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2016 NEW YORK COMMUNITY TRUST NONPROFIT EXCELLENCE AWARDS 10TH ANNIVERSARY AWARD FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

New York, NY, October 7, 2016 –The Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York (NPCC) today announced the six finalists of the New York Community Trust Nonprofit Excellence Awards Program. The finalists are eligible for \$60,000 in prizes and scholarships for the Columbia Business School Executive Education Programs in Social Enterprise.

In its 10th year, the New York Community Trust Nonprofit Excellence Awards, a program created and managed by the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York, is the only Award of its kind recognizing excellence in nonprofit management among nonprofits in the five boroughs, Long Island and Westchester. The total of \$60,000 will be awarded to three organizations, with \$30,000 going to the Gold Prize winner for Overall Management Excellence, \$20,000 to the Silver Prize winner and \$10,000 to the Bronze Prize winner for outstanding performance in nonprofit management.

An expert 32-member selection committee chose the six finalists from a pool of 11 qualified semifinalists following an intensive second round application drilling deep on the program's guiding **Eight Key Areas of Nonprofit Excellence**. Three winning organizations will be announced and honored at a special Best Practices Workshop and Awards Presentation on December 2nd at the New York Hall of Medicine. Registration is now open via <http://bit.ly/NEA-2016>.

"We are very excited to announce the six finalists for the 2016 New York Community Trust Nonprofit Excellence Awards," said **Sharon Stapel, President of the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York (NPCC)**. "These organizations have demonstrated that making excellence a continuous practice is critical to mission achievement."

"We've found that one of the best ways to make New York better is to support its best nonprofits," said **Lorie Slutsky, president of the New York Community Trust**, the 90-year-old community foundation serving the city and the suburbs.

This year's six finalists are:

- **Jewish Board for Family and Children's Services**, which strengthens families and communities throughout New York City by helping individuals of all background realize their potential and live as independently as possible.
- **Neighbors Link**, which strengthens the whole community through healthy integration of immigrants.
- **New York Peace Institute**, which empowers people to find creative and durable solutions to their disputes by teaching vital conflict resolution skills to communities and organizations and training and certifying professional mediators.
- **NYC Outward Bound Schools**, which effects positive and lasting change in the lives of New York City's young people and in their public schools using the principles and practices of Outward Bound.

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- **Per Scholas**, which aims to break the cycle of poverty by providing technology access and education in underserved communities.
- **The Children's Aid Society**, which aims to help children living in poverty succeed and thrive by providing comprehensive supports to children and their families in targeted high-needs New York City neighborhoods.

These organizations represent a range of nonprofit sub-sectors including human services, social justice, and education throughout New York City and Westchester.

“This year’s finalists represent the very best in nonprofit management, which is why foundation leaders pay attention to these Awards and champion these honorees’ work,” said **Ronna Brown, President of Philanthropy New York**, the regional association of grant makers representing the interests of over 280 of the most prominent private, corporate and community foundations across the region. “We look forward to hearing the honorees’ compelling stories at the awards ceremony in December.”

NPCC expects to see hundreds of nonprofit leaders, partners and collaborators at the December 2nd [Best Practice Workshop and Awards Presentation](#).

NPCC created the Nonprofit Excellence Awards in 2007 and the program has attracted 750 applications from across New York City, Long Island and Westchester over its first ten years. The program is produced in collaboration with **The New York Community Trust** and **Philanthropy New York**. **WNYC** and **JPMorgan Chase** sponsor the program. Additional financial and in-kind support is provided by **The Clark Foundation**, **Ford Foundation**, **RSM US LLP**, and **Columbia Business School Executive Education Programs in Social Enterprise**.

Learn more about the [Nonprofit Excellence Awards](#), NPCC’s guiding [Eight Key Areas of Nonprofit Excellence](#), [past winners](#), and [selection process](#).

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The Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York (NPCC) serves as the voice and information source for the New York City area nonprofit community. NPCC’s mission is to create a sector that is better informed, managed, governed, and represented at all levels of government. With a membership representing 1,400+ organizations, NPCC helps member nonprofits to improve their organizational management so they become more effective in meeting their missions and saves nonprofits money through cost-savings programs. NPCC also serves as a watchdog for nonprofit regulation on the city, state and federal levels, assuring that the nonprofit regulatory environment is fair and efficient. Established in 1984, NPCC is the largest such organization in the New York City area.

Since 1924, **The New York Community Trust** has been the home of charitable New Yorkers who share a passion for the City and the suburbs—and who are committed to improving them. The Trust supports an array of effective nonprofits that help make the City a vital and secure place to live, learn, work and play, while building permanent resources for the future. The New York Community Trust ended 2015 with assets of \$2.5 billion in more than 2,000 charitable funds, and made grants totaling \$165 million. The Trust welcomes new donors. [See nycommunitytrust.org](#).

Philanthropy New York is the primary membership organization for private, family, corporate, and public foundations based in the tri-state New York area. Its 285 member organizations—including some of the leading grantmaking foundations in the world—recognize that a vibrant and well-managed nonprofit sector is fundamental to healthy communities. Collaborating in the

Awards provides Philanthropy New York an important opportunity to celebrate management excellence among their members' nonprofit partners, learn from their experience, and help build greater capacity in the sector. Philanthropy New York is the principal professional community of philanthropic foundations based in the New York City region with a mission of enhancing the ability of philanthropists to serve the public good. Philanthropy New York members recognize that without extraordinary grantees, there would be no effective grant-making programs.

From its state-of-the-art studios in New York City, **WNYC** is reshaping audio for a new generation of listeners, with groundbreaking, innovative radio programs and podcasts that include *Radiolab*; *Freakonomics Radio*; *On the Media*; *Here's the Thing with Alec Baldwin*; *Death, Sex & Money*; and *New Tech City*, among others. With an urban vibrancy and a global perspective, WNYC is America's most listened-to public radio station and the home to an award-winning newsroom of 70 journalists.

Columbia Business School Executive Education Programs in Social Enterprise are designed to address the specific needs of nonprofit professionals at various stages of their executive development. The Senior Leaders Program for Nonprofit Professionals and the Developing Leaders Program help professionals develop the necessary skills to help their organizations today and in the years to come.