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2017 NEW YORK COMMUNITY TRUST NONPROFIT EXCELLENCE AWARDS SEMIFINALISTS ANNOUNCED

New York, NY, July 24, 2017 – Ten nonprofit groups from across the city have been chosen as semifinalists for The New York Community Trust Nonprofit Excellence Awards Program, making them eligible for \$60,000 in cash prizes and scholarships to Columbia Business School programs. The winning organizations will be announced during the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York (NPCC)'s [Best Practices Workshop & Awards Presentation](#) on Friday, December 1, 2017.

An expert 30-member selection committee chose the 10 semifinalists from a pool of 45 qualified applicants following a readiness assessment, application, and vetting process that identifies excellent and replicable management practices.

The 10 semifinalists will compete for six finalist spots, which will be announced in October, 2017. Three semifinalists will win a total of \$60,000 and scholarships to Columbia Business School leadership programs, which will be presented at the ceremony in December.

“The need for - and value of - excellently managed nonprofits has never been greater than in this current unpredictable political climate,” said **Sharon Stapel, President of the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York (NPCC)**. “NPCC is thrilled to recognize these nonprofits, and share their best practice with the sector, because we know strong nonprofits with great impact will most benefit our communities.”

“When a nonprofit group is well run, it makes more of a difference. We support this awards program because building stronger nonprofits is a sound investment.” said **Lorie Slutsky, President of the New York Community Trust**, one of the region’s leading funders of nonprofits.

The semifinalists are:

- **Brooklyn Community Services** (Brooklyn) empowers at-risk children, youth and families, and adults with mental illness or developmental disabilities to overcome the obstacles they face, as we strive to ensure opportunity for all to learn, grow and contribute to ONE Brooklyn Community.
- **Chicken & Egg Pictures, Inc.** (Brooklyn) supports women nonfiction filmmakers whose artful and innovative storytelling catalyzes social change. We envision a world in which filmmakers representing a range of experiences, cultures, and backgrounds are fully supported to realize their artistic goals, build sustainable careers, and achieve parity in all areas of the film industry.
- **Day One** (Manhattan) partners with youth to end dating abuse and domestic violence through community education, supportive services, legal advocacy and leadership development.

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- **Food Bank For New York City** (Manhattan) ends hunger by organizing food, information, and support for community survival and dignity.
- **Gay Men's Health Crisis, Inc.** (Manhattan) fights to end the AIDS epidemic and uplift the lives of all affected.
- **Girl Be Heard** (Brooklyn) develops, amplifies, and celebrates the voices of young women through socially conscious theatre-making.
- **Mental Health Association of Westchester** (Westchester – Tarrytown) promotes mental health through advocacy, community education and direct services.
- **Stoked Mentoring Inc.** (Brooklyn) creates a community of fearless leaders through mentoring, opportunity, and action.
- **The Children's Aid Society** (Manhattan) helps children living in poverty succeed and thrive.
- **The HOPE Program** (Brooklyn) empowers New Yorkers to overcome poverty through skills training, jobs and career advancement.

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.

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 **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 33 years, expanding to provide nonprofit capacity building and information resources for New York City nonprofits. We support our nearly 1,500 members by encouraging strong, transparent and informed management and by advocating for fair and reasonable nonprofit public policy. In 2015, NPCC hired Sharon Stapel as their new President to enhance existing programs and develop initiatives that are responsive to member needs and New York's nonprofit community. (<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>)

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.

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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.

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