

2005

Community Foundation of Tompkins County

report to the community



where dreams take flight

celebrating 5 years of making a difference close to home

5th anniversary proclamations

Whereas community foundations are the fastest growing segment of philanthropy in the United States and around the world, making giving easy, effective, and efficient for individuals, groups, and organizations; and

Whereas the Community Foundation of Tompkins County, incorporated in August 2000, celebrates its 5th Anniversary having facilitated over 300 grants totaling more than \$1,000,000; and

Whereas the Community Foundation of Tompkins County has demonstrated an impressive 84% growth in assets under management, and 127% in donors in 2004 enabling them to contribute to solving problems, building community and honoring the tradition of philanthropy in our community; and

Whereas the Community Foundation of Tompkins County plays a leadership role in our community through Critical Issues Roundtable cooperative planning and reflects the local community it serves; and

Whereas the Community Foundation of Tompkins County has highly personalized donor services and highly trained professional staff with broad expertise in charitable giving, donor education, grant making, and donor services; and

Whereas the Community Foundation of Tompkins County offers sustainable, growing financial resources to meet the changing needs of our communities in perpetuity; and

Whereas the Community Foundation of Tompkins County assists individuals and organizations with a variety of ways of giving to meet their financial, tax, and philanthropic goals including planned giving through their Legacy Society; and

Whereas the Community Foundation of Tompkins County adheres to National Standards as a member of the Council on Foundations, and works in collaboration with other philanthropic entities through the Grantmakers Forum of New York and the Tompkins County Funders Group,



Now, therefore, I, Carolyn K. Peterson, Mayor of the City of Ithaca, do hereby proclaim a celebration of the achievements on its 5th Anniversary of the Community Foundation of Tompkins County, In the City of Ithaca, In Witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Ithaca to be affixed this 30th day of August 2005.

Carolyn K. Peterson, Mayor
City of Ithaca



Now, therefore, I, Tim Joseph, Chair of the Tompkins County Legislature, do hereby proclaim a celebration of the achievements on its 5th Anniversary of the Community Foundation of Tompkins County, In Witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand and caused the great seal of the county to be affixed this 6th day of September 2005.

Tim Joseph, Chair
Tompkins County Legislature



What a whirlwind we rode in 2005! We ended fiscal 2005 with \$3.3 million in assets, up 70% from 2004. While some growth came from the deposit of dollars already earmarked for charity when nonprofit agencies opened Funds, most growth came from new money—dollars that might not have been committed to philanthropy, or that might have gone to national organizations. Growth has also spurred grants: from our inception in 2000 through the 2005 grant cycle, we’ve now given out over \$1 million in foundation and donor advised grants.

2005 was a transition year: Peg Hendricks, whose boundless energy and good cheer graced her tenure as executive director, has moved on, and we welcomed George Ferrari as our next executive director.

In 2005, we celebrated the tangible successes outlined in this annual report. But 2005 is as much a philosophical milestone as a marker of time or facts and figures. Our first two years under Jeff True’s guidance necessarily focused on basic organizational issues. The past three years under Peg’s direction established the foundation as a presence in the community. It is time now for the foundation to flourish. We have shown what the foundation can do for donors and for the organizations and agencies that carry out the good works that make our community great. On behalf of the entire board of directors, I am pleased to report that the foundation is thriving. We look forward to continued success as we try our best to make a difference close to home!

John Moss Hinchcliff
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CHAIR



As I begin my work as the executive director of the Community Foundation of Tompkins County, gratitude and respect for all the good that this organization has assisted people in accomplishing overwhelms me.

I talk with individuals and families and groups who believe in something and are committed to making it happen. We see people who are celebrating or hurting and want to honor and remember loved ones. We are inspired by generous and passionate people who are motivated to have their money used to advance a just, caring community. The Community Foundation is at the heart of this transformative process, and I am honored to be a part of it.

Transformation enables what was thought impossible to be achieved. By growing the Community Foundation’s permanent endowment in support of a shared community vision, we are building the capacity for sustained, perpetual philanthropy. The dual nature of our investment philosophy enables us to pursue meaningful financial return in order to do even greater social good.

The Community Foundation of Tompkins County continues to join with you—as members of the community of which we all are a part—to help transform our dreams for the future into reality.

George P. Ferrari, Jr.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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The Community Foundation of Tompkins County is privileged to assist individuals solve problems, honor loved ones, and nurture vital civic health.



Traci's Hope Fund

The Community Foundation can help transform illness into assistance for others.

Six years ago, Traci Gibson heard the dreaded words: “You have stage 3 breast cancer.” With a husband and three beautiful sons, the youngest only five months old, Traci’s world changed overnight. After chemo, radiation, and surgery, accompanied by an incredible outpouring of support from her family and the entire community, she emerged with a strong “can do” way of thinking: she wanted to “make life easier for others in similar situations so they can concentrate on getting better.” It’s not the medical bills that Traci wants to pay; it’s the dishwasher someone needs so they don’t have to stand over a sink for so long, or the car payment that’s due even if the person’s not working so they can get to their doctor appointments. Through a suggestion from the Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance, Traci came to the Community Foundation and found that she could be helped in making her dream of helping others come true. The whole family is now involved: Traci’s mom, her three sons—Shane (age twelve), Jesse (age eleven), and Nathan (age six)—all work to raise money to help others. As Traci says, “I am leaving a legacy of giving to others.”



