

# A Message From the Executive Director:

The last few years I have taken the occasion in this space to write about our wonderful volunteers, literacy statistics, accreditation and our agency's name change. This year I think it is important to address how grateful we are for the financial generosity of our supporters and to explain who they are.

The largest single source of funds for TLP comes from Tompkins County and the City of Ithaca. Together they provide funds each year to serve the city and county residents who need our help. This County/City funding really is the core of our operating budget and without these funds we could not operate. As residents of the county we should be pleased that the Tompkins County Legislature and the Ithaca Common Council understand the need for our services and are willing to support us like they do.

The second largest single source of funds comes from the NYS Education Department. This funding has stayed consistent over the years probably because most NYS Education funding goes to public schools. Attempts have been made by Literacy New York, our state advocacy organization, to increase funding for organizations like ours and some progress toward an increase has been made.

Other significant funding is received from the United Way of Tompkins County. The use of these funds isn't proscribed but, in fact, I think of the United Way funds as what pays the rent on our office space – allowing us to do business, or more correctly, offer services. A local foundation provides a similar amount of funds that we use to support our Incarcerated Youth Services work.

The rest of our funding comes from local citizens, organizations, small foundations and businesses. They are donations received from our annual appeal, summer raffle, grant requests or our Scrabble for Literacy Event. The sum total of these equal the amount of funds we receive from the NYS Education department, our second largest funding source! I am amazed at the generosity from people here in our county. It is no secret that there are many human service agencies, doing good work, that vie for these contributions. TLP receives a generous amount of these gifts and it is gratifying to have this vote of confidence.

*David H. Smith*

# Annual Report 2006

## Tompkins Learning Partners, Inc.



### TLP Board of Directors

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"Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than  
our progress in education. The human mind is  
our fundamental resource."

John F. Kennedy

## Some TLP Student Achievements

### ABE Students

D.Z. reads much more on his own and understands everything he reads. He has improved his reading both in terms of speed and his confidence in tackling multi-syllable words.

J.P. was tested and has progressed by more than one grade level. He has been writing a lot of letters lately and has been working on word families.

A.W. received a 96% on a job exam. He completed another course and is improving with word endings, singular and plural.

M.F. creates more complex sentences in his writing journal.

J. obtained her first library card.

### ESL Students

After studying for many months, J.L. passed her citizenship exam.

Y.W. is learning to use proper sentence structure and the use of the past, present and future tense.

Q.T. met goal of finding job employment and continues happily in job placement.

B.H. has been receiving tutoring in math in preparation for the GED exam.

N.P. has been practicing phone etiquette and learning how to use programs on the computer.

E.Q. has gained an understanding of the difference between regular and irregular verbs.

## Students Served

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	ABE	ESL	Total
Instruction > 12 hours	41	59	100
Instruction < 12 hours	22	28	50
<b>Total Students</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>150</b>

## Active Volunteers

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ABE Tutors	74
ESL Tutors	86
<b>Total Tutors</b>	<b>160</b>

## Volunteer Hours

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ABE Tutors	1772
ESL Tutors	2781
Other Volunteer Hours	497
<b>Total Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>5050</b>

## Nancy Suci: 2006 Henry Cowan Outstanding Tutor

Nancy Suci was Tompkins Learning Partners' 2006 Henry Cowan Tutor of the Year Award recipient. The award is given to a volunteer tutor who has demonstrated a consistent commitment to the agency's mission to help students achieve their individual learning goals.

Suci has been a tutor with Tompkins Learning Partners, Inc. since early 1999. During that time she has worked almost exclusively at MacCormick Secure Center. Suci received the award this past summer from Henry Cowan, the award's namesake and a volunteer at the agency for 17 years. Mr. Cowan is a former TLP board President and tutor.

