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# Lynnette Scofield named Laura Holmberg Awardee, will be recognized at Community Foundation Women’s Fund Annual Luncheon

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*Online Event: Thursday October 13, 11:50 AM – 1:30 PM. To register:* [*https://www.cftompkins.org/news-and-events/events/2022/08/2022-womens-fund-celebration/*](https://www.cftompkins.org/news-and-events/events/2022/08/2022-womens-fund-celebration/)

TOMPKINS COUNTY, N.Y. — Lynnette Scofield has been awarded the 2022 Laura Holmberg Award, presented by the Women’s Fund of the Community Foundation, based on multiple enthusiastic nominations from other women who she has helped and inspired in the nonprofit community.

“All of Lynnette’s nominators, in different ways, mentioned how buoyed they felt by Lynnette, her volunteerism and can-do attitude” noted committee member Stacey Murphy. As nominator Gail Belokur put it, “She supports and empowers women as leaders by coming alongside them, giving them a voice, speaking truth to power, and encouraging them to take control of their own wellbeing.”

Lynnette’s passion for helping and encouraging is a part of her character. “If there is something we can give, we give it,” she notes. In addition to volunteering with Foodnet, the United Way, Sciencenter, Hospicare, Cornell Women’s Hockey, the SPCA, and others, she ran the Henry Miller Inn. When she wasn’t helping people she was hosting rescue dogs and cats, welcoming them into the Inn and nurturing them along with humans in her orbit.

Lynnette was encouraged in service from a young age, by a mother who was the first volunteer cruelty investigator for the Syracuse SPCA and very involved in the community, and a father who was an entrepreneur and stressed the importance of loving what you do. Now, she notes, her path of involvement has led her to learn much about Ithaca. Years ago, as part of a United Way campaign, she learned from the Loaves and Fishes staff that they procured the food for their meals from the Food Bank of the Southern Tier at a cost of 17 cents a pound. “It’s more now, but I still think of that all the time. Seventeen cents is something I have in my pocket. It’s something anyone can contribute. Everyone can find a way to make a difference.”

“ Lynnette's constant encouragement, servant leadership, and desire to see the team succeed stood out,” notes Meghan Omohundro of Foodnet Meals on Wheels. “Perhaps most important was her trust in the team and her knack for ensuring staff had a proper work life balance.” This year, the Women’s Fund Celebration is highlighting “Women Leading in Times of Unprecedented Change.” In our local nonprofit world, many leaders are women. “They continue to perform an outsized role in the work of our community at all levels,” notes Murphy, “and that makes the support of volunteers like Lynnette so timely, people who build up the potential in everyone.”