

33rd Annual Philanthropy Awards Luncheon

AWARD NOMINATION CRITERIA

Submission Deadline: November 11, 2016

The Philanthropy Awards Luncheon is Nonprofit Connect's signature event, when we come together as a community to recognize extraordinary leaders in Kansas City. With more than 1,000 members of the nonprofit and for-profit community attending every year, the Luncheon is Kansas City's oldest and largest celebration of giving.

Philanthropist of the Year

- Evidence of outstanding civic responsibility as demonstrated by contributions of financial resources and voluntary commitment of time
- Willingness to serve in leadership roles, providing vision and the ability to involve others in philanthropic activity
- Demonstrated impact of creativity in philanthropic efforts
- May be an individual, couple or family

Emerging Philanthropist of the Year

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- Philanthropic leadership experience not to exceed 10 years

Nonprofit Professional of the Year

- Professional leadership including demonstration of breadth of responsibility, creativity, ability to build relationships and technical skills
- Use of innovative approaches to achieve measurable gains in organizational performance and efficiency
- Length and content of nonprofit leadership experience

Note: This award is not limited to Executive Directors or Chief Executive Officers, but may be awarded to any paid staff member of a nonprofit organization.

Emerging Nonprofit Professional of the Year

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- Use of innovative approaches to achieve measurable gains in organizational performance and efficiency
- Nonprofit leadership experience not to exceed 10 years

Volunteer of the Year

- Significant impact made in the community through volunteer service
- Demonstrated leadership and ability to motivate and recruit others as volunteers
- Depth, length and variety of service as a volunteer
- May be an individual, couple or family

Emerging Volunteer of the Year

- Significant impact made in the community through volunteer service
- Demonstrated leadership and ability to motivate and recruit others as volunteers
- Depth, length and variety of service as a volunteer
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- Volunteer leadership experience not to exceed 10 years

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Business Philanthropist of the Year

- Outstanding social responsibility through financial and/or employee volunteer support
- Demonstrated impact of philanthropic efforts in the community
- Commitment to promoting philanthropy within the business

Excellence in Collaboration

- Presented to a nonprofit organization and another entity, i.e. business, foundation, government agency or nonprofit, whose collective work is creating system-wide change on a complex social issue in our community
- By joining forces and leveraging combined resources, this strategic and ongoing partnership achieves greater results than one entity could achieve on its own
- Nominations for this award should be submitted by one entity on behalf of the partnership

Excellence in Impact

- Presented to a high-performing nonprofit whose programs and services set a high standard of quality and create meaningful social change in the Kansas City community
- This organization clearly defines its vision and aligns its mission and priorities with its end goal, maximizing its ability to achieve social change
- This organization can demonstrate evidence based, measurable outcomes

Award Criteria

- The strongest nominations are those prepared through the collaboration of several organizations.
- Previous award recipients are not eligible for nomination for the same award, however past nominees may be nominated again.
- Nominations are considered active for two years. (i.e. Nominations submitted this year will be considered for 2017 and 2018.)
- Nominees must live and work in the Kansas City area, and the impact of their philanthropic work should focus on the Kansas City area.
- All candidates must be available to attend the luncheon on May 10, 2017 in addition to being available for any pre-event production in Spring 2017.
- All nominations are confidential.

Nomination Instructions

- **NEW!** Nominations must be submitted using the online Nomination Form.
[Click here](#) for the Nomination Form for Excellence in Impact or Excellence in Collaboration Awards.
[Click here](#) for the Nomination Form for all other awards.
You can also find both Forms at www.npconnect.org/PhilanthropyAwardsLuncheon.
- You have the opportunity to upload supporting materials into the online Nomination Form, including letters of support, news clippings, and previous awards. Audio and video cannot be accepted.
- Emailed or mailed hard copies will NOT be accepted.
- Submission deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 11.

Process

A selection committee, made up of a diverse group of prior recipients and community leaders, will review all nominations and select honorees. Candidate review will occur in December 2016 with recipient and nominator notification occurring in January 2017.

Questions

If you have questions about the nomination form or criteria, please contact Reed Alberg at 816-888-5600 or ralberg@npconnect.org.

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PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

Philanthropist of the Year

1985 Donald J. Hall
1986 John B. Francis
1987 William H. Dunn, Sr.
1988 Marjorie Powell Allen
1989 Henry W. Bloch
1990 Ewing M. Kauffman
1991 Clarence H. Goppert
1992 Shirley & Stan Rose
1993 Adele Hall
1994 Herman Sutherland
1995 Shirley & Barnett Helzberg
1996 James P. Sunderland
1997 R.R. Osborne
1998 Rose S. Teicher
1999 John J. Sullivan, Jr.
2000 Virginia & James Stowers
2001 Shirley Pryor
2001 Fred Pryor
2002 Elaine & Norman Polsky
2003 Laura & Richard Cray
2004 Jeannette Nichols
2005 Senia & Will Shields
2006 Bernadette & Richard W. Miller
2007 Julia Irene Kauffman
2008 Robert D. Regnier
2009 The Ann & Gary Dickinson Family
2010 Carolyn & Bob Reintjes
2011 Mary & Alan Atterbury
2012 Mary Davidson Cohen
2013 Betty & Tom Scott
2014 Benny Lee
2015 Annette Bloch
2016 Marlys & Michael Haverty

