



Community Foundation of Tompkins County

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2003 Annual Meeting with the Community

Date: Monday, September 22, 2003

Location: PRI's Museum of the Earth, 1259 Trumansburg Rd., Ithaca, NY

Times: 4:30-5:00 PM Sneak Preview Tours of the Museum

5:00-6:00 PM Special Presentations and Annual Meeting with the Community

6:00-7:00 PM Reception

The Community Foundation of Tompkins County will be celebrating its third anniversary on Monday, September 22, 2003 from 5-7 PM at PRI's Museum of the Earth. This special community celebration will include the Foundation's 2003 Report to the Community, guest speaker Dr. Peggy Williams, President of Ithaca College, and a performance by Jan Nigro and the Vitamin L Chorus (one of the newest Community Foundation Special Funds). *Sponsors for the evening are: Alternatives Federal Credit Union, CFCU Community Credit Union, Emerson Power Transmission, MAILBOX of Ithaca, Monahan Rentals, Money with a Mission, and M& T Bank.*

The Community Foundation is a non-profit public foundation created by and for the people of Tompkins County. The Foundation encourages community philanthropy to enhance to quality of life for those who work and live in Tompkins County, New York. *Joining the Board for terms beginning in 2004 are: John W. Bailey, Priscilla E. Browning, Jean Gortzig, Eldred V. Harris, Carman Hill, and Frank Robinson.*

In its first three years the Foundation has awarded \$152,000 to forty-five local non-profit organizations through its general funds. Grants from Donor Advised Funds totaled \$327,072 to forty-six organizations.

Our newly established funds include: *The Browning Fund, The DeWitt Historical Society of Tompkins County Fund, The Dryden Youth Opportunity Fund, The Edge Fund, Family & Children's Service of Ithaca, The Howland Foundation, The Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI) Fund, The Kitchen Theatre Fund, The Newfield Central School Fund, and the Vitamin L Project Fund.*

"We thank the individuals and organizations who have become part of the Community Foundation, and we welcome others who are currently establishing funds," said John Hinchcliff, Board President, "Our vision: that annually our Foundation family grows ten-fold, generating a source of energy and excitement for what a community can do -- working together."

For reservations, please call Wendy Bakal at: (607) 272-9333.

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