



## Tompkins County Office for the Aging

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TO: ALL MEDIA

FROM: TOMPKINS COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING

RE: OFFICE FOR THE AGING RECEIVES AGING BY DESIGN GRANT

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Tompkins County Office for the Aging was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York for the *Aging By Design* project. As part of a six-month planning process for the *Aging by Design* project, The Tompkins County Office for the Aging will use design thinking to address the identified needs of older adults. Through the design thinking process, older adults and caregivers provide direct input to improve or revamp programs to make them more effective.

“We are pleased to be a part of the *Aging by Design* project with the Health Foundation, as it will have a positive impact on the way we serve older adults” says Lisa Holmes, Director of the Office for the Aging.

The Health Foundation is an independent private foundation that sparks lasting change in health and health care across western and central New York, with a special focus on young children, vulnerable older adults and the systems serving them.

For more information about the *Aging By Design* project, contact the Tompkins County Office for the Aging at 607-274-5482.