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TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF  
LIFE IN TOMPKINS COUNTY



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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, AND  
COMMUNITY RESOURCES

# Philanthropy



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...A FEW 2018 HIGHLIGHTS



## Framework for social change; cross-sector commitment

One example of the impact of this focus is the Childhood Nutrition Collaborative. It was launched with funding from Community Foundation of Tompkins County, which has provided \$40,000 in grants to the group. The collaborative is one of Tompkins County's "collective impact" initiatives, which have built a framework for social change that involves participants across sectors to solve complex problems together. "One of the successes of our

long-term commitment to collective impact is substantial improvement in access to nutritious food in our schools," said Janet Cotraccia, chief impact officer at Community Foundation. "The Childhood Nutrition Collaborative has catalyzed this work, and the provision of universal lunches and breakfasts at Enfield and Beverly J. Martin are an excellent example of this." *Find out more at [www.cftompkins.org](http://www.cftompkins.org) under **Grant Impact Stories***

### Education and Engagement

*Over the past year, we heard many voices and gained important insights from our community. Efforts include a focus on basic needs; from our newest field of interest fund "The Jane Efroymsen Fund to Defeat Hunger." We held small group conversations "Let's Talk Philanthropy: Food and Nutrition Security", participated in a county-wide "Hunger Tour" led by the FoodBank of the Southern Tier, and continued collaborations with local funders, agencies and organizations.*



## ENGAGING

LIVE on Facebook: Taking a closer look at the programs funded through our Grant Cycles. Want to learn about grant impact? Trends in philanthropy? How our community is making a difference? Throughout the summer, we hosted weekly interviews sharing some of the amazing work happening in Tompkins County. Did you miss it? *Watch the archived videos on our Facebook page. Share your stories with us!*



# Building our Future

*Endowed funds provide continued support for community needs; both today and into the future*

**“I wanted to do what I could now to make sure that our Community Foundation has what it needs in the future.”**

SARAH JOHNSON

When Community Foundation of Tompkins County was created in 2000, Sarah Johnson was so impressed with the organization that she became one of its early donors. “I thought it was a really exciting idea,” says Johnson, who had moved to Ithaca to earn a graduate degree in human development at Cornell. “It is a way, if you’re attached to a community, for like-minded people to band together. They are more powerful if they’re together than if they’re apart.” Johnson was hired as director of operations for the former Women’s Community Building, where she became more aware of the role the Community Foundation

plays in Tompkins County. She interacted with many local nonprofit organizations that rented space in the Women’s Community Building. “So many of the nonprofits held events at the building,” Johnson says. “I became immersed in that world and I learned a lot about it.” Her sister, Gwyn Lymberis, joined her, moving to Ithaca from Buffalo. The two sisters grew to love Ithaca and decided to name the Community Foundation in their estate plans. “There are so many worthwhile organizations that we have given money and time to over many years that we weren’t sure how to allocate the funds,” Johnson says. “We have complete confidence that Community Foundation will use our bequest well because they are so in touch with community needs.” They also created the Johnson

Sisters Fund, part of Community Foundation’s Today and Tomorrow Fund, which has supported more than 30 organizations since its inception. A portion of the fund also defrays operational expenses. Other issues Johnson is concerned about include equity for women and girls and rural poverty. “There are families who have lived here a long time and a lot of them are struggling, especially those in rural areas,” she says. In 2018, Johnson made a new investment to the Community Foundation Pooled Income Fund. Her donation provides her with quarterly income. A former president of the Ithaca branch of the American Association of University Women, Johnson has enjoyed living in Ithaca and believes that donating to the Community Foundation is one way to give back. “It’s been a joy and a privilege to

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Through community conversations, collaborations, support of donors and generous grants to many hard working organizations, Community Foundation is creating enduring philanthropy to allow Tompkins County to thrive.

live here, and I’ve been fortunate enough that I haven’t suffered economically,” she says. “I’ve almost always had more than enough to get by and would like that to be true for everyone in our small corner of the world.” *Find out more at [www.cftompkins.org](http://www.cftompkins.org) under Giving Donor Stories*



## 2018 Summary

673 gifts total \$2.8 million, fuel grants, deepen community connections and grow resources.  
 477 grants total \$1.9 million, make community investments impacting lives in Tompkins County and beyond.  
 118 funds hold \$17.5 million, ensure community resources for today and for years to come.