Erin Aljoe Schlather Memorial Fund

The Community Foundation can help transform tragedy into healing.

“Erin Aljoe Schlather was born and raised in Ithaca. Active in school, the arts, and other areas of her community—but always with a worldview—she truly is a child of Ithaca. She went on to work in areas of national security in Washington, DC, and was obtaining her law degree at Georgetown University. She volunteered in her community and was involved in women’s groups in law and technology. It was clear by the hundreds of cards and letters we received after her death that she had an impact on many people in many different venues in her short life. We were grateful when caring friends suggested that creating a fund through the Community Foundation would facilitate our wish to continue her legacy. Establishing the Erin Aljoe Schlather Memorial Fund will allow Erin’s spirit to continue through awards given to young people who go out of their way to try and make a positive difference in the world around them.” —Ray and Kathy Schlather

Disaster Relief Fund The Community Foundation can help transform disaster into recovery.

After the devastating tsunami struck Sri Lanka and other Southeast Asian countries last December, Tompkins County residents wanted to do something for the homeless people they saw on television. Dammi Herath, a native of Sri Lanka and executive director of the Women’s Opportunity Center, received many inquiries about how to help. She quickly established the Disaster Relief Fund at the Community Foundation, identifying housing as the most pressing need. Local individuals responded generously. The Community Foundation was able to forward the funds to the Kelaniya Temple in Sri Lanka—identified as the best organization to receive these funds by Dammi’s eighty-three-year-old mother living in Sri Lanka—for a housing project that was approved by the Sri Lankan government. Eight homes have been built in Kahada Modera, a village located in the southern coastal area of the country, as families are beginning to put their lives together again. According to Dammi, “The Community Foundation is not only there to make a difference in our community, but also to assist and guide any community member in reaching out to another country where there is need. Without the Community Foundation’s initiative and support, we would not have been able to accomplish this project and build a ‘Little Ithaca’ in Sri Lanka.”



Alex Haley Pool Fund The Community Foundation can help transform personal pleasure into neighborhood fun.



Bill Maxwell, a Cornell retiree, established the Alex Haley Pool Fund to help a neighborhood effort in downtown Ithaca and to encourage others to support similar causes. Bill is an active volunteer in our community and serves as a supervisor and lifeguard at the Alex Haley pool. He donates his salary from this work to benefit pool fee scholarships and improvement of the facility. Bill said that he selected the Community Foundation “because of the ease of administration and maintenance of the fund.”

Wilcox Press Donation Fund The Community Foundation can help transform family tradition into community support.

Wilcox Press, Inc., was motivated to open a corporate donor advised fund at the Community Foundation in 2003. This family-owned business, an important part of our community for more than a century, recognized the exceptional advantages of building its fund with the Community Foundation rather than expending dollars on the costs associated with starting its own foundation. As intended by the Wilcox Press board of directors, the Wilcox Press Donation Fund is a marvelous way to both aid the community and provide significant financial and organizational benefits to the company. This donor advised fund keeps donations separate from business operating expenses, continues tax deductibility, and is served by the Community Foundation’s donor services, accounting, and audit oversight resources at very low expense. Wilcox Press’s strategy of holding the fund for three years without disbursements allows its donor advised fund to grow, helping to establish a legacy plan for the twenty-first century.



listening and leading for change: critical issues roundtables

In 2004–2005 the Critical Issues Roundtables continued the tradition of community-focused conversations hosted by the Community Foundation in its role as convener. We invited other foundations and organizations to co-host these meetings as a means of promoting partnerships, fostering collaborative efforts, and identifying the leaders who are prepared to pursue the targeted areas emerging from the discussions.

The Critical Issues Roundtables are provocative discussions that lead to action, produce more effective decision-making and planning practices, promote positive results for our community, and foster enlightened philanthropy for the purpose of exploring unmet needs and community-wide opportunities. 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.



September 2004: Hunger and Food Insecurity in Tompkins County represents one of the three greatest challenges our area faces in quality of life issues. By using case studies of real people and the means to which they must go to receive/secure food, over 100 community citizens began to understand the challenges and frustrations faced by those with food insecurity. Results of the roundtable focused on ways to provide community-wide access to knowledge and resources that will help alleviate these problems. The United Way of Tompkins County, co-host for the event, took leadership for follow-up activities to address these results and will pursue focused and measurable service delivery solutions.



November 2004: Downtown: Does It Matter? focused on the importance of having an active, energized “downtown” as a center for economic, cultural, and community vitality. A capacity crowd agreed that downtown is essential to our area’s vitality, and most felt that the definition of downtown needs to be expanded. Specific key steps were discussed to assure the success and strength of downtown Ithaca. Co-hosted by the Ithaca Downtown Partnership, the roundtable produced broader awareness of the community’s ten-year plan and ways in which residents and community organizations could be more involved.



February 2005: Aging and Long-Term Care: How Do We Make It Better? heightened general awareness of available resources and challenging issues facing the aging populations of Tompkins County. There were over 100 community and civic leaders representing a diverse cross-section of those committed to the issue of aging. Many were surprised to learn about the broad variety of services available in Tompkins County and were eager to expand awareness. Co-hosts for the event were: Community Health Foundation of Western and Central New York, Ithaca College Gerontology Institute, Lifelong, Tompkins County Office for the Aging, and Tompkins County Long-Term Care Services. There is now an ongoing collaboration to address the results of the roundtable.



