



Please consider a memorial donation to the **Rebecca Ryan R2P Youth Development Fund**, supporting Running to Places Theatre Company for youth development through theater.

This fund was established at the Community Foundation of Tompkins County
in memory of the amazing Beckie (*spelled like cookie*).

Grants from this fund will ensure Beckie's legacy and that this remarkable youth theater continues to ***create magic by making it possible for young people to shine their lights brightly***, both individually and collectively.



Even in a community with as many worthy causes as ours, there are a handful that are truly exceptional. Running to Places is one of these. For the last fourteen years, R2P, as it is affectionately known, has played a pivotal role in **transforming the lives of hundreds of young people.**

As much a youth development organization as theater troupe, Running to Places is a safe and supportive community where **important life skills are learned** through stagecraft. For many of the middle and high schoolers who become involved with R2P, it is the one place where they **feel they truly belong.**

Rebecca Ryan, who tragically lost her life in an auto accident in early 2021, was one of those young people. Beckie quickly befriended any new thespians and her laugh could fill a theater. Though she marched to the beat of her own drum, her uniqueness was more than tolerated: at R2P she was **celebrated, embraced and adored.**



Please consider becoming an inaugural donor to the Rebecca Ryan R2P Youth Development Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation of Tompkins County. To make a gift, please contact Amy LeViere, Chief Philanthropic Services Officer, at aleviere@cftompkins.org or click the following link: [Giving Link](#)



It's time for this wonderful theatre group, which relies on modest annual support to mount shows and fulfill its exemplary mission, to be put on a firmer footing.

The Rebecca Ryan R2P Youth Development Endowment Fund will provide essential and reliable support for performances that are free to all comers, both the youth who take part in the company's productions and the lucky audiences who enjoy their highly regarded shows. To make a gift, click here: [Giving Link](#)



"...my heart and the hearts of the whole R2P family were broken by the news of our dear Beckie's passing. I love your idea of honoring her memory in some way through theatre."
Joey Steinhagen



"...blessings upon the artists, dreamers, writers, and performers, and for anyone who has ever felt on the outside, that they may know their inspiration helps us to see the world differently and beautifully...." Joe Ryan



"We are staying true to our intention and promise to Beckie that we would spend the rest of our lives honoring hers!"

...HOLD ON TO THE LOVE & SEEK JOY ... thank you everyone for so many ACTS OF KINDNESS ..."

♥ Jess Ryan

Every time I think about what Beckie's reaction to this would be ... she would be smiling so fully!