

*You make  
this possible,  
thank you!*

**Engaging**



**Let's Talk Philanthropy**

Active, **powerful conversations** engaged a broad community of donors connected to the issues affecting Tompkins County. Small group discussions dived into a **wide range of issues**, from **housing, environment, sustainability, mental health, substance abuse,**

**aging, arts & culture, social justice and more.** During our 2017 Listening Learning Series, we **heard many voices and important insights from across our community.** These interactions helped build **new connections, deeper understanding, and stronger relationships.** *Find out more on our website under [Resources, Community Meetings and Surveys.](#)*

Grant recipients shared **inspiring impact** stories with over 200 attendees at the annual



**Inspiring**

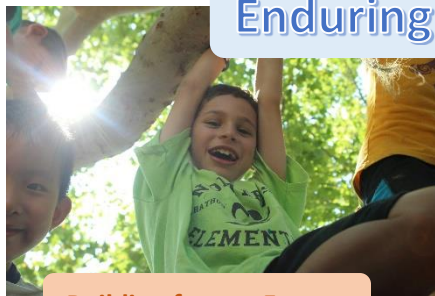
**10 Years of Supporting Women's Programs**

Women's Fund Luncheon. Because of strong adult women who are trustworthy and knowledgeable (see photo), several young girls involved in risky behavior learned new skills and are now back in high school, or in college, or working full time with benefits. *Find these stories and more on our website under [Grant Impact Stories.](#)*



**Thank you to donors, board members, & volunteers who make everything possible!**

**Enduring**



**Building for our Future**

Eleven new endowment funds create **permanent renewable community resources.** Funds for environmental education,

women's and children's projects, Tompkins County Public Library and more! **Dr. Marguerite Uphoff Endowment Fund celebrates and honors Dr. Uphoff's tireless dedication and support for children and families** during her work as a pediatrician for over 45 years. **Leon Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Fund, designated for Southside Community Center awards, honors the late Leon Lawrence, a beloved Ithaca activist and civic leader.** Family Reading Partnership Fund provides permanent funding supporting the nonprofit and their mission to **"create a culture of literacy."** New endowments created by Tom and Maria Eisner Fund, to **better meet current needs,** provide annual support for 4 institutions. A long-time resident \$100,000 gift creates an endowment supporting a **wide range of local nonprofit organizations.** Collectively, these new endowment funds total **more than \$565,000 benefiting our community both today and in the years to come.** *Find these stories and more on our website under [Giving, Who Is Giving, Donor Stories.](#)*

**Transforming**



**Aspiring young writer**

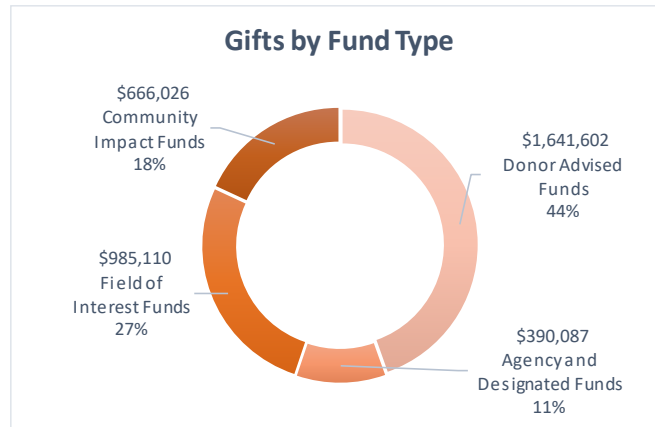
Communities across our county and beyond, from rural villages to larger towns benefit from grants. The Bernard and Shirley Rosen Library Fund grants have transformed a

genuine **intellectual curiosity and a lifelong love of reading and learning,** by supporting **access by youth** to 33 Finger Lakes Libraries. Since 2011, annual grants of more than \$130,000; total over \$750,000 in 155 grants. This year, teen author of famed Minecraft Series **toured 15 area libraries.** After one of the sessions, Andy, an 8 year old, went home to write his book! (see photo)

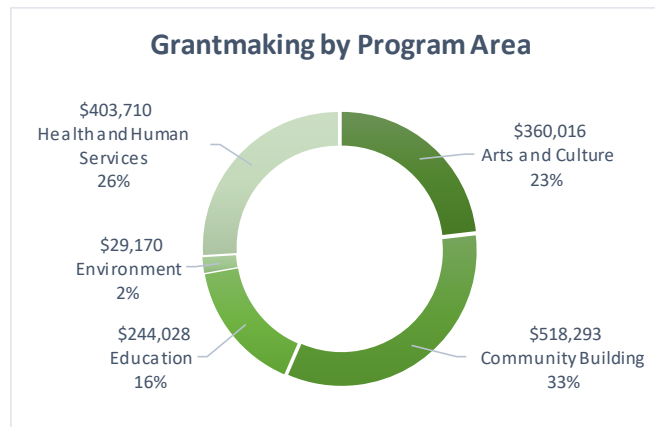
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## 2017 Community Foundation Summary

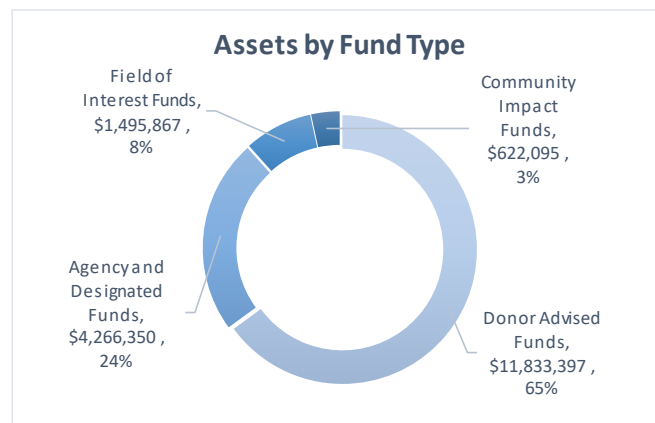
1,303 gifts total \$3.7 million fuel grants, deepen **community connections**, and grow resources.



418 grants total \$1.6 million make **community investments** impacting lives in Tompkins County and beyond.



111 funds hold \$18.2 million ensure **community resources** for today and for years to come.



*"Thank you for everything the Community Foundation does for our community!" ~ Jessica Gosa, Meals on Wheels*