Business Philanthropist of the Year

1999 Sprint Foundation
2000 JE Dunn Construction Company
2001 Bernstein-Rein Advertising
2002 Ford Motor Company
2003 General Motors/United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 31
2004 Applebee's
2005 Right Management
2006 Metcalf Bank
2007 Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas City
2008 Commerce Bank
2009 New Theatre Restaurant
2010 KCP&L
2011 Hallmark Cards, Inc.
2012 Burns & McDonnell
2013 McCownGordon Construction
2014 KSHB-TV & KMCI-TV
2015 Country Club Bank
2016 Kansas City Chiefs

Volunteer of the Year

1996 Mary Shaw Branton
1997 C. Stephen Metzler
1998 Patty Garney
1999 Marcia H. Bailey
2000 Barbara Potts
2001 Beverly Bodker
2002 Judy Henry Hunt
2003 Mary Kay McPhee
2004 David Oliver
2005 Pam & Gary Gradinger
2006 Nancy & John Dillingham
2007 Gayle Price Krigel
2008 Rose Bryant
2009 Anita B. Gorman
2010 Ramon Murguia
2011 Katie & Clyde Wendel
2012 Maurice A. Watson
2013 Gene Wilson
2014 Jan Regan
2015 Peggy Borkon
2016 Peggy & Terry Dunn

Nonprofit Professional of the Year

1985 T. Henry Stafford
1986 W.L. "Tom" Tompkins
1987 Maurice M. McNellis
1988 Robert L. Campbell
1989 Jane White Brown
1990 John A. Shehane
1991 Kenneth E. Smith
1992 Jessie A. Fuller
1993 Robert W. Buchanan
1994 Sister Olive Louise Dallavis
1995 Marie Whitmer
1996 William J. French
1997 Davoren Tempel
1998 Jeffrey D. Byrne
1999 Harold J. Schultz
2000 Thad A. Henry
2001 Mary Baker
2002 David A. Smith
2003 Daniel J. Bradbury
2004 Paul Gemeinhardt
2005 Sheridan Y. Wood
2006 Myra Christopher
2007 Brenda Sharpe
2008 Sister Berta Sailer & Sister Corita Bussanmas
2009 Barbara G. Head
2009 Mark L. Litzler
2010 Karen T. Haren
2011 John W. Bluford III
2012 David Warm
2013 Hilda Fuentes
2014 Jane Chu
2015 George Guastello
2016 Wayne Sims

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Emerging Philanthropist of the Year

2016 Jennifer Matney

Emerging Nonprofit Professional of the Year

2016 Deborah Wiebrecht

Emerging Volunteer of the Year

2016 Rachel Hack Merlo

Excellence in Collaboration Award

2016 Kansas City, Kansas Police Department &
Rainbow Services, Inc.

Excellence in Impact Award

2016 Community Services League

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PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS*

Rising Stars 2009

Kate Ferrell Banks
Jamie Montgomery Helzberg
Chris Mounts
Dan Nilsen
Jeanette Prenger
Gwyn Prentice
Ryan Reid
Kimberlee Ried
Abby & Alex Wendel
Jean-Paul Wong

Rising Stars 2010

Bruce Allen
Erika Dickey
Christina Eldridge
Wesley Fields
Kevin Gabriel
Trudy Kopf Gabriel
Bill Gautreaux
Laura & David Hall
Jenny Murphy
Luke Norris
Ken Sonnenschein, MD

Rising Stars 2011

Jamie Berg
Lisa Hallier
Sheri Johnson
Erin Mos
Kathy Schikevitz
Laura Curry Sloan
Rob Smith
Mary Wetzel
Richard Wetzel

Rising Stars 2012

Katie Dunn Fitzgerald & Matt Fitzgerald
Colby Jones
Amy McAnarney
Mark Moberly
Casey Simmons & S. Sloane Simmons
Ursula Terrasi
Dan Walsh
Teal Williams

Rising Stars 2013

Laura Eickman, Psy.D.
Katie Hall
Hayley E. Hanson
Deliece & Brian Hofen
Jennifer Ingraham
Tim McCoy
Courtney Thomas
Hunter Wolbach

Rising Stars 2014

Jenny Erdman
Brandon Fancher
Courtney Goddard
Rebecca Hierholzer
Betsy Lynch
Lauren McCarthy
Dawn Taylor
Luke Wade

Rising Stars 2015

Matthew Clark
Tom Dowling
Sheri Gormley
Tom Houlehan
Dean Newton
Kelly & Steve Stewman
Courtney Wachal

Special Lifetime Achievement

2004 David P. Ross

Nonprofit Impact Award

2012 The Nigro Brothers Auctioneers

Small Business Philanthropist of the Year

2000 River City Studio
2001 Carter Broadcasting Company
2002 Boulevard Brewing Company
2003 Parris Communications

*Nonprofit Connect no longer considers nominations for the awards on this page.
Looking to nominate an emerging professional for a Rising Star Award?
Check out our Emerging Award categories on the Award Nomination Criteria page.