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2018 NEW YORK COMMUNITY TRUST NONPROFIT EXCELLENCE AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

New York, NY, July 20, 2018 – Fourteen nonprofit groups from across the city have been chosen as finalists for The New York Community Trust Nonprofit Excellence Awards for demonstrating excellence in nonprofit management practices. The program, run by the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York (NPCC), will culminate in the inaugural *Best Nonprofit Conference*, at which winning organizations will be announced.

The Awards recognize innovative and replicable nonprofit management practices. An expert 31-member selection committee chose the 14 finalists from a pool of 36 qualified applicants, following a readiness assessment, in-depth application, and 360-review of all management practices.

The finalists will submit a second round application that demonstrates best practices in each of the [Eight Key Areas of Nonprofit Excellence](#), as well as an overarching organizational commitment to fostering curiosity, equity, and innovation. These organizations will be eligible to win prizes in each of the *Eight Key Areas of Nonprofit Excellence*. Three finalists will move forward to compete for the prize for Overall Excellence in Nonprofit Management.

During the *Best Nonprofit Conference* on December 6, 2018, at the Faculty House at Columbia University, winning organizations will be awarded an overall total of up to \$50,000 in cash prizes and full scholarships to Columbia Business School leadership programs.

"We are thrilled to be holding the first conference highlighting best practices in nonprofit management in New York City, and to recognize those groups that put excellence into practice every day," said Sharon Stapel, president of NPCC.

"As nonprofit groups face great challenges, The New York Community Trust is pleased to celebrate excellent nonprofits that lead by example," said Lorie Slutsky, president of the New York Community Trust, one of the region's leading funders of nonprofits.

The finalists are:

- **Abbott House (Westchester)** builds lasting foundations under individuals with complex needs and prepares them for a promising future.
- **Center for Urban Pedagogy (Brooklyn)** uses the power of design and art to increase meaningful civic engagement, particularly among historically underrepresented communities.
- **Clay Art Center (Westchester)** offers a stimulating space for studio practice, exhibition and educational opportunities to better serve the community.
- **Day One (Manhattan)** partners with youth to end dating abuse and domestic violence through community education, supportive services, legal advocacy and leadership development.
- **Education Through Music (Manhattan)** partners with under-resourced schools to provide music as a core subject for all children, and utilizes music education as a catalyst to improve academic achievement, motivation for school, and self-confidence.
- **Fiver Children's Foundation (Manhattan)** makes a 10-year commitment to children from underserved communities throughout New York City and central New York.
- **GallopNYC (Brooklyn)** uses therapeutic horsemanship to help riders in New York City with disabilities walk, talk and learn, inspiring them to live their lives as fully, independently, and productively as possible.
- **Grand Street Settlement (Manhattan)** expands opportunities for low-income families and individuals by providing culturally relevant services that support community-building, advocacy, self-determination, and an enriched quality of life.
- **Jericho Project (Manhattan)** works to advance its mission to end homelessness at its roots by creating a community that inspires individual change, fosters sustainable independence, and motivates men and women to reach their greatest potential.

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- **Literacy Inc. (Manhattan)** engages families and community members to support young readers in high need neighborhoods.
- **Safe Horizon (Manhattan)** provides support, prevents violence and promotes justice for victims of crime and abuse, their families, and communities.
- **Stoked Mentoring Inc. (Brooklyn)** creates a community of fearless leaders through mentoring, opportunity, and action.
- **St. Nicks Alliance (Brooklyn)** transforms the lives of low and moderate income people through education, housing, employment, and health care; delivering impactful services with measurable outcomes to children, adults, and the elderly.
- **The Osborne Association (Bronx)** is dedicated to transforming the criminal justice system and to reducing crime and its human and economic costs.

The Nonprofit Excellence Awards recognize outstanding management practices in NPCC's [Eight Key Areas of Nonprofit Excellence](#), which are: results and impact, governance, financial management, diversity, equity and inclusion, human resources, information technology, communications, and fundraising. The program, now in its 12th year, also recognizes an overarching organizational commitment to fostering curiosity, equity, and innovation.

NPCC manages this program in collaboration with The New York Community Trust and The Clark Foundation. WNYC is the media sponsor. Additional financial and in-kind support is provided by Philanthropy New York, 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 Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York's (NPCC) mission is to help New York nonprofits thrive to build better communities for all. NPCC is the largest and most diverse nonprofit membership organization in New York City. Begun in 1984 to block the Koch administration's proposed repeal of nonprofit property tax exemptions, NPCC has continued that advocacy mission throughout its 34 years, expanding to provide nonprofit capacity building and information resources for New York City nonprofits. We support our nearly 1,700 members by encouraging strong, transparent and informed management and by advocating for fair and reasonable nonprofit public policy. (<http://www.npccny.org>)

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. (<http://www.nycommunitytrust.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.

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