April 2005: Inclusive Communities: Breaking the Barriers addressed the ways in which the community can engage youth more broadly in civic and leadership opportunities. More than 130 diverse high school youth and adults participated in this significant conversation, seizing the opportunity to listen to each other. From specific informal ways for individuals to communicate positively with each other, to formally organized activities, all present were enthusiastic about pursuing the next steps. Co-hosting the event were the Ithaca Youth Bureau, Greater Ithaca Activities Center (GIAC), Community Dispute Resolution Center (CDRC), Multicultural Resource Center, and the Tauck Foundation.

Grantmaking is the main vehicle through which the Community Foundation of Tompkins County fulfills its charitable purpose.

The Community Foundation makes grants from our unrestricted funds through two programs. The Strengthening Community Relationships Program seeks to strengthen effective community relations among nonprofit organizations. The Volunteer Initiatives Grant Program promotes a culture of individual voluntary initiatives. These grants serve critical concerns or emerging opportunities in communities across Tompkins County.

The Community Foundation also makes grants through Donor Advised Funds. Grants from our donor advised funds provide local philanthropists—individuals or community groups—with opportunities to direct support to charitable causes here in Tompkins County, nationally, and around the world. Through these funds, the Community Foundation enlarges charitable capacity and ease of giving by offering local philanthropists assistance with their decisions.

The Community Foundation serves as a local grant administration and decision-making agent for other foundations, including those outside of Tompkins County. By partnering with other foundations, the Community Foundation seeks to encourage philanthropic alliances that contribute to the resources available to the residents of Tompkins County.

Overseeing the grants process is the Grants Committee. The committee maintains an intimate knowledge of the county as it draws from a diverse board and representatives of the county at large and provides leadership through Critical Issues Roundtables.

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over 300 grants totaling more than \$1,000,000.

The History Center

The History Center's student historian program continues to expand, building on the initial Student Historian Initiative grant from the Community Foundation. Using the personal stories and historical artifacts of local experience to link high school students, along with their teachers and parents, to the community in an inspiring and informational way, the center's goal of developing county-wide relationships is being realized. The early support of the Community Foundation was an essential component in launching the Student Historian Initiative and contributed, in 2004, to student historians receiving the Tompkins County Distinguished Youth Award and the center's director being honored by the American Association of Museums.

The Women's Opportunity Center

For the past twenty-five years, the Women's Opportunity Center's client base has included unmarried women and men who have separated from their partners. The Community Foundation stepped in with emergency transitional funding when services to this group were threatened by New York State's abrupt decision to switch to federal funding requiring couples to be or have been married. By bridging the funding gap, the Community Foundation made it possible for services to remain in place while the center laid the groundwork for alternative funding that would allow them to continue serving displaced homemakers regardless of their marital status. The Women's Opportunity Center in Tompkins County was the only one of twenty centers statewide to provide uninterrupted services.

"Thank you for helping this vision become reality—transforming ideas into action in a sustainable community-based manner."

—A NOTE FROM THE VILLAGE AT ITHACA

The Village at Ithaca

The Village at Ithaca, funded by the Community Foundation in collaboration with the Tauck Foundation, used the initial funding from its three-year grant to hire a part-time coordinator. Having someone in that position increases the organization's internal capacity to manage the many volunteers whose contributions are needed to make the "it takes a village" vision real. New initiatives—including a website (to be launched in Fall '05), the Youth Committee of the Village (teen leaders supporting other youth), and an online database of existing resources for families and youth (to pilot in Fall '05)—are also being facilitated, in part, by the Village at Ithaca's ability to hire a coordinator.

The Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance

The Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance (IBCA) receives some 3,500 phone calls a year, many of them from women in need of timely assistance. With its newly installed telephone system, funded by a grant from the Community Foundation, staff members no longer have to worry about losing calls or being unable to retrieve messages. Voice mail confidentiality and speed of message delivery are ensured now that IBCA's antiquated crash-prone telephone system has been replaced.

The Community Foundation continues to refocus its unrestricted grant monies to support efforts that forge stronger relationships both among nonprofit organizations and between providers of services and those served.

Drop-In Children's Center

\$15,000 Kitchen Construction Grant

The Drop-in Children's Center is the leading provider of low-cost childcare in our area. This addition to the facility serves infants, the most difficult group for which to find daycare. The executive director and board of the center painstakingly and deliberately put together a package of funding for an expansion that will provide services to nearly two-thirds more children, all infants and toddlers, while incurring little, if any, debt. For these reasons, the Community Foundation was compelled to support a capital initiative, even though it generally does not make grants to capital projects. The Community Foundation is proud that the kitchen will bear its name.



Ithaca Public Education Initiative

\$5,000 Discovery Trail Project Evaluation Grant

This IPEI/Discovery Trail Project is the first direct outcome from one of the Community Foundation's Critical Issues Roundtables: Connecting School and Community. The evaluation will provide evidence of how well students, faculty, the ICSD, and the Discovery Trail partners have benefited from more regularly and systematically integrating the classroom with local arts, science, and history facilities. Positive evidence will help to convince teachers to undertake programming, make it easier to approach future supporters for long-term commitments, and tailor the Discovery Trail partners' efforts to student and teacher needs.





