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**THE NEW YORK COMMUNITY TRUST 2018 NONPROFIT EXCELLENCE AWARDS  
PRIZE WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

New York, NY, October 18, 2018 – Eight nonprofit organizations have been chosen as winners of The New York Community Trust Nonprofit Excellence Awards for demonstrating best practices in nationally-recognized management areas critical to an organization's success. One organization has been chosen as best overall nonprofit.

In its 12<sup>th</sup> year, The New York Community Trust Nonprofit Excellence Awards made changes to ensure that the program was more accessible to all nonprofits and representative of the diversity of the sector. This year, separate prizes were introduced to recognize organizations who excel in one or more areas of 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.

The Overall Nonprofit Excellence Award winner is **Safe Horizon**, which was judged by the 31-person Selection Committee to demonstrate the most innovative and replicable management practices. Safe Horizon also will receive the Key Area Award for Information Technology. The runners up, **the Osborne Association** and **Day One**, were also recognized with Key Area Awards.

The Key Area Nonprofit Excellence prize winners are:

- **The Osborne Association (Bronx)** is dedicated to transforming the criminal justice system and to reducing crime and its human and economic costs. They are recognized for their practices in **Results and Impact**, where they leverage data to influence policy and refine their programs.
- **St. Nicks Alliance (Brooklyn)** transforms the lives of low and moderate income people through employment, education, housing, and health care; delivering impactful services with measurable outcomes to children, adults, and the elderly. This North Brooklyn-based organization has transformed lives through their programs for more than 40 years. They are recognized for their practices in **Governance** because they engage in risk assessment and have strong fiscal oversight.
- **Literacy, Inc. (Manhattan)** engages families and community members to support young readers in high need neighborhoods. They are recognized for their practices in **Financial Management** because they develop and use true cost calculations in a strategic way.
- **Grand Street Settlement (Manhattan)** expands opportunities for low-income families and individuals by providing culturally relevant services that support community-building, advocacy, self-determination, and an enriched quality of life. Their community-based programs have strengthened neighborhoods in the Lower East Side and Brooklyn since 1916. They are recognized for their practices in **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** because they have strong strategies to recruit and hire from the communities they serve, and they invest in leadership pipelines.

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- **Day One (Manhattan)** partners with youth to end dating abuse and domestic violence through community education, supportive services, legal advocacy, and leadership development. They are recognized for their practices in **Human Resources**, where they are transparent with staff about budgets and salary, while supporting a fun and innovative work environment.
- **Safe Horizon (Manhattan)** provides support, prevents violence and promotes justice for victims of crime and abuse, their families, and communities. They are recognized for their practices in **Information Technology** because they excel in their proactive and collaborative planning processes for technology infrastructure.
- **Education Through Music (Manhattan)** partners with under-resourced schools to provide music as a core subject for all children, and utilizes music education as a catalyst to improve academic achievement, motivation for school, and self-confidence. They are recognized for their practices in **Communications** because they have a strong understanding of social media.
- **Center for Urban Pedagogy (Brooklyn)** uses the power of design and art to increase meaningful civic engagement, particularly among historically underrepresented communities. They are recognized for their practices in **Fundraising**, where they foster a culture of philanthropy among their staff.

“Congratulations to all of the winners who demonstrate excellence nonprofit management,” said Sharon Stapel, president of NPCC. “We’re eager to share their knowledge, experience, and tools with the sector at our upcoming conference.”

“The New York Community Trust is proud to support these winners – and all nonprofits – through this education and awards program,” said Lorie Slutsky, president of The New York Community Trust, one of the region’s leading funders of nonprofits.

“The Clark Foundation is pleased to congratulate the winners who contribute so much to the nonprofit community,” said Doug Bauer, executive director of The Clark Foundation.

These winners will be awarded an overall total of \$50,000 in cash prizes and full scholarships to Columbia Business School leadership programs, each valued at \$6,000 - \$11,000. The program will culminate in the inaugural *Best Nonprofit Conference* on December 6, 2018, at the Faculty House at Columbia University, where the eight prize winners will be featured. The conference will give attendees the unique opportunity to receive expert insights and practical information from the winners’ best management practices. It will also provide an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and network with the winners during the conference.

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