

Media Release

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**Community Resource Exchange announces five awardees of pro bono consulting services through the CRE Rising Fund**

**New York, NY** – Today Community Resource Exchange (CRE), a nonprofit consulting firm, announced the awardees of the CRE Rising Fund, now in its third year. These five groups will each receive customized, no cost consulting services to better serve their communities and achieve their missions.

The five nonprofit awardees are:

- [Council of Urban Professionals](#), which provides leadership development and mentorship to connect, empower, and mobilize women and people of color in the business, civic, and nonprofit sectors
- [Haiti Cultural Exchange](#), which develops, presents, and promotes cultural expressions of the Haitian people, raising awareness of social issues and fostering cultural understanding and appreciation through the arts, education, and public affairs
- [Hollaback!](#), which is a movement to end harassment, powered by a network of local activists throughout New York City working together to build the power of people to create systemic impacts in the movement for gender justice in public space
- [Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights](#), which educates, organizes, and defends the rights of immigrants by providing immigration-related legal and education services to low-income immigrants in New York and spearheading advocacy efforts
- [Teens for Food Justice](#), which is building a youth-led solution to urban food insecurity by training students in the science and business of hydroponic farming, gaining expertise and empowerment while growing produce for their own schools and communities

The awardees' programming collectively reaches New Yorkers in all five boroughs. Through the CRE Rising Fund, CRE staff consultants will partner with the awardee organizations on engagements that include strategic planning, executive coaching, and board development.

"These nonprofits are all working to meet compelling needs in their communities. We are excited to work with them on building their organizations to become stronger and more resilient, especially at a time when many nonprofits – and their communities – are faced with new and emerging challenges," said Katie Leonberger, President & CEO of CRE.

"The five awardee organizations are deeply committed to working toward change and impact in the communities they serve. Their work is more important than ever right now as our nation and City faces legislative, funding, and structural changes."

The CRE Rising Fund launched in spring of 2015 to provide pro bono consulting services to small, dynamic nonprofits in New York City. The fund aims to build upon CRE's mission to serve New York City's nonprofit community through accessible consulting services that strengthen organizations and create lasting positive impact for the communities and individuals they serve.

The CRE Rising Fund is made possible by generous donations from CRE supporters. To find out how you can contribute to the CRE Rising Fund, please visit

<http://www.crenyc.org/impact/cre-rising-fund/>.

## **About CRE**

CRE is a nonprofit consulting firm that provides the strategies and tools needed to build sustainable, high-performing organizations that improve people's lives and drive social change. Today we are privileged to partner with nearly 300 organizations annually, large and small, that are working to create opportunity and catalyze change.

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