Nonprofit Excellence Award Semi-Finalists

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Ten organizations have been chosen as semifinalists for the 2013 New York Community Trust-New York Magazine Nonprofit Excellence Awards. The awards showcase organizations with best practices that can help other nonprofits. The ten nonprofits, based in New York City and the suburbs, represent diverse fields including legal services, housing, education, and athletics.

“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.”

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.

This year’s semifinalists are:

- **BronxWorks** (Bronx) helps individuals and families in the Bronx improve their economic and social well-being through a diverse range of programs including job skills training, HIV/AIDS services, preschools and summer camps, eviction prevention programs aimed at averting homelessness, and more.
- **Corporation for Supportive Housing** (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 country's largest nonprofit for young people bringing about social change, making it easy for teens to get involved via social media.
- **Global Kids, Inc.** (Manhattan) gives young people from the city’s most neglected neighborhoods a unique understanding of global issues through workshops, web-based programs, service projects, and international travel.
- **Hot Bread Kitchen** (Manhattan) is a nonprofit social enterprise that hires low-income men and women to make delicious multi-ethnic breads and teaches them the skills necessary to launch food businesses and achieve management track positions in food manufacturing.
- **Make-A-Wish Metro New York and Western New York** (Lake Success, Long Island)

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grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions.

- **Row New York** (Long Island City, Queens) empowers young people from New York City’s under-resourced communities by combining athletic training through the unique sport of rowing with academic tutoring.
- **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.
- **Young Women’s Leadership Network** (Manhattan) empowers students to break the cycle of poverty through education, running all-girls public secondary schools, and a comprehensive college guidance program.

This fall, three of the above organizations will be selected as winners of the Nonprofit Excellence Awards, and will receive cash awards of $30,000, $20,000 and $10,000, respectively. They will also be recognized in New York Magazine and by WNYC, and will receive 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.

“By showcasing inventive innovative management at several nonprofits, we can help inspire hundreds of others to learn from best practices,” said Lorie Slutsky, President of The New York Community Trust.

“These semifinalists are doing amazing things, employing vastly different strategies in a diverse array of communities. But they have in common great management practice,” said Ronna Brown, President of Philanthropy New York. “We look forward to learning more about their management strategies and hearing directly from them about the institutional practices that have made them standouts in our sector.”

NPCC created these awards in 2007 and serves as the tax-exempt manager of the program, in collaboration with The New York Community Trust and Philanthropy New York. New York Magazine and WNYC co-sponsor the program, which is also supported by The Clark Foundation, Taconic Foundation, McGladrey LLP, the Fund for the City of New York, Programs in Social Enterprise in Executive Education at Columbia Business School and Ford Foundation.