

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 spring.
- Grant requests may not exceed \$5,000. (In 2010 the average grant was \$1,212.)
- 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 operating expenses.

HISTORY

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 settlement house in the city's Northside neighborhood from 1925 -1931. A second Northside settlement house opened in 1926 and operated into the 1960s. With additional support from the United Way, a full roster of



West Side House

programs for children and adults was offered: nursery school, Boys' and Girls' Clubs, many 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 West Side House and Northside House 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, over 230 grants totaling more than \$444,000 have been made to more than 90 local programs and agencies. Over \$1.45 million was requested during this same period. In 2010, 13 grants totaling \$15,759 were made to:

Black Locust Initiative	Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI)
Challenge Industries	Longview, an Ithacare Community
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County	OAR (Opportunities, Alternatives & Resources)
Family Reading Partnership	Suicide Prevention & Crisis Service
Finger Lakes Re-Use	The Salvation Army of Ithaca
Greater Ithaca Activities Center (GIAC)	Tompkins County SPCA
Tompkins Community Action	

GIFTS TO THE LEAGUE

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 501 (c) 3 tax exempt organization under the laws of New York State, all donations to the League are tax deductible.

Our fund balance as of June 2010 was \$278,912. Growing the endowment is our goal.

Our portfolio is currently managed by Bank of America and is diversified to include mutual funds, stocks and bonds.

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PAST GRANTS INCLUDED:



(Left) 2010 SSL Grant Awards Ceremony

(Right) Technology upgrade at Southside Community Center (2006)



2010 SSL Grant Recipients

SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE OF ITHACA AND TOMPKINS COUNTY

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