Southside Community Center

\$7,800 Community Unity Project Grant

This program provides music instruction and support to children and youth who are most at risk for dropping out of school-based music programs. Located at one of the area's oldest community centers, it offers individualized and group learning opportunities as well as culturally relevant music. Both vocal and instrumental music is included. The Community Foundation's grant was specifically earmarked for staffing support of the 2005 summer program, which is an intensive and somewhat more elaborate offering that complements the year-long afterschool program. The Community Unity Project fosters relationships around music within families and across the community.



DeWitt Middle School

\$956 Project Veggie Power Grant

This project links students to cutting edge concerns in technology development, energy use, and the expansion of renewable energy markets. This collaboration between Ithaca High School and DeWitt Middle School will use student teams to design a one-person vehicle that adapts a diesel engine to burn vegetable oil instead of conventional diesel fuel. Upon completion of this project, the design teams will research the possibility that the Ithaca City School District might incorporate the use of bio-diesel fuel (a mixture of diesel and vegetable oil) in all of its school buses, potentially saving thousands of dollars in fuel costs as well as becoming more environmentally friendly.

Through philanthropy we can achieve together
what we cannot achieve alone.

In March 2004, a small group of women community leaders provided the initial funding for the Women's Fund in recognition of Women's History Month. The Women's Fund has now been established as a Field of Interest Fund within the Community Foundation of Tompkins County.

The purpose of the Women's Fund's is two-fold: (1) to provide support for the empowerment, education, creativity, and transformation of women; and (2) to provide a venue for honoring women as philanthropists and leaders, whose lives and work have made substantial contributions and critical differences to their community. This fund recognizes the important culture of giving by women—determined not by economic means but by a desire to aid others and to create a community where needs are addressed.

The first Women's Fund grant award was made to the Tompkins-Cortland Community College Childcare Center which primarily serves low-income student parents. The first Laura Holmberg Award, instituted to honor women who, in addition to excelling in their own work, have selflessly and voluntarily contributed time, talents, and skills in ways that promote the well-being of women in our community, was presented to Rachel Siegel, a feminist social worker who has championed the needs of women throughout her life.



“This fund illustrates the power of women working together to do something concrete and meaningful. In launching the Women’s Fund, and the Laura Holmberg Award in particular, the Community Foundation is taking a giant step, not only in meeting the needs of women, but also in honoring the often hidden accomplishments of women in our community.” —RACHEL SIEGEL

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

Volunteer Initiatives Grants (grants up to \$2,000) foster voluntary service by rewarding good ideas and efforts in their initial stages. These grants support the work of local individuals and groups who voluntarily, beyond their professional or work capacities, develop initiatives that creatively address challenges or opportunities faced by communities within our region.

Opportunities for voluntary initiatives often arise suddenly, may be short-term activities, or represent on-going 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.



VOICES Multicultural Chorus

To fund creation of a music library that provides examples of works from a range of musical traditions around the world. The library will serve the VOICES Multicultural Chorus, a part of the local Community Chorus. The Community Foundation has asked that this music be made available free or at nominal charge on loan to other musical groups in the region.

“VOICES was established in 2002 to embrace the ethnic diversity within the Ithaca community and to promote community outreach. Our 60+ chorus sings music in native tongues from around the world. We believe that cultural bridges through song will lead to other linkages and will promote better understanding and respect for Ithaca’s diverse cultural community.” —Jim Skaley



Northeast PTA

To fund a playhouse as part of a community effort to create a natural playscape called Jean’s Green. The playscape is named after Jean Mailhot, who retired last year after thirty-six years as a crossing guard, teacher’s aide, and administrative assistant. This play area was originally conceived by the PTA volunteers as a traditional sand play area, and the grant was made for that purpose, but in developing the project the volunteers discovered that state inspectors would no longer permit outdoor sand play areas. Although the specific design scheduled for construction changed, the purpose of providing a community and school playspace remained the same, and the Community Foundation continued to support the funding of the new structure without missing a beat.

“The playground is a hive of activity year round and a special place for families to share some quality time with their kids and other families. The addition of this playground will enable the younger children to have a safe space to play.”—Sandy True



Dryden Youth Opportunity Fund

Toward expenses of a community roundtable focused on how the community can expand opportunities for youth in Dryden This event is based on the model established by the Community Foundation in its roundtable series. While a variety of community funds for youth and schools have emerged across Tompkins County, the Dryden Youth Opportunity Fund was one of the first. It draws on what may be the widest range of community involvement: business leaders, government reps, educators, parents, and youth.

The Community Foundation of Tompkins County has been a strong partner and resource to our fund as we continue to grow and serve the youth of Dryden with wonderful opportunities and experiences. The grant we received from the foundation enabled us to have our own roundtable discussion about the needs of Dryden youth which was extremely helpful in focusing our vision to serve the children of the community. —John Bailey

Since 2001, the Community Foundation has distributed 218 grants totaling \$704,090 from Donor Advised Funds.

Between July 2004 and July 2005, the Community Foundation distributed 97 grants to 71 organizations totaling \$249,711 from Donor Advised Funds.

