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Community Foundation Fall Grant Awards

The Community Foundation of Tompkins County (CFTC) announces its Fall 2002 grant recipients awarding \$48,000 to fourteen local nonprofit organizations. The Community Foundation seeks to support organizations and projects that build community, embrace diversity, promote participation, empower individuals & groups, and increase capacity of charitable organizations. "We tried to meet as many of the core concerns addressed in the applications as possible, funding at least in part, a third of the applicant pool," said Eric Clay, Grants Committee Chair. The Fall 2002 grant recipients will be honored at a reception on Thursday, December 5, 2002 at The TC Senior Citizens Council Center in Ithaca.

During the first year of grantmaking the Community Foundation has awarded 45 grants totaling \$153,000. The Foundation's grantmaking objectives are geared toward building on local strengths & assets to promote community innovation and address unmet needs as opposed to operating expenses. "We strongly encourage collaborative efforts among organizations sharing similar concerns," said Clay.

The following proposals were approved for the Fall 2002 grants:

Organization

- Mental Health Assn – Tompkins County
- Cayuga Nature Center
- Lansing Community Library Center
- Greater Ithaca Activities Center
- Ithaca City School District
- Cornell Cooperative Extension of TC
- Cayuga Lake Watershed Network
- TC Senior Citizens Council
- Groton Central School District
- Family & Children's Service of Ithaca
- Coddington Road Community Center
- Catholic Charities of TC
- Community Dispute Resolution Center
- Danby Agricultural & Environmental School (T-S-T BOCES)

Project

- Understanding & Dealing with Self-Injury Workshop
- ECO – School Program
- Handicapped Access Renovation
- Community Unity Multicultural Music & Art Program
- Project LinkUP
- Parents Count Project
- Citizens Guide to Protecting Water Resources
- Promoting Physical Activity: A Video Project
- Liberty Partnership Program
- F&CS/GIAC Child Counseling Collaboration
- Headstart Collaboration Support
- Samaritan Center: Community Council Rural Partnership
- Enhancing Peer Mediation
- Danby School Community Garden

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