

Tompkins Community Action

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Celebrating Staff!



2022 Employee Recognition Event



TCAction gathered together to celebrate staff accomplishments and milestones. We welcomed new hires and honored years of service for 1, 5, 10, 20 & 30 years.

It was a day of laughter and fun!



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This TCAction staff team supports thousands of individuals in Tompkins County. Our Early Head Start & Head Start and Primary School Family Support Programs provide educational opportunities and family development services. Our Supportive Housing & Rental Assistance Programs provide safe and affordable housing so that households can stabilize and move forward in a positive direction. Our Food Pantry Program provides food and hygiene products- with fresh food options and diapers- to assist households to stretch their resources. These programs work together to provide as much support as possible for the people we serve. This caring staff consistently works through challenges and changing community needs to move the mission of the organization forward.



Five Years of Service



Ten Years of Service



Twenty Years of Service

Annmarie Card started at TCAction in 2001 as a Team Teacher. Over the years, Annmarie has worked in various positions at Head Start sites all around the County. Annmarie has been the Program Compliance Manager since 2017. Annmarie was awarded the Leadership Award in 2014. Friends and co-workers describe her as flexible, crafty and the queen of classroom coverage. Annmarie, we thank you for your dedication and commitment to serving families and your team!

Danielle Harrington started at TCAction in 2001 as a Housing Assistant. Over the years, Danielle worked in various positions in the Housing Services & Energy Services Departments. Danielle was awarded the Coakley Award in 2010. In 2020, Danielle was promoted to Deputy Director and in 2022 became the Executive Director.



Thirty Years of Service

Linda Nash started as a temporary worker for EOC in 1983 making \$3.35/hr! Linda was hired as a File Clerk and stayed at TCAction in various administrative positions, with about 20 years in the Energy Services Department. Linda was awarded the Coakley Award in 2008. Friends & co-workers describe Linda as reliable, very polite, trustworthy,



well organized, and always willing to help. Linda, we thank you for your dedication and commitment to serving families and your team!

The Leadership Award

The **Leadership Award** honors a staff person who consistently exhibits leadership, initiative and commitment to the agency's mission vision and values. In the past this Leadership award has been given to Carrie Jubran, Annmarie Card, Mindy Storms, Corey Brewster, Tonia Landon, Amy Furman and Nicole Smith.

Jessica Schaber was nominated by Christine Norton who describes Jessica as *"always willing to help either families or co-workers. Extremely knowledgeable to policy and procedure. Keeps a level head. Explains procedures thoroughly to staff. Rule follower to the T! A true leader!"*



The Coakley Award

The **Coakley Award** is presented to a staff who consistently exhibits honesty, work ethic, patience, and problem-solving skills in their work. Past Coakley winners include- Linda Nash, Eduard Shakhzadyan, Danielle Harrington, Kristen Blackman, Barb Alexander, Carrie Jubran and Arianne Ashby.

Andrew Richardson was nominated by Amy Furman who says *"Andrew consistently advocates for the most vulnerable individuals in a genuine,*



nonjudgmental and empathetic manner; all of which is reflected in the professional relationships they create with the families that we serve here at TCAction. Andrew is an excellent representation of what Community Action stands for, such that each decision they make is directly aligned with the TCAction mission statement. Andrew has a strong work ethic and maintains professionalism with community partners while collaborating with their team in order to identify the best possible approach to meet the needs of program participants. Andrew will move mountains in order to help support the most vulnerable and goes above and beyond to help residents achieve their goals".

Community Spotlight

Community Foundation of Tompkins County: Let's Talk Zooms are quick 30 minute conversations, at Noon, to help you learn more about what is happening in various parts of the mission driven sector.



LET'S

TALK

**Let's Talk Series connecting you to community leaders
bringing current issues and sharing local impact.**

These quick 30 minute virtual conversations provide opportunities to learn more about what is happening in the mission-driven sector. We have prioritized a focus on pandemic recovery and DEIJ concerns.

Find out more at cftompkins.org

Check out Loaves & Fishes!



Free Meals

Lunch: Mon. Wed. & Fri. 12:00 - 1:00

Dinner: Tues. & Thurs. 5:30 - 6:30

Where: 210 N. Cayuga St., Ithaca
(Corner of Buffalo and N. Cayuga Streets)

Phone: 607-272-5457

All are welcome

**Loaves & Fishes has been
serving in-person meals
since May 2022!**

**They have also added a free
laundry service!**



Free Laundry Service

"Laundry Love" is a free laundry facility
in the basement of St. John's Church!

Where: 210 N. Cayuga St., Ithaca (Loaves & Fishes)

When: Drop off laundry: Tuesday, 12 - 1 pm

Pick up laundry: Thursday, 12 - 1 pm

- Volunteers will do your laundry for you.
- Please pre-sort your laundry and empty pockets

Important Dates

Look for us at Groton Olde Home Days

***Look for us in the Parade and at our
booth on Saturday August, 27!***

***We will have kid friendly activities
and program information.***

Follow the bubbles to find us!



Please note: TCAction programs and offices will be closed on:
Monday, September 5 for
Labor Day

Our Mission:
Tompkins Community Action collaborates
with individuals and organizations to
sustain and improve economic opportunity
and social justice for families and
individuals impacted directly or indirectly
by poverty.

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