Grant Recipients of Donor Advised Funds July 2004 through July 2005

American Red Cross of Tompkins County	Historic Ithaca	St. Mary of the Woods College*
Amnesty International USA*	Hospicare and Palliative Care Services of Tompkins County	The History Center in Tompkins County
Amnesty International–Group 73	Huber Opera House & Civic Center*	Tompkins Community Action, Inc.
Audubon Society	Ithaca Children’s Garden	Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce Foundation
Boy Scouts-Baden Powell Council	Ithaca College	Tompkins County Health Department
California State University, Long Beach*	Ithaca Community Recovery	Tompkins County Department of Social Services
Cayuga Addiction Recovery Services	Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services	Tompkins County Living Wage Coalition
Cayuga Medical Center Foundation	Ithaca Public Education Initiative	Tompkins County Office for the Aging
Center for Immigrant Families	Lanka Academic Network/Lacnet.org*	Tompkins County Public Library Foundation
Center for Religion, Ethics, and Social Policy (CRESP)	Loaves and Fishes	Tompkins County SPCA
Community Foundation of Tompkins County	Massena Memorial Hospital Fund*	Tompkins County Youth Services
Cornell Cooperative Extension/Primitive Pursuits	Nature Conservancy/Central Chapter	Tompkins Learning Partners, Inc./Literacy Volunteers of Tompkins
Cornell Plantations/Cornell University	NYPIRG (New York Public Interest Research Group)*	Town of Dryden Recreation Department
Cornell University	On Site Volunteer Services, Inc.	Ulysses Philomathic Library
Cortland Memorial Foundation*	Paleontological Research Institution (PRI)	Unitarian Church
Cortland Repertory Theater*	Planned Parenthood of the Southern Finger Lakes	United Way of Tompkins County
Dryden Central School District	Powers Library*	University of Vermont*
Family & Children’s Service of Ithaca	Resist, Inc.	Women’s Interfaith Institute in the Finger Lakes, Inc.*
Family and Work Institute*	Salvation Army	Znet/Zmag/Institute for Social and Cultural Communications*
Family Health Network of Central NY*	Sciencenter	
Fingerlakes Land Trust, Inc.	Sesame Workshop*	
First Congregational Church	Southworth Library Association	
Freeville United Methodist Church	St. Andrew’s School*	
Grassroots Asia*	St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church*	
Grassroots Leadership*	St. Luke Lutheran Church*	
Greater Ithaca Activities Center (GIAC)		

*National or outside of Tompkins County

“The Community Foundation of Tompkins County is uniquely placed to know and understand the community, our needs, and the many solutions worthy of being considered for support.” —Harry Newbury, Trust Officer M&T Bank, Howland Foundation Trustee

The Community Foundation of Tompkins County is pleased to partner 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 nonprofit 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.



2005 Helen Thomas Howland Grants in Tompkins County*

Broome County Animal Care Council	\$5,000
Cat Spay Packs and Steel Cages	
Cayuga Waterfront Trail	\$2,000
Phase II Sponsorship	
Cornell Cooperative Extension/TC Coalition for Families	\$2,500
Empowerment Skills for Leaders Training	
Danby Community Park Association	\$5,000
Community Center Site Preparation	
Day Care and Child Development Council	\$5,000
Childcare scholarships	
The History Center in Tompkins County	\$2,500
Student Historian Program	
Humane Society of Binghamton	\$6,000
Capital Repairs and Building Improvements	
Lifelong/Tompkins County Senior Citizens Center	\$1,500
Health Insurance Information Counseling Assistance Program	
Reconstruction Home	\$5,000
Fall and Injury Prevention Program (electric resident beds)	
Special Olympics—NY Eastern Finger Lakes Area	\$1,500
2006 Winter Program Equipment and Other Expenses	
WSKG	\$5,000
Nature Program	

**Another \$10,000 was disbursed by the Howland Foundation to the Tompkins County Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals as part of a five-year pledge.*

The Community Foundation assumes the responsibility of long-term investment management so that these funds will always be available for charitable purposes. All gifts to the Community Foundation are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

FOUNDATION FUNDS

Endowment Funds represent the sustainable and permanent base of support for the Community Foundation in which gifts are reserved to ensure that the Foundation's work thrives in perpetuity.

Operating Funds enable the Community Foundation to be more immediately responsive to emerging problems and to convene community conversations and collaborations today. These unrestricted gifts support our role as an agent of community building.

Individuals, groups, or corporations are invited to make a three-year pledge for annual \$1,000 gifts at the Benefactor level, for annual \$500 gifts at the Sponsor level, or for gifts at any chosen level to assist the Foundation in this important phase of our growth.

Field of Interest Funds include defined areas of interest such as: Children and Youth, Health and Human Services, the Environment, Arts and Culture, Sustainable Communities, and the Women's Fund.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS (DAFs) enable donors to establish a fund for their personal long-term charitable giving in Tompkins County and elsewhere. Donors, who continue to serve as fund advisors, can be individuals/families, nonprofit or for-profit corporations, or an unincorporated group of community members. The funds may also serve as fitting memorials or tributes in perpetuity. The beneficiaries of these funds do not need to be identified at the time of fund creation and can change over time to respond to emerging community needs and donor interests.

DESIGNATED FUNDS allow donors to identify and direct the Community Foundation to make their gifts automatically to a specific agency or purpose. Donors can be individuals/families, nonprofit or for-profit corporations, or an unincorporated group of community members. The funds may also serve as fitting memorials or tributes in perpetuity. The beneficiaries of these funds do need to be identified at the time of fund creation and remain fixed.

DIRECTED ACCOUNTS represent short-term accounts created by local organizations using the Community Foundation as fiscal administrator for charitable activities.



