



Thank you for your interest in **Let's Talk Philanthropy**, part of Community Foundation's 2017 Listening & Learning Series. We found these brief, yet focused, discussions across a broad range of issues to be valuable in identifying key topics in our community, understanding the resources available, and knowing what gaps still exist.



(photo: Keith McCafferty and Yael Saar)

We recognize that the topics we covered are so broad and complex that no single organization can address them....and certainly no one conversation can solve them. We do hope, however, that we were able to foster connections and raise awareness of such important issues.

We would be particularly interested to learn more from donors and varied community stakeholders. **If you would like to share in further conversations**, please respond back to Amy LeViere by clicking in this email address [aleviere@cftompkins.org](mailto:aleviere@cftompkins.org)



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Preliminary findings, mid-way through these conversations:

- Multi-dimensional exchange of ideas, information, and enthusiasm are valuable
- Connections and communication are important
- Synergy and building on what's working heightens our interest in supporting initiatives
- Donors seek opportunities to have additional positive impact with their resources

At the Business and Philanthropy session, Lisa Whitaker, CEO of CFCU Community Credit Union, discussed how she and her team changed the charitable and philanthropic initiatives at CFCU.

One of the unexpected benefits was a meaningful shift in the culture of the organization; and how employees and potential new employees viewed the credit union. This led to a discussion of the challenges businesses face in their charitable efforts and the distinction between large and small organizations.

The Community Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life in Tompkins County by **inspiring and supporting enduring philanthropy**. We consider one's time, talents, resources, and voice all to be part of that shared philanthropy. **Add your voice** to this series: [CLICK HERE](#)

Thank you for joining us in the on-going opportunity to make life in Tompkins County the best it can be. We look forward to your continued connections with us.

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On behalf of the Philanthropic Services Committee, sponsor of Let's Talk Philanthropy