

# **2022 Connecticut's National Philanthropy**

## **Day Award Category Descriptions**

### **Crisis Hero Award**

This award recognizes an individual, family, group, corporation, or foundation whose actions or donations have contributed positively to social justice, economic, or pandemic responses in Connecticut. Heroes can be nominated for solving challenges related to the COVID pandemic, equality for non-white and/or immigrant groups, long-term economic instability, record unemployment, health care worker support, food insecurity, police reform, mental health, domestic abuse, gaps in virtual education, or other critical social concerns.

### **Outstanding Philanthropist**

This award honors an individual or family with a proven record of exceptional generosity who, through direct financial support, demonstrates outstanding civic and charitable responsibility and whose generosity encourages others to take philanthropic leadership roles.

### **Outstanding Volunteer Fundraisers**

This award honors an individual or family that demonstrates outstanding skills in coordinating and motivating groups of volunteers for fundraising projects for the benefit of charitable institutions. The recipient must have demonstrated exceptional leadership skills in coordinating groups of volunteers for major fundraising projects and for more than one nonprofit organization.

### **Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy**

This award recognizes service by an individual or group of young people, ages 5 to 17 and 18-23, who demonstrates outstanding commitment to the community through direct financial support, development of charitable programs, volunteering and leadership in philanthropy.

### **Outstanding Corporation**

This award honors a corporation or its corporate foundation that demonstrates commitment through financial support and by its leadership role in encouraging and motivating others to take leadership roles toward philanthropy and community involvement.

### **Outstanding Fundraising Professional**

This award recognizes an individual fundraising professional who works directly for a nonprofit charitable organization, has at least ten years of professional fundraising experience, and practices our profession in an exemplary and ethical manner.