



JAMES J. BYRNES AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE FACT SHEET

THE PROGRAM: The James J. Byrnes Awards for Excellence program was established during Raymond Van Houtte's administration as President of Tompkins Trust Company as a part of the bank's Sesquicentennial Celebration. Mr. Van Houtte wanted to share the bank's success with community members who have helped to enrich the quality of life in Tompkins County.

THE ENDOWMENT: On March 12, 1985 the Trust Company established a \$100,000 endowment with earnings to be used in funding the Tompkins Trust Company Award(s) for Excellence. In September of 1987, the Tompkins Trust Company added an additional \$50,000 to the endowment, bringing the total fund to \$150,000. In 2014, upon the retirement of James J. Byrnes as Chairman of Tompkins Financial Corporation and Tompkins Trust Company, the award was renamed the "James J. Byrnes Awards for Excellence," with an additional donation from Tompkins in the amount of \$100,000.

CRITERIA: Nominees can be a non-profit group, a group of individuals representing a key unpaid volunteerism element of a local organization, or local individuals performing philanthropic community service and should meet the following minimum criteria:

- ➔ Make a significant contribution towards improving the quality of life for others either as a major component of a non-profit organization or through individual philanthropic efforts.
- ➔ Generously volunteer time and effort, on an ongoing basis, to activities which help others in Tompkins County.

CANDIDATE SELECTION: The selection of candidates for the James J. Byrnes Award for Excellence is at the full discretion and responsibility of the Foundation Awards Committee and their decision, in all instances, shall be final. Candidate selection is completed prior to May 1st of each year. The number and amount of award(s) shall be determined by the committee based on earnings available in the endowment. The awards shall be presented to the selected non-profit(s) candidate(s) and/or a non-profit chosen by the selected individual candidate.

ADMINISTRATION: The Endowment is administered by the Legacy Foundation of Tompkins County (formerly known as the Tompkins County Foundation), a not-for-profit trust, created in 1945 by a group of local Tompkins County

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residents to establish a means by which they and others could express their love for their community and their gratitude for some of the goodness of life that blessed their residence in Tompkins County.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: The Foundation Awards Committee consists of five members; three appointed by the Foundation and two by the award sponsor, Tompkins Trust Company.

CANDIDATE CONSIDERATION: Candidate consideration is the responsibility of the Awards Committee. Nomination forms may be requested from the James J. Byrnes Award for Excellence, Selection Committee, please contact Aundre Seals at 607-274-2060 or email at aseals@tompkinsfinancial.com.

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT: Announcement of award recipient(s) will be made on or about May 18th of each year (the bank's birthday), jointly by the Legacy Foundation of Tompkins County and Tompkins Trust Company.

For more information about the James J. Byrnes Awards for Excellence program, contact Aundre Seals at 607-274-2060 or e-mail aseals@tompkinsfinancial.com

1986 Recipients

Mrs. Eileen Crony, Groton
Mr. Thomas P. Niederkorn, Ithaca
Mr. J. Lawrence Smith, Dryden
Mr. George H. Stevens, Lansing
Mr. Charles M. Weaver, Ithaca
Community Good Neighbor Fund,
Newfield; Mrs. Louise Carpenter;
Mrs. Carol Drader
Young, Gifted, and Black;
Mrs. Lee Davis; Mrs. Denise Lee

1987 Recipients

Mrs. John Barry, Groton
Mr. R. Davis Cutting, Ithaca
Mrs. Rovene C. Miscall, Ithaca
Sgt. Robert Parlett, Jr., Groton
Mrs. Muriel Wolcott, Dryden
Mrs. Elinore Bly, Ithaca

1988 Recipients

Mr. David E. Bock, Newfield
Mr. Stephen Craig, Trumansburg
Mr. Lee Ginenthal, Ithaca
Mrs. Susan Hatch, Ithaca
Dr. John Hirshfeld, Ithaca
Mr. Gary Race, Ithaca
Robert and Jean Teitelbaum, Ithaca
Mr. Stanley W. Warren, Ithaca

1989 Recipients

Harold Gerkin, Ithaca
Jack and Janet Graham, Dryden
Marjorie Olds, Ithaca
James Pullman, Newfield
Patricia W. Seitz, Ithaca
Horace E. Shackelton, Ithaca
Randall E. Shew, Ithaca
Tammo and Aafke Steenhuis, Ithaca

