

*Donations will be added to the endowment to enhance our ability to meet the ever increasing need for funds in the human service community. Gifts will improve the League's capacity to make allocations to a wide range of well-qualified and deserving recipients who might not have other funding sources readily available. As a tax exempt organization under the laws of New York State, all donations to the League are tax deductible.*

*Our fund balance as of December 2015 was \$300,493. Growing the endowment is our goal.*

*Our portfolio is currently managed by Tompkins Financial Advisors and is diversified to include mutual funds, stocks and bonds.*

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### **PAST SSL GRANT CEREMONIES**



# **SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE OF ITHACA AND TOMPKINS COUNTY**



**2015-2016 INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE**

**FILLING IN THE GAPS SINCE 1904**

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## MISSION

The mission of the Social Service League is to support Tompkins County not-for-profit human service organizations in their work to address the most significant community needs.

### Grant Guidelines

- Grants are awarded annually in the fall.
- Grant requests may not exceed \$5,000. (In 2015-2016, the average grant was \$1,081.)
- Grants will be awarded for programs or projects that do not require ongoing support from the League. Grants may be awarded for one-time events and for initiatives that an agency's current funding cannot support.
- Grants are not typically awarded to support capital fund drives, deficits, individuals, or regular

The Social Service League was founded in 1904 by members of the Williams, Wyckoff, Rothschild and Livermore families to provide support to local families and to respond to the needs of the growing immigrant population. The League later opened and operated a



West Side House

settlement house in Ithaca's Northside neighborhood from 1925 -1931. A second Northside settlement house opened in 1926 and operated into the 1960s. A full roster of programs for children and adults was offered: nursery school, Boys' and Girls' Clubs, classes, and athletic and social events. Another settlement house, West Side House, near the inlet, opened in 1918 and provided social, educational and recreational facilities for the neighborhood until 1967. Proceeds from the sale of the houses formed the endowment for the current Social Service League. Interest on the endowment is used for annual grants to local service agencies for projects consistent with the goals of the original League.

*Source: Ithaca's Neighborhoods: The Rhine, The Hill, and the Goose. The DeWitt Historical Society, 1988.*

## GRANT HISTORY

Since 1980 when the Human Services Coalition began providing support to the League, more than 300 grants totaling over \$540,000 have been made to more than 100 local programs. Over \$1.8 million was requested during this same period. In 2015-2016, 15 grants were made to:

- Cancer Resource Center of the Finger Lakes
- Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga
- Challenge Workforce Solutions
- Child Development Council
- Downtown Ithaca Children's Center
- Finger Lakes Re-Use
- Greater Ithaca Activities Center
- Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Ithaca Youth Bureau
- Kitchen Theatre Company
- Mental Health Association
- Southside Community Center
- Suicide Prevention and Crisis Service
- Tompkins Learning Partners
- Unity House of Cayuga County