

# 2016 Highlights

## Share the love, strengthen our communities



You make it possible. Together, we are able to give back and build a better community for today—and for future generations. Community investing in community, as a stakeholder and partner, we thank you.



## Because of your generosity

### Serving our rural community and senior population

Long-time resident of Slaterville and Caroline area, Phil, recovers from hip surgery. He temporarily uses a wheelchair and other equipment, but his family does not have the medical training or skill to provide transportation for doctor visits and other appointments. Unrestricted grants to agencies like Gadabout keep vital services accessible to the most vulnerable in our community. More information: [www.cftompkins.org/granting](http://www.cftompkins.org/granting)

### Foster cross-sector partnerships and community engagement

Several hundred people, including planners, developers, individuals affected by our housing limitations, and interested community members attended a two-day summit to address housing challenges facing Tompkins County. Key topics: affordable housing, student population, workforce commuters, senior needs, rural transportation, walkable communities, and gentrification. Additional reading: [www.housingtompkins.com](http://www.housingtompkins.com)

### Cradle to Career, collective impact funding and model

Whether funding Cradle to Career Initiative or a Comprehensive Job Training Model, community-wide initiatives require commitment by funders and the broader community. Support for systems change often times is left on the “cutting floor” when requests for limited funds compete. One of our roles, as a place-based institution is to provide resources that support multiple agencies and institutions working together on common goals. Resources: [www.cftompkins.org/resources](http://www.cftompkins.org/resources)

## Improving the Quality of Life in Tompkins County

Thank you for your partnership as we work alongside individuals and organizations, who share our commitment to the region as culture creators and a leading agent of Tompkins County philanthropy. Together, we address community needs by investing in people, organizations, neighborhoods, and policy.

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# Collective Impact Cradle to Career Initiative

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COUNTY

As a report back from 2015/2016 Fall 2 Year Grant Cycle Collective Impact: Building Relationships, Building Our Future, below is a partial summary of one of the initiatives funded by the grant cycle.

## Overall Vision:

All youth and their families have what they need to ensure that our children and youth, pre-birth to age 24 are successful at every stage of development. This means that they are physically and emotionally healthy and active community members on-track for living wage employment.

## Desired Outcomes:

- **Belong.** All residents feel valued, safe, included, and able to participate in shaping community decisions.
- **Learn.** All children and adults have the knowledge and skills needed to build a good life for themselves and those around them.
- **Work.** All residents who wish to work have adequate opportunities for meaningful employment at an income sufficient to sustain themselves and their families.
- **Flourish.** All children have a safe, nourishing childhood. All individuals and families are able to meet their basic human needs, enjoy life and achieve their full potential.
- **Sustain.** All our behaviors and decisions ensure that we can restore and preserve the natural world.

## Need:

- This group represents almost 40% of the county's population.
- 40% free and reduced lunch (school programs). 20% food insecure.
- Academic performance gaps among low income and students of color in comparison to general population.
- Chronic poverty creates many problems related to physical/emotional health and barriers to living wage jobs.

## Collaborating Partners:

Building Bridges Initiative • Child Development Council • Childhood Nutrition Collaborative (GreenStar Community Projects) • Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County, • Early Childhood Development Collaborative • Engaged Cornell, Collaborative Solutions Network, • Franziska Racker Centers • Greater Ithaca Activities Center • Ithaca City School District • Ithaca Youth Bureau • My Brother's Keeper • Southside Community Center • Tompkins Cortland Community College • Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce • Tompkins County Council of Governments (TCCOG) • The Tompkins County Health Department • Tompkins County Youth Services • TST BOCES • Village at Ithaca

## Example (challenges/barriers):

The importance and challenge of sharing information and practices among the sectors working with young people and populations across the county.

## Addressing:

A Community Communication Coalition is taking shape in Tompkins County to address the need of many organizations to better communicate with each other as they strive to work more effectively in developing mutually reinforcing activities.

View the complete report and other collective impact initiatives: [www.cftompkins.org/?p=7718](http://www.cftompkins.org/?p=7718)

Additional resources: [www.buildingbridgestompkins.org](http://www.buildingbridgestompkins.org) [www.tompkinscountyny.gov/files/youth/AYR](http://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/files/youth/AYR)

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