The Community Foundation provides local philanthropists the opportunity to establish donor advised funds. Donors then nominate eligible nonprofits to receive grants and the Community Foundation, through its staff and board, verify eligibility and make the grant awards. Donor advised funds may be set up by individuals or groups, by nonprofit or for-profit entities, for the purposes they seek to support.

CURRENT DONOR FUNDS

Anonymous

There are a number of donor funds not listed at the donor or organization's request.

Alex Haley Pool Fund*

Provides summer fee scholarships for neighborhood youth, grants for pool enhancements, and supports lifeguard training for neighborhood youth.

Alternative Community School Bike Path Funds

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 (AAFEE) General Fund

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

The George B. Bailey Agency Fund

Supports the company's gifts to the community.

The Browning Fund

Carriage House Cafe Fund

Supports the cultural, educational, and social activities for international students and their families in Tompkins County; promotes 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. Provides the necessary capital for equipment, scholarships, and training opportunities for coaches and rowers.

Children with Challenges Fund

Supports children with physical challenges.

Community Dispute Resolution Center (CDRC)

"Talk Works" Fund*

To support the mission, activities, and programs of the CDRC.

Community Health Foundation of Western and Central New York Fund*

Lenore Coral Fund*

Established by a bequest by Lenore Coral, a retired Cornell music librarian, this fund will support the International Repertory of Music Literature, an organization that archives literature and publications on music throughout the world.

Crime and Sexual Assault Victims Fund

To benefit 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.

Crossing Borders Fund*

To support the activities of Crossing Borders, a multicultural radio concert series broadcast on public radio.

Disaster Relief Fund*

Established in the wake of the Tsunami disaster, this fund has already provided over \$30,000 to build seven houses for those who lost their homes in Sri Lanka. This fund is under the direction of Dammi Herath, a current Ithacan and native of Sri Lanka.

Discovery Trail Partnership Fund

The Discovery Trail, 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, Tompkins County Museum, and the 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.

The EDGE Fund

Supports projects that benefit the Tompkins County community in the context of 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 and Children's Service'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.

Finger Lakes Land Trust Stewardship Fund*

Supports the stewardship of land and conservation easements held by the Finger Lakes Land Trust.

Francille and John Firebaugh Donor Advised Fund*

Friends of the Lansing Community Library Center Fund

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

Friends of Neonates*

Provides financial, educational, and technical support for families with neonates, through professional providers of neonate services, and to institutions and organizations that provide services to those families.

Friends of the Youth Bureau

Supports the programs and activities of the Ithaca Youth Bureau.

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.

Groton Education Fund

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

The Howard Hartnett Fund

Rere Sojourner Hassett Memorial Scholarship Fund

Carman and Sandra Brink Hill Donor Advised Fund

The Hinchcliff Family Fund

The History Center Fund

The History Center 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. Our vision is to change people's understanding of the past in order to enhance their lives in the present and to create their futures.

Home Learners of the Fingerlakes Fund*

Created to increase opportunities for families engaged in home learning in the Finger Lakes Region. Grants encourage nonprofit organizations to provide resources, activities, or classes geared toward this population; or scholarships for individuals to attend activities at nonprofit organizations. All homeschoolers will be eligible to participate in these activities regardless of religion, race, gender, sexual preference, family composition, or method of home learning.

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.

The Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance (IBCA) Fund*

IBCA was established in 1994, by and for women in Tompkins County, to provide information and support to all in our community who are affected by breast cancer. It remains the only local organization to provide these resources. IBCA's fundamental belief is that each person must decide individually which treatment is best. Direct service is provided to 250 clients per year, with several thousand more benefiting from educational and outreach programming.

Ithaca Downtown Partnership Fund

Funds programs and activities that support the strategic plan and vision for Downtown Ithaca.

Ithaca Health Alliance Funds*

The Ithaca Health Alliance (IHA) has four funds at the Foundation: IHA Clinics Fund to support programs and activities of a free clinic; IHA Grants and Loans Fund to provide loans and grants for health related needs in the community; IHA Education and Outreach Fund

to support education and outreach efforts; and IHA General Fund to support IHA's general activities and programs.

Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI) Fund

IPEI 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 every student.

Ithaca World Arts Alliance (IWAA)

Celebrates cultural diversity through the arts and is dedicated to fostering the appreciation of cultural diversity through presentation of multicultural arts programs. Planned programs include concerts, workshops, lectures, children's programs, world arts tours, and many other specialty programs. IWAA believes that as our nation moves toward a global economy and global citizenship, it becomes increasingly important for multicultural studies to be a part of everyone's life.

Johnson Graduate School of Management Community Impact Fund

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

Adele and Herman Kirp Memorial Scholarship for Social Justice*

To support and encourage activism by a college-bound high school senior who has demonstrated a commitment to the ideals and practices of social justice in such areas as antiracism or anti-homophobia work. Begun by Nancy K. Bereano, a long-time Ithaca resident and activist, in honor of her parents and the values they helped to instill.

Kitchen Theater Fund

Supports the programs and activities of the Kitchen Theater.

David Kuckuk and Sheila Danko Donor Advised Fund

James E. Lawrence Environmental Memorial 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.

Level Green Institute Fund*

Supports the programs and activities of the Level Green Institute.

The Light in Winter Festival Fund

Founded in 2004, the Light in Winter Festival is a three-day celebration of the fusion among music, art, and science through performances by world-renown leaders. The Light in Winter Festival Endowment supports the programs and activities of the Light in Winter Festival.

