

Youth and Philanthropy
2019 Grant Awards
Totaling \$25,000

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.

Baden-Powell Council, Boy Scouts of America

- **Urban Scouting - \$1,000**

Urban Scouting is delivered through a twenty-five-week program, stretched throughout the school year. Program topics include: Personal Fitness, Character Development, Math, Reading Comprehension, Science, Physical Fitness, Citizenship, Community Service. The pinnacle of the Urban Scouting program is a week-long local day camp or trip to Camp Barton in Trumansburg where the children and their families test skills they learned over the twenty-five-week period.

Catholic Charities Tompkins/Tioga

- **Transportation Assistance – \$3,000**

We are requesting \$4,000 from the United Way's Youth and Philanthropy Fund to help us meet the urgent needs of the most vulnerable in our community. Of that amount, 100% will go directly to our program participants, assisting with transportation services. We are optimistic that Tompkins County, Park Foundation and DSS funding will continue to support our key staff expenses.

Family Reading Partnership

- **Family Reading Partnership's Story Walks for Groton and Newfield- \$1,485**

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 Groton and Newfield..

Finger Lakes Independence Center

- **Modular Ramp Accessibility Program- \$4,000**

To remove barriers to home access for people with mobility disabilities, through the construction/installation of aluminum modular ramps to the individual or family in need. People applying for a ramp must meet Very Low –Moderate income guidelines for Tompkins County (updated annually). The need for aluminum modular ramps in Tompkins County for people with lifelong, or acquired disabilities is continual. One of FLIC's ongoing programs is providing and installing temporary aluminum modular ramps that provide a safe method for people using wheelchairs, walkers or other mobility devices to get in and out of their homes. This service allows people to remain in their home, to participate and contribute to the community, and prevents unnecessary and costly institutionalization. Some ramps remain in place for a long time, but when a ramp structure is no longer needed, we de-construct the ramp and re-use the parts. Currently, our ramp materials for county residents are running low as requests are filled on a regular basis.

Foodnet Meals on Wheels

- **Blizzard Bag Program - \$4,165**

Foodnet requests \$4,164.56 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. Foodnet's Blizzard Bag program provides emergency meals so that our participants have access to food during these challenging times. Investment in this program ensures that our older adult neighbors have access to nutritious meals regardless of the weather conditions.

Friends of Ithaca Youth Bureau

- **Cass Park Arena Enclosure - \$1,000**

City administration and legislators are targeting 2020 construction if financial goals can be met. A new architect has been employed to update cost estimates and prepare for construction; project is now expected to cost \$1.4 million. The enclosure is known as Phase 2 Year 2 building on the City's investments in 2010 (necessary refrigeration) and 2016 (ceiling, roof, lighting), and required before Phase 3 (lobby, rest rooms, locker rooms, community room) can be considered.

Golden Opportunity

- **Tutoring and Mentoring Service - \$3,000**

Our tutors collaborate with classroom teachers and school administrators to set learning goals, monitor progress, and guide instruction. They also serve as mentors who open doors to enrichment activities outside of school hours. Our students receive two, one-hour tutoring sessions per week. Sessions take place after-school, on-site. We work closely with the ICSD transportation department to provide busing and transportation home following tutoring sessions. For students, working with their tutor becomes a natural extension of the school day and a positive part of their daily routine.

Ithaca Health Alliance

- **Ithaca Free Clinic Food Pharmacy Public Expansion Initiative- \$2,500**

The Ithaca Free Clinic Food Pharmacy is an innovative program designed to meet the nutritional needs of individuals struggling with chronic diseases who lack access to nutritional, high quality food items. To increase access, IFC has partnered with area food providers to ensure that nutritionally sound pre-packaged meals, fresh fruits and vegetables, and high quality protein sources are available to those in need. This increases the likelihood that patients will follow the medical nutritional guidelines necessary to preventing, reducing, and managing their chronic conditions. The Food Pharmacy is a food pantry that is located on-site, giving patients immediate access to a variety of free, healthy food items, literature providing nutritional guidance and recipes, and a prepared hot meal that is available to patients who have not eaten, prior to or after visiting with their provider(s).

Suicide Prevention & Crisis Service of Tompkins County

- **Help for Every Teen - \$2,000**

"Help for Every Teen" is designed to encourage teens to understand mental and emotional health, get emotional support for specific problems, and learn where to get more help. Visitors to the Listening Tent can make a stress ball, fold an origami, blow bubbles, and stitch up a booklet as they learn about mental health and wellness. They will be invited to sign a pledge to take care of their own mental health and to interrupt negative talk about mental health issues. In addition to the Listening Tent, there will be visits to classrooms about asking for and offering help to peers and knowing when to seek adult support; school staff members will receive training in suicide awareness; administrators will receive recommendations for suicide prevention policies based on current best practices. When possible, youth will be engaged in distributing materials throughout the schools and to participate in workshops. The program is already underway using funds from the United Way Community Care program.

The Discovery Trail

- **Kids Discover the Trail! 2019-20 Expansion- \$1,500**

Through Kids Discover the Trail! (KDT!), the Discovery Trail provides educational programs for elementary school students at our world-class museums and other venues located right here in Ithaca. Children gain experiences that inspire them to become more engaged students, better critical thinkers, and lifelong learners. We are in the midst of a year-by-year effort to expand KDT! throughout all six school districts in Tompkins County to eventually reach all elementary students within each district. We request \$2,000 to help meet this school year's programming costs with a goal of reaching 4662 students from districts all over Tompkins County with enriched learning opportunities this school year.

Youth Farm Project/ Fresh Snack for All

- **Fresh Food for All Healthy Snack Program Expansion 2020- \$1,350**

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.