

Philanthropy Magnified

Community Foundation of Tompkins County, established in 2000, has a mission to **bring people and resources together** to build a more equitable Tompkins County by inspiring diverse philanthropy, catalyzing collaborations and championing inclusion and justice. Thank you for being a friend and for your interest and support of our community. Without you and others, we could not provide \$2.7 million in grants to strengthen our community. You truly help to make a difference.



George Ferrari, CEO, and Angela Zhang, Community Foundation board member, at our **Annual Celebration**, held at the Tompkins Center for History and Culture

Meet our Staff



Madeline Rosas, Administrative Manager, graduated from the Art Institute in Phoenix, AZ. She has 20 plus years in the medical field. Madeline ran a family music business creating a vision to constitute a universal sound called “Ragin’ Mambo, Mambo Escalante”. She has diverse experience using a **collaborative approach** in creating music, dancing and coordinating events.

Moving to Ithaca in 2020, Madeline, is a proud mother, with a daughter at Cornell University studying animal science and a son who continued education in sports medicine/physical therapy. She volunteers in many direct care capacities, has raised funds for those in need, and has also co-created a children’s book with her daughter. Madeline enjoys dancing, music, reading, food, nature and communion/engaging with others.

Ithaca is MURALS!

It was a delightful morning, filled with art, culture, and lots of learning. Members of the community and friends gathered for a tour through the picturesque cityscape of downtown Ithaca. Leading our expedition was Caleb Thomas, the visionary behind **Ithaca Murals**, who shared exclusive insights into the myriad murals and creatively adorned electrical boxes, the masterpieces crafted by talented artists from both near and far.



Ithaca Mural tour led by Caleb Thomas

Art serves as a unifying force, forging connections among people and fortifying the bonds within our community. Ithaca Murals, in particular, embodies this essence, fostering creative expression, safeguarding our cultural heritage, cultivating community identity and pride, igniting social discourse and advocacy, and nurturing community engagement and cohesion. Find out how you can join an upcoming site visit on our events page at cftompkins.org.

Stablework Call for Volunteers

For the first time, since 2010, Tompkins County will be represented with an equestrian team in the Special Olympics Fall Games in October 2023! The team this year will be hosted by **Stablework**. Stablework is a small, local 501(c)3 organization in Newfield offering vocational training in routine horse care. Their goal is to provide underserved and individuals with disabilities an opportunity to learn prevocational and vocational skills in horse care that otherwise be inaccessible. The state-wide Special Olympics event will be **October 21-22 in Saratoga, NY**.



Lisa Krizman, Founder of Stablework, has put out a call for volunteers for the new **Tompkins County Special Olympics Equestrian Team** to help with the main event in October, training sessions and practices, and behind-the-scenes promotions for fundraising events. Training will be held at the Ithaca Equestrian Center. Find out more at stablework.org.

Community Foundation’s Vision: Tompkins County thrives thanks to engaged philanthropy

2023 Resilient Communities Fall Grant Cycle

Application for our Fall Grant Cycle opens September 6. This cycle will provide flexible unrestricted support to organizations meeting community needs, some longstanding, some new, or revealed in the aftermath of the pandemic. The Fall Grant Cycle makes grants from the Community Foundation's Tompkins, Today, and Tomorrow Fund as well as varied donor advised and field of interest funds. Eligibility is limited to those organizations serving the greater Tompkins County, NY communities. Grant range: \$500 - \$10,000.

We are also accepting applications to join our Grant Review Teams. If you would like to immerse yourself into this process, engage with fellow community members, and/or deepen your understanding of the mission-aligned sector in Tompkins County, please apply to be a part of our review teams. Find out more at cftompkins.org.

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

SEPT 14

Site visit to Ithaca Free Clinic

SEPT 28

Hispanic Heritage Celebration

OCT 16

Women's Fund Luncheon & Celebration

Lots more happening! Go to our website or scan QR CODE below:



We Hope to See You Soon!

Community engagement is about working with, and listening to, communities to build long-term relationships and develop meaningful solutions to complex community issues. In an effort to deepen these relationships and the value of inclusivity, the Community Foundation has resumed site visits.

Lasting Legacy of Leadership

An incorporating board member in 2000, John Semmler remained a steadfast friend and donor. Sadly, he passed away in 2022 and we share a few of his words.



*"I set up a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) 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.**"* John Semmler

Supporting our Community

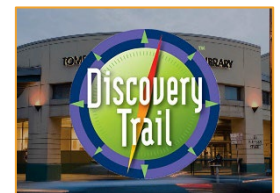
Pamela Tan shares, as a new board member, what she has learned about the Community Foundation is impressive.



*"Becoming involved with the foundation has compelled me to make a monthly donation, so that my contribution **joins forces with those of other donors** to make the greatest possible impact in my **beloved local community**, as I trust the Community Foundation to ameliorate Tompkins County's most urgent needs and foster its most **promising opportunities.**"* Pamela Tan

New Fund Spotlight

Joel and Cathy Zumoff Discovery Trail Fund support provides funding to educate children through the Discovery Trail, seeking to **engage children's curiosity** through nature, culture, science and art.



"It is about what I envision the future to be like for my family....planting seeds for the community and our own family." Community Foundation Donor Advisor