

## **Youth and Philanthropy 2018 Grant Awards Totaling \$25,000**

### **Outcomes:**

**EDUCATION:** Children and youth succeed in school, work and life.

**FINANCIAL STABILITY:** Individuals and families have improved financial stability and self-sufficiency.

**HEALTH:** Children, seniors and adults have improved physical, emotional, and mental well-being.

### ***Ithaca Community Childcare Center***

- **Challenging Behavior & ESL Aids - \$4,500**

This program would allow us to provide 1:1 support aides to children who are transitioning into the program as English Second Language and need additional support reducing anxiety that can lead to social emotional and behavioral issues. It would also allow us to provide 1:1 support to children who exhibit behavioral issues that require much of the teachers time making it difficult to provide adequate care to the rest of the children in the room.

### ***Ithaca Health Alliance***

- **MARTTI – \$2,500**

The Ithaca Free Clinic is seeking United Way Youth and Philanthropy funding support to secure a proposed corporate match of \$2,500 in equipment and discounted language translation services. With this match and United Way YAP funding, the Ithaca Free Clinic will be able to significantly enhance the language translation services now provided for non-English speaking patients seeking IFC healthcare services.

The proposed new language translation service will provide live video translation support that is fully HIPAA compliant, provided by skilled translators who have been trained in medical procedures, terminology, and cultural nuances unique to the language being spoken.

### ***Golden Opportunity Center***

- **Tutoring and Mentorship - \$1,600**

At GO, we believe every child deserves access to quality academic support. We provide free, one-on-one tutoring and mentorship to students from low-income families in the Ithaca City School District. Our tutors are primarily retired educators with 25 years or more of classroom teaching experience. Most tutors work with the same student for four years—second through fifth grade—collaborating with classroom teachers to provide individualized academic support, mentorship, and family and educational advocacy.

### ***Tompkins Learning Partners Inc.***

- **Learning An Impression: SWAG Outreach - \$596**

Tompkins Learning Partners seeks funding for the purchase of new schwag (giveaway items such as mugs, pens, post-it notes, and bags) for use at tabling events for volunteer and student recruitment. We also use these items as awards for our current students when they reach a milestone and to honor and recognize the efforts of our current volunteers, many of whom have been with us for over 10 years. Schwag items are thus multi-purpose for us: recruitment of volunteers and students and celebration of current volunteers and students.

### ***Catholic Charities***

- **Transportation Assistance - \$4,000**

Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga seeks continued support of the Samaritan Center through the United Way Youth and Philanthropy Fall 2018 grant cycle to support our program of transportation. The Samaritan Center serves as a welcoming location for families and individuals experiencing financial crisis. The funds requested will help low-income young people each year to resolve crises related to housing, transportation, health or work, and to stabilize, get caring support, and gain access to programs that have helped many to move toward greater self-sufficiency.

### ***Center for Transformative Action***

- **Youth Farm Project - \$1,000**

The Youth Farm Project offers farm-based social justice education for young people from pre-k to college-aged in Tompkins County. Our work is anti-racist and feminist. From our first growing season in 2010 we have employed a female Lead Farmer and Educator. According to the 2012 US Census of Agriculture, 14% of the nation's 2.1 million farms had a female principal operator. We are one of the 294,000 farms in the country who can boast a lead woman farmer. For the 2018 growing season the entire staff is female, from the Project Coordinator to each member of the Youth Farm Staff.

### ***Habitat for Humanity***

- **Building the Future - \$3,530**

We purchased a property in Tompkins County that will allow us to rehabilitate one home and build two others for low/mod income families. With our successful "Women Build" project, we seek to expand that initiative to include more young men and a real focus on young women to be a part of this three-property build. Through ongoing hands on workshops youth from diverse backgrounds will learn the construction trades and essential life skills for their own empowered future. It will teach skills to youth including real-life home construction skills, build community, increase engagement all taking place in an empowering environment.

### ***Discovery Trail***

- **Kids Discover the Trail Program Expansion - \$500**

Through KDT!, the Discovery Trail provides a series of education programs for elementary school students at our world-class museums, wildflower gardens, outdoor learning environments, and cultural sites, located right here in Tompkins County! Children gain experiences that inspire them to become more engaged students, better critical thinkers, and lifelong learners. We are expanding KDT! to all six school districts in Tompkins County with the goal to reach all elementary students within each district. We request \$2,000 to help meet program costs in all districts with a goal of reaching 4,556 students in Tompkins County.

### ***Family Reading Partnership***

- **Story Walks for Children in Dryden and Enfield - \$1,774**

The Family Reading Partnership (FRP) has a 20-year history serving Tompkins County families on their journey to literacy. Many of those living in rural areas are largely unaware of our resources. FRP is developing new approaches to reach these residents. Story Walks are a simple concept whereby pages from a picture book are placed along a path, in the woods or park. They are wonderful for children who have trouble being still, families who love to be outdoors, and caregivers who are not strong readers. FRP is collaborating with community volunteers to install family-oriented Story Walks in Dryden and Enfield.

### ***Foodnet Meals on Wheels***

- **Blizzard Bag Program 2018-2019 - \$3,500**

Foodnet requests \$3,500 of United Way Youth and Philanthropy funding to support the continuation of the Blizzard Bag Program for vulnerable elders who have difficulty maintaining adequate nutrition. In Upstate New York, a snowstorm can hit unexpectedly, creating dangerous road conditions that can challenge our ability to reach homebound older adults and others in need. Given the vulnerability of Foodnet's client population, emergency plans for unpredictable service disruptions are critical. Investment in this program ensures that our older adult neighbors have access to nutritious meals regardless of the weather conditions.

### ***YMCA***

- **Bicycle Safety Training Program - \$1,500**

The Ithaca Y has a vision to create safety bicycle programs that keep kids and families safe while riding on the roads and in the woods. We want to work with other organizations to create a safe riding program to protect children and families from needless injuries if some basic training and precautions are followed.