

# **Detroit Nonprofit Day: Leveling the Power Dynamics with Foundations**

## **Workshop Description and Facilitator Information**

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The philanthropic sector continues to see growing conversations around trust-based philanthropy, but what does it take to create change? The session will provide thoughtful insights into the steps that nonprofit organizations can take to begin breaking down the power dynamics with foundations and building trusting relationships for community impact.

### **About the Facilitator**



#### **Leslie Staroneck, M.S.W., Director, Learning Services**

Leslie Staroneck joined the Johnson Center as the director of Learning Services in April 2020. In this role, she oversees the center's educational and professional development offerings for foundation and nonprofit practitioners.

Previously, Leslie provided consulting services to a wide variety of nonprofits, foundations, and for government agencies focusing on the assessment and enhancement of organizational and system strengths. She spent four years directing graduate nonprofit program management and public administration programs for an online campus and has worked on policy, funding, and training initiatives aimed at improving the response to domestic violence, sexual assault, and child maltreatment.

Her longstanding interest and commitment to philanthropy includes founding a giving circle, serving on boards of directors, and establishing a donor-advised fund. Leslie holds a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from the State University of New York at Potsdam and a Master of Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh. She has completed the Excellence in Nonprofit Governance program series through Harvard Business School and the National Association of Corporate Directors College.

Leslie lives in Traverse City, Michigan with her husband, Paul.