



UWTC's T. Merrell Shpherd Fund 2018-2019 Awardees

8/02/18	Awarded 8/02/18	Brooktondale Community Center	Repair unexpected squirrel damage to the ceiling of the building hosting the Caroline Food Pantry	Our office and foyer in the "Old Fire House" building recently began smelling of animal urine. We discovered unexpected squirrel damage to a ceiling crawl space, and need to fix the problems for health reasons. The repairs will challenge our already strained budget for 2018.	\$2,000
8/29/18	Awarded 9/28/18	The Learning Web	Pilot Prevention Program: Life Skills for Marginalized Youth	A huge gap exists in local prevention programs that support at-risk youth to overcome challenges and achieve self-sufficiency. This pilot program will provide life-skills preparation and intensive case management for youth still living with a parent or guardian, but who have identical risk profiles as homeless youth and those currently in foster care. Due to funding restrictions, the youth targeted by this pilot program are currently unable to access existing programs due to eligibility criteria.	\$5,000
12/11/18	Awarded 1/30/19	The Advocacy Center	Broken Fire Escape	Contractor doing work on their shelter found that the fire escape was not up to code. Forced to shutdown shelter if not fixed.	\$2,800
6/1/19	Awarded 6/30/19	YMCA	YMCA Instructional Swimming and Safety Around Water Program	According to the World Health Organization drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury death in children aged 1-14 years in the United States. The YMCA is committed to providing quality instructional swimming and safety around water programming to change this statistic especially here in Tompkins County where children have greater access to natural bodies of water. Unfortunately, current facilities at the Y cannot accommodate the demand for this programming.	\$5,000