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**Three Exceptional New York Nonprofits Win 2016 New York Community Trust
Nonprofit Excellence Awards**

*Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services wins the Gold Prize for Overall Management
Excellence*

*Neighbors Link and Per Scholas win the Silver and Bronze Prizes for Management Excellence,
respectively*

NEW YORK (December 2, 2016) – The Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York (NPCC) announced today the gold, silver and bronze winners of the 2016 New York Community Trust Nonprofit Excellence Awards, which recognize exceptional management practices of nonprofits in New York City, Long Island and Westchester.

The announcement of the winners – The Jewish Board, Neighbors Link, and Per Scholas – was made by NPCC, which created and manages the Awards program at the 10th annual Nonprofit Excellence Awards Presentation, Best Practices Workshop and Reception held at the New York Academy of Medicine.

The Jewish Board won the Gold Prize for Overall Management Excellence. Neighbors Link and Per Scholas won the Silver and Bronze Prizes for Management Excellence, respectively. The prizes include a total of \$60,000 and scholarships to the Columbia Business School Executive Education Programs in Social Enterprise.

Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services strengthens families and communities throughout New York City by helping individuals realize their potential and live as independently as possible. **Neighbors Link** strengthens the whole community through the healthy integration of immigrants. **Per Scholas** opens doors to technology careers for individuals from often overlooked communities.

"NPCC congratulates the winners. These organizations exemplify innovative nonprofit management practices with great results," said **Sharon Stapel, President of NPCC**. "We are pleased to recognize their hard work, especially during this milestone year of the program, and to share their strategies with the sector."

"New York and its suburbs rely on nonprofit groups for job training, arts projects, environmental projects and so much more, so it's crucial to have the best-run groups share their experiences with the tens of thousands of others," says **Lorie A. Slusky, President of the New York Community Trust**.

"At every stage of the awards process, we get to learn more about the nonprofit practices that lead to mission achievement and fiscal strength – true nonprofit excellence," said **Ronna Brown, President of Philanthropy New York**. "The funding community congratulates all of the nonprofits who have examined their practices, but especially the top three."

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An expert 32-member selection committee chose the three winners from six finalists, which were previously selected from among 11 semifinalists, following an intensive 3-stage application and vetting process that identifies excellent and replicable management practices in the program's guiding **Eight Key Areas of Nonprofit Excellence**.

The runners up—New York City Outward Bound Schools, New York Peace Institute, and The Children's Aid Society—received scholarships valued at \$10,500 to the Columbia Business School Executive Education Programs in Social Enterprise.

"We are genuinely honored to receive this award. It is wonderful validation of the work we've been doing to make The Jewish Board a leader in our sector and deliver the very finest human services to the New Yorkers who need them," said **David Rivel, CEO**.

"We are so grateful to be recognized for our management practices that support the mission of Neighbors Link," said **Carola Bracco, Executive Director**. "It is a privilege to be part of this team and we are humbled by this Award."

"We are honored to be named a winner for the New York Community Trust's Nonprofit Excellence Awards. Per Scholas is committed to improving opportunity and access for motivated and talented young professionals in our communities," said **Plinio Ayala, President and CEO**. "We have learned that our impact is best achieved through an intentional and reflective approach to organizational management. "

NPCC created the Nonprofit Excellence Awards in 2006, 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**.

More about the Nonprofit Excellence Awards, NPCC's guiding *Eight Key Areas of Nonprofit Excellence*, past winners, and selection process is available at <https://www.npccny.org/nonprofit-excellence-awards/>.

Applications for the 2017 Nonprofit Excellence Awards will be available in March 2017.

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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 makes grants totaling \$165 million a year. The Trust welcomes new donors.

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.

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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.