Six New York City-area nonprofits with innovative management were named finalists yesterday for the 2013 New York Community Trust-New York Magazine Nonprofit Excellence Awards. Selected from 62 applicants and 10 semifinalists, the 6 nonprofits - based in Manhattan, the Bronx, Westchester, and Nassau County, represent fields including legal services, online youth activism, housing, and more. The Awards will be presented November 21 and spotlight superb management practices that can serve as examples for nonprofits everywhere.

“These finalists set the gold standard for managing nonprofits,” said Michael Clark, President of the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York, which manages the Awards program along with The Trust and Philanthropy New York. “Each embodies the principle that smart, responsive, and effective management is as crucial to nonprofits as it is to profit-making companies.”

This year’s finalists are:

- **BronxWorks** (Bronx) helps individuals and families in the Bronx improve their economic and social well-being through job skills training, services for people with HIV/AIDS, preschools and summer camps, eviction prevention programs, and more.
- **CSH** (Manhattan) helps build housing that lets those most in need, the homeless and disabled, connect to homes, health care, jobs, and the community.
- **DoSomething.org** (Manhattan) is the largest not-for-profit for young people and social change in the US. DoSomething.org encourages millions of young people to rock causes they care about - bullying, homelessness, animal welfare, and more.
- **The Bronx Defenders** (Bronx) provides innovative, holistic, and client-centered criminal defense, family defense, civil legal services, social work support, and advocacy to indigent people of the Bronx.
- **The Children's Village** (Dobbs Ferry, Westchester) works in partnership with families to help society’s most vulnerable children, so that they become educationally proficient, economically productive, and socially responsible members of their communities.

Three of the above organizations will be selected as Gold, Silver, and Bronze winners of Nonprofit Excellence Awards and will be announced at a Best Practices Workshop and Awards Presentation on November 21. The Best Practices Workshop will highlight and discuss the management strengths of winning organizations and detail the strategies and practices that led to their selection. Winners will receive cash awards of $30,000, $20,000 and $10,000, respectively, special mention in New York Magazine and by WNYC, and tuition scholarships for the Programs in Social Enterprise in Executive Education at Columbia Business School. This year’s cash awards and benefits are the largest in the program’s seven-year history.

“We're thrilled to shine a spotlight on groups that show other nonprofits how to manage effectively so they can make a greater difference in difficult times,” said Lorie Slutsky, President of The New York Community Trust.

“We’ve learned a lot from the talented organizations that have made it to our final round. And I’m excited about the upcoming site visits with our finalists, which will give us an opportunity to see their exceptional management strategies in action,” said Ronna Brown, President of Philanthropy New York.