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**THREE EXCEPTIONAL NEW YORK NONPROFITS RECOGNIZED AT
THE 2017 NEW YORK COMMUNITY TRUST NONPROFIT EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

New York, NY, December 4, 2017 – The Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York (NPCC) held its 11th Annual New York Community Trust Nonprofit Excellence Awards Best Practices Workshop & Awards Presentation on Friday, December 1 to recognize the exceptional management practices of three winning organizations. The Awards program gives applicants the unique opportunity to identify areas for growth and recognize achievement by engaging in a 360 degree review process of their management practices with a 29 member selection committee providing expert feedback. Throughout the nine-month selection process, applicants individually learn replicable and innovative management practices and then share with the entire nonprofit sector.

Brooklyn Community Services empowers at-risk children, youth and families, and adults with mental illness or developmental disabilities to overcome the obstacles they face. **Children's Aid** helps children living in poverty succeed and thrive. **Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC)** fights to end the AIDS epidemic and uplift the lives of all affected.

The winners participated in a moderated panel discussion during the Best Practices Workshop which was then followed by the Awards Presentation where they were presented with their award and scholarships to [Columbia Business School Executive Education Programs in Social Enterprise](#). For the first time in the history of the Awards program, all three winners were awarded the Gold Prize.

Runners up – **Chicken & Egg Pictures**, **Food Bank for New York City**, and **Girl Be Heard** – were also recognized and received Columbia Business School Scholarships.

For more than a decade, the Awards program – managed by NPCC – has raised awareness of the importance of the diverse nonprofit community in the New York City area, provided an opportunity for focused assessment of management practices that support successful organizations through best practices outlined in NPCC's [Eight Key Areas of Nonprofit Excellence](#), and helped organizations make significant improvements in their own management. Nearly 75% of applicants made changes to their management practices as a result of their participation in the Awards program.

"NPCC's Nonprofit Excellence Awards strengthen nonprofits by providing them with best practices, innovation, and tools for improving their management – a critical part of all nonprofit work," said **Sharon Stapel, President and Executive Director of NPCC**. "Well-run nonprofits are better able to serve their communities, and contribute tremendously to our society. We're proud to support and encourage nonprofit excellence."

"Philanthropy New York is a proud supporter of the awards and the management training associated with them," said **Ronna Brown, President of Philanthropy New York**. "These winners demonstrate the clear link between nonprofit management excellence and outcomes, and provide extraordinary models for the entire funding community to champion."

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“These winners have demonstrated that excellence matters just as much in nonprofits as it does for profit-making businesses,” said **Lorie Slutsky, President of The New York Community Trust**.

NPCC manages this program in collaboration with The New York Community Trust, Philanthropy New York and The Clark Foundation. WNYC is the media sponsor. Additional financial and in-kind support is provided by Ford Foundation, JPMorgan Chase & Co., 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 the [selection process](#) by visiting <http://npccny.org/nea-program>.

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[The New York Community Trust](#) connects past, present, and future generous New Yorkers with vital nonprofits working to make a healthy, equitable, and thriving community for all. It is a public grantmaking foundation dedicated to improving the lives of residents of New York City, Westchester, and Long Island. The Trust brings together individuals, families, foundations, and businesses to build a more equitable community and support the effective nonprofits that make a difference. It apply knowledge, creativity, and resources to the most challenging issues in an effort to ensure meaningful opportunities and a better quality of life for all New Yorkers, today and tomorrow. To join The Trust, visit <http://www.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 280 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. (<http://www.philanthropynewyork.org>)

Founded in 1931, [The Clark Foundation](#) focuses on helping individuals lead independent and productive lives and supports nonprofits and programs in New York City and Cooperstown. (<http://www.clarkfoundation.org>)

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[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. (<http://www8.qsb.columbia.edu/execed/socialenterprise>)