1990 Recipients

Kathy Loehr-Balada, Ithaca
Jeannette Fish, Trumansburg
Mary Larkin, Ithaca
Lynn Leopold, Ithaca
Debby Levin & Ilma Levine, Ithaca
Edward Murray, Ithaca
Barbara Penrose, Trumansburg
Victoria Romanoff, Ithaca
Calista Smith, Trumansburg
Ernest & Sharon Newbury, Freeville

1991 Recipients

Molly Adams, Brooktondale
Joan Barber, Ithaca
Clayton & Gerri Bowker, Freeville
Charles Breckheimer, Dryden
Betsy Darlington, Ithaca
Fred J. Gentz, Dryden
Florence Hoard, Ithaca
Virginia Miller, Ithaca
Teresa Robinson, Groton
Drug Abuse Resistance Education
Program;
Chief Harlin R. McEwen, Sheriff
Emery Guest

1992 Recipients

Andra Benson, Lansing
Susan Blumenthal, Ithaca
Dorothy Buckley, Lansing
Esther Dotson, Ithaca
Henry and Margaret Hoffman,
Newfield
Brenda Kent, Jacksonville
Kevin McMahon, Freeville
Anna Steinkraus, Newfield
Charlotte Stone, Ithaca
Vernon B. Smith, Ithaca

1993 Recipients

Lucy J. Brown, Ithaca
Edward Buckley, Ithaca
Betty Corrigan, Ithaca
Michael Homrighaus, Cortland
Carole Liggett, Ithaca
Russell Martin, Ithaca
Richard Pendleton, Ithaca
Patricia Vaughan, Ithaca
Ione Worth, Dryden

1994 Recipients

Lucia Armstrong, Ithaca
William J. Dress, Ithaca
Mimi Melegrito, Ithaca
Anthony J. Pane, Jr., Ithaca
James S. Spero, Ithaca
Robert and Dawn Jewell, Ithaca

1995 Recipients

William Burin, Lansing
Dorothy Burgess, Dryden
Bruce Brittain, Ithaca
Carol Kammen, Ithaca
Elizabeth Mulholland, Ithaca
Nina Miller, Ithaca
Robert F. Seibel, Ithaca

1996 Recipients

Beverly Baker, Ithaca
Barbara Hume, Dryden
Mary Love, Ithaca
Mary Pancoe, Dryden
Gretchen Sachse, Ithaca
Andrew Sciarabba, Lansing
Mary & Bruce Burlingame, Groton
Beth & Walt Srode, Ithaca
Loaves and Fishes, Ithaca
Patchwork Therapeutic Riding Center,
Groton

1997 Recipients

Brigid Hubberman, Ithaca
Joseph Leeming, Ithaca
Calvin J. Organ, Trumansburg
Elsie Puhalka, Ithaca
Gina Prentiss & Elsie Gutches,
Dryden
Dianne L. Walter, Lansing
Ithaca Youth Bureau Volunteer
Friends
Alcoholism Council of
Tompkins County

1998 Recipients

Teen RAVE Troupe, Ithaca
Mary Carey, Ithaca
Ginger Cohen, Ithaca
Philip Dankert, Lansing
Mary Grainger, Ithaca
Gundy Lee, Newfield
Cleo Lowe, Ithaca
Ray Oglesby, Ithaca
Joan Ormondroyd, Trumansburg

1999 Recipients

Christine Ashdown, Ithaca
Rachel Ehrlich, Ithaca
Isabelle Howland & Betty Harris,
Ithaca
Bernice Hopkins, Ithaca
Howard Keech, Dryden
Melinda Muller, Ithaca
Jennifer Engel Young, Ithaca
Dryden Sertoma, Dryden
Ithaca Community Chorus & Chamber
Singers, Ithaca
Pet-the-Pet Project (Nancy Given),
Trumansburg
Sciencenter Exhibit Volunteers, Ithaca

2000 Recipients

Robert Caryl, Ithaca
Jane L. Hammond, Ithaca
Sara Pines, Ithaca
Tracy Rozelle, Ithaca
David W. Sprague, Ithaca
Alexandra True, Ithaca
Child Assault Prevention Project
Volunteers, Ithaca
Gadabout Transportation Services,
Ithaca
Literacy Volunteers
of Tompkins County
Tompkins County Quilters Guild

2001 Recipients

Henry Cowan, Ithaca
Esther Dotson, Ithaca
Sara Jacoba, Ithaca
Mrs. Frankie Lechner, Lansing
Cal Walker, Ithaca
Robert Watros, Dryden
Gary & Sharon Woloszyn
Cascadilla boat club
Citizen Pruner Volunteers
Family Reading Partnership

