



Summer 2018

INSPIRING STORIES, EMPOWERING COMMUNITY

Kids Discover the Trail!

Program Expansion Brings Learning to Life

This spring, hundreds of elementary school students experienced a 19th century classroom in the **Eight Square Schoolhouse**, dug for fossils at the **Museum of the Earth** and identified wildflowers in the **Cornell Botanic Garden**.

A record number of children in Tompkins County — 4,400 — participated in **Kids Discover the Trail!** (KDT!) program, a series of field trips that bring learning to life at eight educational organizations. This year, 80 percent of district elementary students from all six school districts in Tompkins County participated in the program.

KDT! was expanded to all six school districts last year after Community Foundation, along with several other donors, funded a 2011 feasibility study.

Community Foundation contributed \$10,000 toward the study, which examined how the program could be introduced into elementary schools beyond Ithaca and Trumansburg. "The feasibility study was critical in documenting both the need as well as outlining the required logistics," said Charlie Trautman, a member of the **Discovery Trail** Board of Directors and former executive director of the **Sciencenter**. "Each site had its own challenges and opportunities. Once we had the study, it was possible for the Discovery Trail board to outline a way forward."

After the study was completed, new schools were phased each year until all six districts had been added by last spring. The newest groups to take a field trip were the third graders in Newfield, which visited the **Johnson Museum of Art**, and the fifth graders in Dryden, which visited the **Cornell Lab of Ornithology**.



Diane Tripodi, a first-grade teacher who is the program's liaison in Newfield, said that many children wouldn't have the opportunity to visit museums if they didn't participate in the KDT! field trips.

Janet Cotraccia, program officer for Community Foundation, said the funding was awarded to the feasibility study because Community Foundation saw the value of providing access to local arts and cultural resources for all children in Tompkins County. "Scaling up this kind of programming to allow access for all, while engaging our fund advisors in dynamic ways to support this kind of programming, is a great example of how we magnify philanthropy."

COMMUNITY IMPACT



Thank You Community Leaders

Speakers, serving on grant review teams, committee and board service, community engagement and more. Photo: Millie Clarke Maynard



A Closer Look! Virtual Visits

Weekly interviews celebrate our local non-profits and their important work. Watch Facebook LIVE or view past videos on our facebook page.





Community Education and Events

Sharing stories of philanthropy continues to engage and empower our community. We look forward to hearing from you!

By The Numbers (6/30/2018)


Assets: \$18.7 Million


 \$ 12.2 Million Endowed Funds


 \$ 6.5 Million Non-Endowed Funds




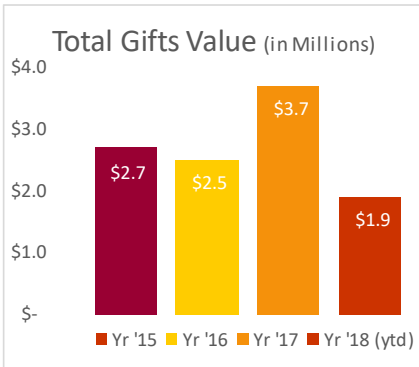
Fund Types (112 Funds)

 7 Community Impact Funds

 11 Field of Interest Funds

 30 Agency and Designated Funds

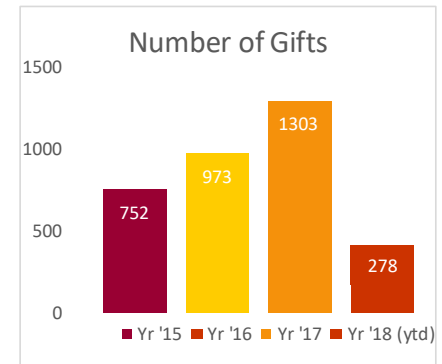
 64 Donor Advised Funds



R2P is Running Home! Donor advisors from several funds granted more than \$20,000 helping Running to Places create a permanent theatre and continue universal access with no mandatory fees for participation.

Community Investments

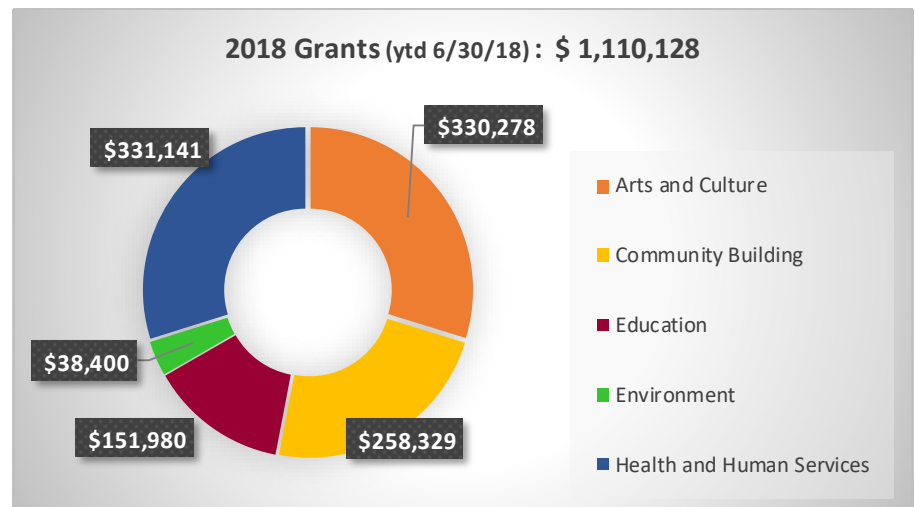
Thank you to our donors who made the following milestones possible! In our 18th year with over \$13.5 million in 3,400 awards, Community Foundation is a leading public grantmaker in Tompkins County.



Several Spring Grant Cycle Grantees
Photo: Janet Cotraccia, Beth Myers, Bronwyn Losey and Karen Yearwood

2018 Grant Cycles (\$ Granted)

\$ 162,304	Library Grant Cycle
\$ 121,285	Spring Grant Cycle
\$ 9,800	Out of Cycle Requests
\$ 61,292	Fall Grant Cycle 2 year cycle 2017-18



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Community Connections

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