

Tompkins Community Action

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News & Updates



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TCACTION in the Community!



The Big Reveal

On Sunday, September 26, TCACTION staff were honored to join the **Sciencenter, Ithaca Murals** and community members, during the Sciencenter's unveiling of mural designs on the Sciencenter's fence along First Street in Ithaca.



This collaborative project allowed children and families from TCACTION's Head Start program the opportunity to create a work of art that represented what science meant to them. Children, families, and staff used various art mediums and designs.



TCACTION's Head Start program has had a long, rich history of collaboration with the Sciencenter. This partnership provides hands-on training to staff in the implementation of science curricula to children ages birth to five, as well as science programming for families. Providing exposure to science concepts and instilling a sense of wonder and experimentation in children ensures children are ready for school, the STEM field, and the community at large.

Special thanks to Amanda Reinhard,



Education Coach/Specialist, for speaking on behalf of TCAction during the event.

The finished murals are on display at the Sciencenter.

Come Join our Team: Volunteer Opportunities

Are you interested in volunteering a few hours a week? We are building our volunteer team - all you need is a desire to help people!

Here are some of our current opportunities:

Opportunity #1: Food Pantry Helper- assists with smooth operation of the food pantry. Tasks may include assisting consumers with completing their order selections via phone, putting together orders for pick up or delivery, and cleaning. Skills needed: able to communicate by phone, complete data entry, be able to bend and lift 50 pounds

Opportunity #2: Housing Search Helper- assists consumers with searching for appropriate housing according to their program eligibility. Tasks include using community resources to locate housing options, communicating next steps with consumers, providing program overviews to prospective landlords, maintain an available housing list. Skills needed: good communication skills, able to use computers, ability to multi-task

Opportunity #3: IT Helper- assisting IT Director. Tasks include completing small trouble shooting activities, assists with organizing and tracking inventory. Skills needed: knowledge of computer systems, be able to bend and lift 50 pounds

Ready to get started?

Email info@tcaction.org or use this QR Code:



Family Services Spotlight

The Head Start community has always stood together in our mission: to provide the best quality services to children and families. We're ready to keep building up the next generation of learners. Enroll now! www.tcaction.org #HeadStartForward

“Individually, we are one drop.
Together, we are an ocean.”

– Ryunosuke Satoro



Housing Services Spotlight



Ithaca Asteri Groundbreaking

TCAction participated in the ground breaking event for Ithaca Asteri. We look forward to adding 40 more units of Supportive Housing in downtown Ithaca for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness. Supportive Housing Programs serve the most vulnerable community members by providing rental assistance and supportive services. By partnering these supports it is possible to move someone experiencing homelessness forward with opportunities and prevent future episodes of homelessness. We are fortunate to have been awarded funding through the Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI). We look forward to this location on Green Street because of the proximity to community resources, employment, and services. We also want to thank the **Vecino Group** for asking us to partner for such a special housing project.



Community Connections

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Free TASC High School Equivalency Classes Available to All at Amici House

*New class time: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1pm - 4pm
at Amici House, 665 Spencer Road, Ithaca*

Open to Amici House residents as well as members of the community.

If your schedule prevents you from coming for all three classes, we can still work
with you on the days you can attend class.

The TASC subtests are Writing, Reading, Math, Social Studies and Science.

During class, you may choose to work on one test at a time, or several. We will
work on an individualized plan together. When you are ready, the test is offered at
TST BOCES every month. More TASC test information- www.tasctest.com

It is never too late to invest in your future! Call to register 607-273-4095

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