BronxWorks and Bronx Defenders have been chosen as two of the ten semifinalists for the 2013 New York Community Trust-New York Magazine Nonprofit Excellence Awards. The semifinalists impressed judges in areas ranging from their focus on results management practices to financial management. The awards showcase organizations with best practices that can help other nonprofits.

BronxWorks helps individuals and families in the Bronx improve their economic and social well-being through a diverse range of programs including job skill training, HIV/AIDS services, preschools and summer camps, eviction prevention programs aimed at averting homelessness, and more.

The Bronx Defenders provides innovative, holistic, and client-centered criminal defense, family defense, civil legal services, social work support and advocacy to indigent people of the Bronx.

“Our ten semifinalists are a sterling example of how nonprofits can excel at mission and management,” said Michael Clark, President of the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York, which manages the Awards program with The Trust and Philanthropy New York. “Their management practices, and their ability to adapt to their own specific challenges, made it possible for them to change so many lives.”

“We are extremely pleased to be recognized as a semifinalist in the 2013 New York Community Trust-New York Magazine Nonprofit Excellence Awards,” said Eileen Torres, Acting Executive Director of BronxWorks. “BronxWorks provides a wide variety of services to a diverse population. Managing such a large multi-service organization is a huge challenge, but we do it very well, and it allows us to meet the needs of over 35,000 Bronx residents every year.”

“The Bronx Defenders is honored and thrilled to be selected as a semifinalist for the 2013 New York Community Trust-New York Magazine Nonprofit Excellence Awards,” said Robin Steinberg, Executive Director of The Bronx Defenders. “This nomination is a testament to the dedication and fierce advocacy that each and every staff member at The Bronx Defenders brings to the often overlooked world of public defense. Empowered by our interdisciplinary and innovative management strategies and practices, our teams of advocates holistically represent clients, achieve better life outcomes and help stabilize communities.”

The Awards are based on eight key areas of nonprofit management: focus on results, governance structure, financial management, human resources, diversity and responsiveness, IT practices, communications, fundraising and resource development.