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“Youth Opportunity Fund” Created in Dryden

Community members and business leaders in Dryden have formed a new organization to benefit the youth of our town. The “Dryden Youth Opportunity Fund” provides resources for the benefit of the youth in the Dryden community by funding innovative programs and activities that go beyond the basic requirements of public education.

The Dryden Youth Opportunity Fund operates independently of the town and school district and will fund projects in the areas of cultural and academic enrichment, scholastic achievement, and youth development. The Fund will also support those projects that could not be initiated without supplemental financing.

“It operates as a Special Fund within the Community Foundation of Tompkins County,” explains Paul Streeter, Board Chair. “Our relationship with the Community Foundation ensures that all gifts to the Fund receive a maximum tax deduction, while providing our Board-of-Directors with necessary benefits regarding the investment and accounting of the Fund’s assets.”

Those wishing to donate to the Dryden Youth Opportunity Fund may do so by sending a check to P.O. Box 1076, Dryden, NY 13053. Checks should be made payable to the Community Foundation of Tompkins County/Dryden Youth Opportunity Fund (DYOF).

The Dryden Youth Opportunity Fund will benefit from concession proceeds and donations made during the Motorama sale event this Thursday 7/24 – Monday 7/28 at Stafford Chevrolet/The Price King in Dryden. Board members will be on hand to answer questions. “We’d like to have enough money in the bank to award our first grant in 2004.” says Streeter, “With the support of the people at Stafford’s and others in our community, that goal is truly reachable!”