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Association of Fundraising Professionals - Chicago Chapter Announces the Honorees for its 46th Annual Philanthropy Awards

(Chicago, IL) The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Chicago Chapter is proud to announce the slate of honorees for its 46th Annual Philanthropy Awards which recognize the best of Chicago's philanthropy community.

"We are humbled and amazed by the stature of this year's honorees. They represent the best of us and are so deserving of this recognition. Their leadership, vision, and accomplishments are what make our philanthropic community unlike any other," said AFP Philanthropy Awards Co-Chair Carole Wood.

"Although we have been separated from our families, colleagues, and communities, I am amazed and grateful for the continuous dedication of Chicago's Philanthropic community and we are thrilled to be able to be in person to celebrate the commitment of our citizens that makes us a world-class city unlike any other," said AFP Philanthropy Awards Co-Chair Dawn Frances Reese.

Every day, our AFP Chicago members and philanthropic community work together to drive positive social change, inspire action, and deliver life-changing programs for communities across the Chicago metropolitan area. The annual Philanthropy Awards is our moment to celebrate and recognize outstanding individuals for their philanthropic vision and achievements that make an incredible difference right here in Chicagoland," said Kristienne Hanna, AFP Philanthropy Awards Vice Chair.

HONOREES

Distinguished Philanthropists Award: Walter and Shirley Massey

Honored for their lasting legacy to all of their philanthropic projects: bringing individuals' generosity to the transformative projects that improve the lives of us all.

The Distinguished Philanthropists Award is presented to an individual, family or family foundation that has generously donated from personal resources a minimum of ten years and that has made a significant impact in funding to a particular issue or a variety of philanthropic causes.

Executive Leader Award: Eric S. Smith, Vice Chairman, BMO Harris Bank

Honored for his unique leadership qualities and enthusiasm towards garnering significant business and civic support.

The Executive Leader Award is presented to a business leader whose outstanding leadership has garnered business and civic support for philanthropy.

Emerging Philanthropist Award: Ellen-Blair Chube, Partner, Managing Director and Client Service Officer, William Blair Investment Banking

Honored for her ability to unlock catalytic capital in support of some of our city's most vital nonprofits through leadership, service, fundraising, granting, and networking.

The Emerging Philanthropist Award is presented to an individual, family or family foundation that has generously donated from their personal resources to philanthropic causes for ten years or less, that have shown a deep commitment to a particular social issue or a variety of philanthropic causes.

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Professional Grantor Award: Ellie Forman, Senior Vice President of Corporate Responsibility, Mesirow

Honored for her service to Chicago and her work to help all Chicagoans through her significant talents, hard work, and relationships.

The Professional Grantor Award is presented to a corporate or foundation giving officer recognized for their professionalism, sensitivity and generous support to the nonprofit community.

Benjamin Franklin – Kate Bousum, CFRE, Director of Advancement, Child’s Voice

Honored for her lifelong commitment to advancing the spirit of philanthropy and volunteerism in and around the state of Illinois through meaningful relationships and experiences.

The Benjamin Franklin Award is presented to a fundraising professional who has attained significant achievements in a long career and is looked to by the profession as a role model. This is generally a person with ten or more years’ experience in fundraising that has contributed to the field as a professional, trainer/mentor, and/or volunteer.

Outstanding Community Leader Award: Brenda Battle, Senior Vice President for Community Health Transformation and Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer, University of Chicago Medicine

Honored for using her talents to create innovative programs, build coalitions, and bring resources to address health care inequities and needs on Chicago’s South Side.

The Outstanding Community Leader Award is presented to an individual who has shown extraordinary leadership and advocacy for a cause that has resulted in significant and positive change for a particular neighborhood, issue or segment of our community.

The 46th Annual AFP Philanthropy Awards will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 5:00pm at Theater on The Lake, 2401 N. Lake Shore Drive in Chicago. The price is \$125 for members and \$150 for nonmembers. Sponsorships, donations and event proceeds will support the AFP Chicago chapter’s high-quality education programs, networking opportunities, peer mentoring, and Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Access (IDEA) initiatives are greatly appreciated.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/afpawards22>.

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