## Revenues and Expenses

(Cash Value)

### Revenues:

County/City	74,771
NYS Dept. of Education	46,432
United Way	
Community Fund	13,451
Designations	4,440
Contributions	14,408
Service Organizations	10,150
Foundations	16,325
Fundraising Events	12,656
Misc. Income	6,727
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>199,360</b>

### Expenses:

Program Services	153,258
Management & General	
Fundraising Expenses	27,556
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>180,814</b>

Value of Volunteer Time    \$91,111
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## Students' Birth Countries

Azerbaijan	Guatemala	Thailand
Bosnia	Honduras	Uganda
Burma	Japan	Ukraine
Cambodia	Lativa	Venezuela
China	Mexico	Vietnam
Colombia	Morocco	
Cuba	Puerto Rico	
Dominican	Russia	
Republic	South Korea	
Ecuador	Syria	
El Salvador		
Estonia		



## **TLP TUTORS:**

Milly Acharya, Reilly Andrews, Ross Angelella, Kate Angelella-Monaco, Pat Avery, D.G. Bancroft, Cheryl Barbasch, Trudy Baum, Sarah Jane Blake, Alexis Boyce, Iris Brothers, Julie Brumsted, Carrie Chalmers, Lachlan Chambliss, Mary Chapman, Robert Chapman, Alison Christopher, April Collmer, Danielle Conte, Rebecca Costello, Lewis Cramer, Tracey Cranston, Deanna Crossgrove, Matthew Crouch, Marion DaGrossa, Juliane Deacutis, Karrie Denniston, Demetra Dentes, Rick Didonato, Sara Egan, James Eyster, Rachel Ezra, Rosa Fernandez-Fraser, George Field, Anne Furman, Haider Garzon, Chris Georgaroudakis, Marne Gleason, Barbara Goldberg, Maggie Goldsmith, Sunny Gooding, Emily Gunawan, Barbara Hatt, Annabeth Hayes, Loretta Heimbuch, Debbie Herrmann, Rob Hileman, Larry Hirschberger, Richard Holtz, Mary Hudson, Alicia Irwin, Susan Jaquette, Meredith Jones, Linda Keeler, Russell Keeler, Renee Kinchla, Michelle Kirchgraber, Noah Kooperman, Nelda Kubat, Carmen Lam, Bill Larsen, Jean-Pierre Laurenceau-Medina, Sabine Lessmeister, Laura Linke, Claire Lobdell, Claire Locke, Marge Loucks, Nathalie Louge, Deborah Lozano, Kate Lunde, Ginny McAuley, Marielle Macher, Margaret Mackenzie, Ann Mathews, Jan McCarrick, Margaret McCasland, Diana McComb, Laurel McIntyre, Grace McMenamin, Jon Meigs, Carol Miller, Lee Miller, Woodrow Miller, Franziska Morris, Sadie Munson, Angela Naimou, Jimmy Newton, Delia Ng, Mary Grace O'Connor, Juanita Odell, Elise Pasoreck, Tamara Paz-Soldan, Amanda Perl, Nancy Potter, Wally Powers, Amanda Purrington, Vivian Relta, Karen Sass, Elliot Schrank, Sue Schwartz, Martha Sitzman, Susan Soboroff, Ralph Soden, Isaac Spencer, Jennifer Spencer, Sherry Spitz, Geri Stevenson, Anne Stork, Jennifer Stott, Nancy Suci, Jennifer Surtees, Sheryl Swink, Chris Talman, Dee Thaler, Johnny Ting, Marina Todd, Eileen Trumbull, Lisa Turner, Lucia Tyler, Bill Tyler, Nicholas Van Borst, Marian Van Loan, Jill Vaughan, Jen Wanagel, Benjamin Warner, Kirsten Wasson, Nicole Waters, Sue Watkins, Tom Weiler, Amalia Weinberg, Elise West, Ariel White, David White, Valerie White, Elizabeth Wills, Lola Winter, Shirley Wirth, Chris Woodard

This list is compiled from the 2006 fiscal year.

## TLP's Mission

Our mission is to help adults and young people who live or work in Tompkins County meet their personal goals, free of charge, by improving their ability to read, write, and speak English, and to use math and computers. Students achieve these goals by working together with professionally trained and supported volunteers.



## Marian Van Loan: 2006 Exemplar Award

In September, 2006, Marian Van Loan was selected to be TLP's recipient of the agency's Exemplar Award. Van Loan has been a volunteer with the agency since 2002. Although she was honored for her fundraising work at the agency, Van Loan has served the agency in a number of capacities including office assistant, tutor and trainer. David Smith, Executive Director of Tompkins Learning Partners noted, "The dedication Marian has shown to Tompkins Learning Partners and the support she has given us made the decision to select Marian as the 2006 recipient of the Exemplar Award an easy one."

The award recipient is selected annually for presentation to an individual, business or organization that has partnered with Tompkins Learning Partners to further its mission to help individuals enrich their lives through literacy.

TLP respects the privacy of our students. We never use students' full names or photos without their permission.



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