Gratitude and Impact

The annual Philanthropy Magnified Reception held in September, recognizes our most generous supporters, HEROES Circle, and Legacy Society. This special reception was held to thank, and to share the impact and results of community philanthropy, this year, held at CRS Barn Studio, in a casual outdoor setting overlooking Cayuga Lake, a unique blending of the arts and agriculture.

Concert and Performance
Triphammer Arts Inc was delighted to present an engaging program of music and dance showcasing the arts community, organized and produced by Executive Director Steven Stull and Board President Jeanne Goddard. Musicians: Musicians Lynn Craver (soprano), Steven Stull (baritone), Rick Manning (fiddle/mandolin), Dave Davies (guitar), Peter Chwazik (bass) and Richard Montgomery (piano). Dancers: Jeanne Goddard, Risa Lieberwitz, Karen Koyanagi, Shayna Grajo, Ksenia Ionova, and Yvette Rubio.

Catering by 100 Mile Café
This enterprise is a collaboration between Christa Nunez, founder of The Learning Farm and Khuba International and Jeff Furman, founder of Social Ventures. The 100 Mile Café is committed to using locally sourced ingredients.

Philanthropy Magnified Reception

Fall Grant Cycle  September 13 – November 12

Let’s Talk: Campus, Community and COVID with Cornell University  November 9

Community Foundation Week  November 12 - 18

Let’s Talk: Immigration with Khandi Sokoni and Stephen Yale-Loehr  December 7

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

MISSION: We bring people and resources together to build a more equitable Tompkins County by inspiring diverse philanthropy, catalyzing collaborations and championing inclusion and justice.

Community Foundation Board of Directors and Staff would like to thank YOU, our individual and business donors.
BACK2SCHOOL  A $5,800 grant from the Social Justice Fund to GIAC sponsored this event which provided free haircuts and supplies for over 100, predominantly BIPOC, children to support their self confidence as they start the school year. Thank you God With Us Barbershop, Mane & Wigs Beauty Supply and V’s Hair Salon on S. Cayuga Street. Other supplies provided by Foodbank of the Southern Tier, Staples, and Cayuga Radio Group.

The Community Foundation’s Tompkins Today and Tomorrow Fund provided a $10,000 grant launching the Community Arts Partnership (CAP) Creative Recovery Fund; for community-focused arts and cultural projects that are making a difference in our community’s recovery in the focus areas of racial justice, public and mental health, economic recovery, and climate disaster.

CAP’s Creative Recovery Fund granted more than $17,000 to 12 projects. Application guidelines included racial equity goals.

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Charitable Gift Annuity Testimonial: John Semmler
"I set up a Charitable Gift Annuity with appreciated stocks because it saved me capital gains and now I earn income from the transfer to my CGA. These stocks were not providing me with income. At the end of my life, the balance is used for the community instead. I get income for life and a tax benefit now but in the end, it goes to the Community Foundation, and they do great work.

We needed something like this here.”

Thank you, John, for serving as an incorporating board member in 2000, a long-standing donor, Legacy Society member, and a donor advisor since 2005 and for this most recent support.

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2021 SUMMARY (thru 9/30/21)
544 gifts total $2.3 million, fuel grants, deepen community connections and grow resources.
502 grants total $1.8 million, make community investments impacting lives in Tompkins County and beyond.
146 funds hold $26.9 million, with investment performance of 6.75% General Portfolio and 8.5% ESG Portfolio.