u>\$ 7,048</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>6,955</u>	<u>7,048</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	\$ 236,850	\$ 117,350
Unrestricted—Board Designated	<u>1,359,132</u>	<u>867,578</u>
	1,595,982	984,928
Temporarily Restricted	307,041	355,333
Permanently Restricted	<u>700</u>	<u>500</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,903,723</u>	<u>\$ 1,340,761</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,910,678</u>	<u>\$ 1,347,809</u>
 <i>Statement of Activities</i>		
REVENUE		
Contributions and Grants	\$ 650,184	\$ 291,679
Investment Income	219,566	(96,821)
Other Revenue	<u>1,674</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$ 871,424</u>	<u>\$ 194,858</u>
EXPENSES		
Grants	\$ 25,731	\$ 418,318
Administration	107,356	115,049
Directed Fund Expenses	<u>175,375</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 308,462</u>	<u>\$ 533,367</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 562,962	\$ (338,509)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 1,340,761	\$ 1,679,270
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 1,903,723</u>	<u>\$ 1,340,761</u>

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to Gratitude, to Love, and
to the Service of something
greater than self.”

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