COVID-19 Response Fund Impact News

Community Foundation in coordination with other local funders including United Way of Tompkins County, Legacy Foundation, Health Foundation for Western & Central New York, Park Foundation, Tompkins Financial Advisors, Human Services Coalition, City Federation of Women’s Organizations, Ithaca Urban Renewal Agency, Triad and others, provided over $2 million supporting essential nonprofit services. Thank you donors, fund advisors and local funders!

Details and grants listing for COVID-19 Response Fund: www.cftompkins.org

Let’s Talk (Virtual)

As our community grapples with important issues, join us each month, hear from local leaders, learn alongside others. Details: news & events www.cftompkins.org

- February 23rd
  People With Disabilities
  - Jan Lynch

- March 9th
  Mental Health
  - Frank Kruppa

Online Resources Available

Advancing Racial Justice:
Philanthropic Resources and Responses

Share your thoughts with us.

"...think about what your time, talent, treasure, testimony and ties can contribute to advancing what our communities need to heal, to seek racial justice, to restructure our relationships and our institutions and to share power." George Ferrari, CEO, Community Foundation
Inspiring and supporting enduring philanthropy

Perspectives and thoughts shared from our community

Theoria Cason (pictured above), Cornell University’s Office of Engagement Initiatives staff member and Community Foundation board member, shared at a recent briefing, her experiences, as a member of the COVID-19 Response committee.

Theoria noted for health-related agencies, the upgrades to software services and facilities; provide an opportunity to upskill practices by staff making use of new software, expanding ways that mental health services are facilitated in a virtual space.

Grants assure continued services for residents’ health needs, including telehealth equipment, enhanced hotline services and technology improvements to Family & Children’s Service of Ithaca, Cayuga Addiction Recovery Services and the Advocacy Center.

Thomas Bruce and Judith Pratt intimately know the workings of the nonprofit world both in Ithaca and across the country. The two spent years working in arts organizations, serving on nonprofit boards, and for the past 10 years, they have been loyal donors to the foundation.

Tompkins County COVID-19 Food Task Force (FTF), continues the collaborative process of food relief with its 70+ local member agencies. “Community Foundation has been able to provide funding because of generous donors to our COVID-19 Response Fund,” reports Chief Impact Officer, Janet Cotraccia.

FTF partners identify new food shortage ‘hot spots,’ addressing them through collaborations, information campaigns, supplementing school food during breaks when nutrition programs are suspended, and coordinate volunteer deliveries.

They also support the steady network of neighbors-helping-neighbors who fill outdoor “blue food cabinets,” organized on Facebook via Mutual Aid Tompkins, open to all, 24/7.

Ana Ortiz, No Mas Lagrimas (No More Tears) founder (pictured with her children) was recognized for her volunteerism and community leadership, as the Women’s Fund, 2020 Laura Holmberg Award Recipient.

“We with her tenacity and ‘can do’ attitude, Ana is a fierce and passionate advocate, always ready to support her neighbors and her community.”

2020 SUMMARY (1/1/2020 - 12/31/20)
1,395 gifts total $3 million, fuel grants, deepen community connections and grow resources.
572 grants total $2.3 million, make community investments impacting lives in Tompkins County and beyond.
140 funds hold $25.2 million, with investment performance of 13.09% General Portfolio and 17.90% ESG Portfolio.

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