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**Community Foundation of Tompkins County Receives \$600,000 Grant**

Ithaca, NY--October 22, 2001--The Community Foundation of Tompkins County (CFTC) announces the awarding of \$600,000 from The Atlantic Philanthropies (USA) Inc., to support the CFTC's philanthropic efforts in the local community. This three-year commitment enables the Community Foundation to continue in its organizational development and provide funds to make grants immediately for needs within Tompkins County. As a condition of the grant, Atlantic Philanthropies will match dollar-for-dollar the first \$250,000 of additional private funding to the Community Foundation. The funds provided through the challenge match will go directly for additional community grants. Foundation Chair Peg Hendricks stated that, "We are delighted that the Atlantic Philanthropies has chosen the Community Foundation as its vehicle for improving the quality of life in Tompkins County and we look forward to working with them in the future."

Founded in 2000, The Community Foundation of Tompkins County, Inc. was created to encourage and develop sustainable local philanthropy for a broad range of community efforts. As a public charity, the CFTC provides donors with the means to create flexible, permanent charitable endowments with maximum tax benefits. The Community Foundation then invests and administers these funds with the goal of long-term fiscal responsibility. Twice annually, the Community Foundation will make grants encompassing such areas as health and human services, arts and culture, education, and the environment.

The Community Foundation of Tompkins County encourages the community to invest in itself. Donor dollars will fund our local needs in perpetuity and create a lasting legacy in the community. Through the support of such organizations as the Atlantic Philanthropies, the CFTC has the opportunity to enhance the quality of life here in Tompkins County for years to come.

The current challenge match program enables the Community Foundation to double your contributions. For more information on charitable giving through the CFTC, please contact Jeffrey True, Executive Director, at (607) 272-9333 or email: [Info@CommunityFoundationofTC.org](mailto:Info@CommunityFoundationofTC.org).

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