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Connecticut's National Philanthropy Day[®] Committee Seeks Nominations for Annual Awards

Awards program produced by the Association of Fundraising Professionals' Fairfield County and Connecticut Chapters will recognize philanthropic achievement in six categories

Norwalk, CT – April 25, 2019 – The Association of Fundraising Professionals Fairfield County and Connecticut Chapters are accepting nominations for the annual National Philanthropy Day[®] Awards Program, to be held on November 8, 2019, at the Trumbull Marriott and Conference Center. The deadline for award nominations has been extended to May 10, 2019.

National Philanthropy Day[®] (NPD) celebrates the extraordinary change that fundraising and philanthropy have helped to create in our world. The annual awards recognize the Best of Connecticut's philanthropic trailblazers, mentors, and grassroots workers. Awards for outstanding achievement will be given in six categories: Philanthropist, Youth (ages 5-17 and 18-23), Corporation, Volunteer, and Fundraising Professional.

Award criteria and electronic nomination forms are provided on the NPD website: www.afpfairfield.org/npd2019.

Award winners have included outstanding organizations such as Bigelow Tea, United Technologies Corporation, and Webster Bank. A complete listing of organizational and individual recipients is available on the NPD website. Lisa Ferraro, CFRE, the chair of Connecticut's 2019 National Philanthropy Day[®], stated, "We are thrilled to present this exciting program, and especially to honor the often unsung heroes who make charitable organizations so impactful in our communities."



(From left) NPD Chair Lisa Ferraro, CFRE, with awardee Susan Lampley of Melville Charitable Trust

In addition to the awards breakfast program, this year's NPD includes a full-day educational conference for professional fundraisers, board members, volunteers, and other nonprofit sector leaders. The luncheon keynote speaker is Dan Pallotta, national best-selling author, TED Talk presenter, and founder of the Charity Defense Council.

About National Philanthropy Day®:

National Philanthropy Day (NPD), typically held annually in November, is an AFP-trademarked concept officially proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan in 1986. Today it is celebrated across the globe with a variety of events designed to: 1) recognize philanthropy in all of its forms; and, 2) increase public awareness of the importance of philanthropy. Last year, more than 130 AFP chapters held NPD events and activities across North America. This year, led by AFP Fairfield County Chapter, in collaboration with the greater Connecticut chapter, AFP will host an NPD Best-of-Connecticut event on November 8, 2019. The event will consist of an awards ceremony for community members and a full-day educational conference. Learn more at www.afpfairfield.org/npd2019.

About Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP):

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) empowers individuals and organizations to practice ethical fundraising through professional education, networking, research and advocacy. Founded in 1960, AFP advances philanthropy through its 31,000 members in more than 240 chapters throughout the world. AFP's individual and organizational members raise over \$115 billion annually for charitable organizations in their communities. In Connecticut, AFP Fairfield County and AFP Connecticut chapters promote AFP values statewide.

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