LoPinto, Schlather, Solomon and Salk Fund

Supports the company's gifts to the community.

The Mansoor Family Fund

In gratitude for friends, colleagues, and Cornell classmates, the Mansoor Family Fund supports charitable initiatives in Ithaca and Tompkins County.

The Meadowgate Equine Rescue and Rehab Facility Fund*

To establish a facility to rescue horses that are suffering and living in miserable conditions. Recognizes that horse neglect and abuse are a big problem. Meadowgate is a place of peace and recuperation. One of the facility's outreaches is a Youth Program created and designed by special education teachers, certified counselors, and equine personnel, where youth of any age may attend.

Satya P. and Chandra Talpade Mohanty Progressive Fund

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

This fund helps the Museum of the Earth at PRI offer a multitude of activities focused on the Earth and life sciences, and the relationship between science and art, to diverse audiences. Activities include education programs, internships for students, public events for the community, educational publications, and natural history exhibits for visitors of all ages and backgrounds.

National Dance Week Fund

To support 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.

The Newfield Public Library-Lawrence E. and Lillian C. Payne Memorial Fund*

Supports the programs and activities of the Newfield Public Library. Established in memory of Lawrence and Lillian Payne.

North American Rock Garden Society-Adirondacks Chapter (NARGS) Fund

To educate others and promote rock gardening through personal growth and public projects.

Northern Lights Learning Center Fund*

Supports the programs and activities of the Northern Lights Learning Center, a home school resource learning center.

Taylor Peck Donor Advised Fund

The Louis Perlgut Scholarship Fund

Benefits deserving biochemistry graduate students currently enrolled at California State University where Dr. Louis Perlgut had a distinguished career as a biochemist and coordinator of the biochemistry department. Begun by his daughter Sue Perlgut, a long-time Ithaca resident and leader in nonprofit and philanthropic activities of Ithaca. Her family joins her in this scholarship.

The Q-G Fund

The Ridenour Family Fund

Erin Aljoe Schlather Dedicated Memorial Fund

This fund supports initiatives that develop leadership, responsibility, and confidence in young people, especially young women. Erin believed that it was her responsibility to make the world a better place. She inspired others to believe in themselves and in their ability to make a difference. To Erin, it never was whether the cup was half full or half empty, rather it was that the cup was not big enough.

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.

The Tabula Rasa Fund

Dedicated to building connections between local living composers and their community through live performances and educational outreach. It is the goal of the fund to bring contemporary, relevant, classical music into local, friendly environments and offer performances, lectures, and workshops at all grade levels to enhance the understanding of composition and its creative process.

Tompkins County Quality of Life Fund

Begun by TC Legislator Michael Koplinka-Loehr to support the programs and activities of Tompkins County's Government Services. Having a permanent mechanism for voluntary contributions will enable annual efforts to supplement county programs that tax dollars could never cover.

Traci's Hope Fund*

Established by Traci Gibson, a mother of three and six-year breast cancer survivor, this fund was created to ease the burden on other families with a member battling this disease. The goal of this fund is to increase the quality of life of these families by paying for patients' basic nonmedical expenses, such as housecleaning, babysitting, and transportation to doctors' appointments through an agreement with community agencies.

True Insurance Community Fund

The Sandy and Jay True Fund

True, Walsh and Miller Fund

Supports the company's gifts to the community.

Village Camp Funds

The Village Camp Funds will be used to generate scholarships for children with limited financial resources to attend the 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.

Vitamin L Project Fund

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).

Wilcox Press Donation Fund

Supports the company's gifts to the community.

**Denotes new fund this year.*

The Community Foundation specializes in helping donors develop customized philanthropic action plans for a broad range of assets, using a variety of giving tools.

GIFTS OF CASH We gladly accept gifts of cash, in the form of checks, to support our Foundation Endowment Fund, Field of Interest Funds, or to establish a Donor Advised Fund.

GIFTS OF SECURITIES Stocks or bonds that are now worth more than when you bought them, or were given them, can also be used to make a gift. In addition to potential income tax deduction benefits, you also may reduce or eliminate capital gains tax on the appreciated value of the securities.

GIFT OF IRA ACCOUNTS OR OTHER RETIREMENT PLANS Simply name the Community Foundation as the beneficiary of your plan. The foundation will not pay income tax, and the gift would qualify for a charitable deduction against any estate tax.

GIFTS OF LIFE INSURANCE You can donate your policy to the Community Foundation and receive an immediate tax deduction (usually an amount equal to the cash surrender value). If you make additional donations sufficient to pay the annual premiums, the foundation can keep the policy in force.

GIFTS OF REAL ESTATE You can make a gift of real estate to the Community Foundation, and upon sale the net proceeds are available to the foundation. Possible gifts include homes, farms, vacation property, undeveloped land, or commercial property. You also have the option of retaining the right to use the property during your lifetime and gifting the remainder value of your home, farm, or other real estate to the Community Foundation. Gifts of real estate may result in significant income, capital gain, and estate tax benefits. Note that gifts of real estate present special issues, and the foundation board must expressly accept the gift.

GIFTS OF CLOSELY-HELD SECURITIES A gift of closely held securities can be an effective strategy to transfer ownership of your business while resulting in potential tax benefits. Again, given the unique issues involved in closely held businesses, the foundation board must expressly accept the gift.