2002 Recipients

Ulysses Philomathic Library
Volunteer Music Teachers
Boxing Program/GIAC
2 x 4's of RSVP
Youth Mentors/CDRC
Lansing Community Library Center
Westy Gelder
Raquel Mercado
Laura Lewis
Janet Aneshansley

2003 Recipients

Joseph Cassaniti, Ithaca
Jerry Dietz, Ithaca
Jean German, Dryden
Bruce John, Ithaca
Adopt a Family
SPCS Crisis Counselors
Ithaca Concert Band

2004 Recipients

Louise Bement
Kathleen Forker

Anne Grant
Alice Reid
Gary Stewart
Cayuga at Twilight Committee

2005 Recipients

Charles W. Brodhead
Patricia Brhel
Bill Alberta (Elves Program)
Laurence Beach
Alex Burgess
Durfee Tutoring Project Council
Eleanor Roosevelt Free Loan Fund
Bill Sherwood

2006 Recipients

Sandra Ferreira
Zachard Kaplan
Janet Krizek
Patti Nozell
Ray Robideau
Ken and Jean Robinson

2007 Recipients

Gadabout Transportation Services
Hospicare & Palliative Care Services
Kids on the Block Puppet troupe
My Brother's Keeper
Frances Eastman
Ken Glover
Wilma Martin
Suzanne Spits

2008 Recipients

Parent Volunteers of TCNS
Community Advisory Board of
MacCormick Secure Center
Natasha Tall
Mary Opperman
William Maxwell
Wendy Martin
Sue Hemsath
Valerie Gyrisco

2009 Recipients

Judy Dietz
Ray and Rita Hrris
Bethany Schroeder
Heather Swift
H. Matthys Van Cort
Hangar Theatre Board of Trustees
Ithaca Alternative Gift Fair Organizing
Committee
MeadowGates Equine Rescue

The Service League
Solar Express Bookmobile

2010 Recipients

Community Building, Works
Beth Cutter & Don Hickman
Todd Edmonds
FISH
Angela Loh
Dorothy Manhein
Louise & Dennis Osika
Ann Pavia
Susan Rosenkoetter
Steve & Lisa Stelick

2011 Recipients

Volunteer Mediators of CDRC
Ink Shop
Marg Albern
Holly Hollingsworth
Ed LaVigne
Diane Miller
Karen Powers
Keith Randolph

2012 Recipients

Jane Zimmer
Dryden Beautification Brigade
Dryden Community Center Café
Dryden Go Green
Ladies Union Benevolent Society
Ulysses Philomathic Library Trustees

2013 Recipients

Alice Moore
Barbara Barry
Carmen Guidi
Coroline Cox
Gregory Harrington
Stephen Hong
Katie Schwarz & Kiel Albrecht
Michi Schulenberg
Lillian Tuskey

2014 Recipients

Rick Grossman
Mary Camobreco
Juanita Teeter
Thomas Baldwin
2-1-1 Community Service Help-Line
Volunteers
Cornell Retirees Volunteering in
Schools

2015 Recipients

Martha Frommelt

Donna Bernhardt
Robert Spaulding
Sybil Daniels
Sarla Aneja
Provider Volunteers, Ithaca Free Clinic
Health Care
Friendship Donation Network
Volunteers
Male Volunteers: Big Brothers Big
Sisters of Ithaca and Tompkins County
Family to Family Instructors
Finger Lakes National Alliance
on Mental Health
Talking Circle Facilitators
Client Support Volunteers Cancer
Resource Center

2016 Recipients

Neil Oolie
Leon Ginenthal
Jody Earle
Joann Gruttadaurio
Dan Flerlage
Carolyn and Howard Longhouse
Carolina Osorio Gil
Alice Wu

2017 Recipients

Child Development Council of Central
New York, Inc
Amy W. Little
Benay Rubenstein
Dryden Youth Opportunity Fund
Janet Krizek
Nancy Myers
Roberta Wallitt
Skip Hewitt

2018 Recipients

Tom Butler
Cassandre Pierre Joseph
Shannon MacCarrick
Myrth Guest
Beth Lucy-Speidel
Susan Hatch
Mike and Rocky Baughman
Pamela Markham

2019 Recipients

Anne Haus
Hangar Theatre Volunteer Board
Daniel Krall
Karli Buday