CHARITABLE BEQUEST You can make a bequest in your will to the Community Foundation for a specific amount, a particular asset, or a remainder interest. The bequest can support the Foundation Endowment Fund, or create or add to a fund for a particular Field of Interest, be designated for specific charities, or be used to create a named fund.

LIFE INCOME GIFTS The Community Foundation offers a variety of vehicles that provide you and other beneficiaries you select with charitable and estate tax deductions and lifetime income. These vehicles include Charitable Remainder Trusts, Charitable Lead Trusts, and Pooled Income Funds. Each offers a unique set of benefits.

TRANSFER A PRIVATE OR FAMILY FOUNDATION A private foundation can become a Supporting Organization; its board can become the advisors that direct disbursements from the fund. If the private foundation board disbands, the Community Foundation board can continue to administer the fund to support the purposes for which it was formed.

The Community Foundation of Tompkins County recommends that all charitable giving plans be discussed with your professional advisor. See *How to Make a Gift* in the Donor section of our website at www.communityfoundationoftc.org for more information.

The Legacy Society of the Community Foundation of Tompkins County

The Legacy Society honors and assists individuals who establish planned gifts with the Community Foundation of Tompkins County. For those who wish to perpetually benefit the communities and organizations located in Tompkins County the Society promotes sustainable philanthropy through planned giving opportunities. 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 for you and the community. As a vehicle for charitable giving, the Community Foundation offers the advantages of tax savings, simplicity and flexibility, and administrative convenience, as well as sound fiscal management. Through various estate planning options, Legacy Society members have the chance to maximize family and financial benefits while addressing philanthropic goals that might otherwise 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 Sustainable Philanthropy Can Do for You

- Provide support to your community perpetually into the future
- 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
- Minimize capital gains taxes on the sale of appreciated assets
- Reduce or eliminate estate taxes

Planned Giving: Choose the Gift that Matches Your Goals

If your goal is to:	Then you can:	And your benefits are:
Support the Tompkins County community	Put a bequest in your will to benefit the unrestricted endowment fund or field of interest funds of the Community Foundation	Your generosity benefits the Tompkins County community forever as it changes and new needs emerge. The Community Foundation can manage your bequest to address these issues and you receive estate tax deductions and keep assets in your name during your lifetime.
Maximize heirs' inheritance while benefiting the Community Foundation and Tompkins County	Name the Community Foundation as beneficiary of your retirement plan; leave other assets to your family	Reduced estate and income taxes
Secure a life income while minimizing taxes	Establish a Charitable Remainder Trust with the Community Foundation	Tax benefits and often a boosted rate of return from assets
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 large gift with little cost	Give a life insurance policy you no longer need	Current and possible future income tax deductions
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

“I included the Community Foundation of Tompkins County in my will because I wanted to give back to my adopted home. I was especially pleased that, through the fund established by the Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance (IBCA) at the Community Foundation, I was able to designate IBCA as the primary beneficiary of this gift.”

—Bob Riter



Lenore Coral Estate Lenore Coral came to the Community Foundation of Tompkins County instead of starting her own foundation because it was a simple, timely, and efficient way to ensure that her wishes would continue to be honored with a minimum of extra work on her part. Her lifelong passion in musical libraries is respectfully continued after her passing, and the Community Foundation is honored to be a perpetual guardian of her generosity to our community.

Mack and Carol Travis have designated the Community Foundation of Tompkins County as the vehicle through which they can implement the charitable bequests in their estate plans. According to Mack Travis: “We have watched the foundation’s development over the past few years, and it seemed to us that the foundation could serve as a clearinghouse for the charitable bequests that we want to make in our wills. We have quite a few charities we want to support, both locally and nationally. Rather than naming each in our wills, we named the foundation to receive the bequest. After we die, the foundation will create a fund that will then make grants to the charities we have designated with the foundation. This not only makes our wills much simpler, but we can change the list of charities and the amounts from time to time just by writing to the foundation, rather than having to go through the more complicated process of repeatedly changing our wills.”

These individuals have made a commitment to the future of our community. We recognize and appreciate their generosity and thoughtfulness.

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Statement of Financial Position	Audited Year Ended March 31, 2005	Audited Year Ended March 31, 2004
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 448,696	\$ 371,914
Unconditional Promises to Give	774,689	61,993
Investments at Market	2,040,706	1,317,940
Other Assets	170,575	158,831
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,434,666	\$ 1,910,678
LIABILITIES		
Accounts and grants payable	\$ 12,138	\$ 6,955
TOTAL LIABILITIES	12,138	6,955
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	\$ 100,329	\$ 236,850
Unrestricted-Board Designated	2,420,237	1,359,132
	2,520,566	1,595,982
Temporarily Restricted	163,997	307,041
Permanently Restricted	737,965	700
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 3,422,528	\$ 1,903,723
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 3,434,666	\$ 1,910,678
Statement of Activities		
REVENUE		
Contributions/Grants	\$ 1,945,356	\$ 650,184
Investment Income	51,550	219,566
Other	28,615	1,674
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 2,025,521	\$ 871,424
EXPENSES		
Grants	\$ 249,308	\$ 107,356
Administration	160,504	175,375
Directed Fund Expenses	96,904	25,731
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 506,716	\$ 308,462
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 1,518,805	\$ 562,962
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 1,903,723	\$ 1,340,761
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 3,422,528	\$ 1,903,723

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