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44th Annual Excellence in Philanthropy Awards

June 9, 2026
Maplewood Country Club

Welcome

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Natalie Krauser, CFRE, Chapter President

Awards

Outstanding Nonprofit Advocate
M. Wilma Harris

Outstanding Foundation
Liv Like a Unicorn

Outstanding Community Organization
Bridges Outreach and
Volunteer Lawyers for Justice

Outstanding New Jersey Corporation
Crum & Forster

Award for Consulting Excellence
Gwen M. Paxon, CFRE

*The Robert J. Smythe
Professional Fundraiser of the Year Award*
Hilary Brown-Kruchowy, CFRE

Outstanding Young Fundraiser
Joie Langford, CFRE

Message from the AFP New Jersey President



For more than four decades, the Excellence in Philanthropy Awards has stood as one of New Jersey's most meaningful traditions—a chance to pause and recognize the people who have dedicated themselves to the service of others. We are so grateful you're here with us today to honor them.

At its core, philanthropy is service. It's the decision to put your time, your talent, and your resources in the hands of someone else's hope. The people we celebrate today have made that decision again and again—not for recognition, not for reward, but because they understand that a community is only as strong as its willingness to care for one another.

Our honorees embody what service looks like in practice. The fundraisers who serve their missions by building bridges between need and generosity. The donors who serve their neighbors by giving without expectation of return. The advocates who serve the voiceless by refusing to let them go unheard. The community leaders who serve us all by lifting others as they climb. Theirs is quiet, steady, often unseen work, and it is the work that makes New Jersey thrive.

So, thank you for choosing service, for living it out day after day, and for reminding the rest of us that the truest measure of a life is what we give to others.

Here's to another year of service, generosity, and the extraordinary good that follows when good people answer the call.

Warmly,

Natalie R. Krauser, CFRE



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Message from the VP, Awards

As VP, Awards for the Chapter, I am honored to welcome you to an morning devoted to those whose service has made New Jersey a more generous and more compassionate place.

Every year, AFP New Jersey sets out to identify and recognize the individuals and organizations who exemplify the highest ideals of our profession. Nominees are evaluated on the measurable impact of their work, the creativity and leadership they bring to it, their ability to inspire others to act, and the depth of their commitment in time, talent, and treasure. The honorees we celebrate tonight meet that standard in full.



It is our great privilege to present the 2026 Excellence in Philanthropy Award recipients:

- *The Robert J. Smythe Professional Fundraiser of the Year Award:* **Hilary Brown-Kruchowy, CFRE**
- *Outstanding Young Fundraiser:* **Joie Langford, CFRE**
- *Outstanding Community Organizations:* **Bridges Outreach and Volunteer Lawyers for Justice**
- *Outstanding New Jersey Corporation:* **Crum & Forster**
- *Award for Consulting Excellence:* **Gwen M. Paxon, CFRE**
- *Outstanding Nonprofit Advocate:* **M. Wilma Harris**
- *Outstanding Foundation:* **Liv Like a Unicorn**

Each of these honorees is a powerful reminder that real progress is built on compassion paired with strategy, vision paired with follow-through, and a steady, unglamorous commitment to serving others well.

Our thanks go to Michael J. Baker, Chair of the Selection Committee, and the entire committee for their careful and thoughtful review of this year's nominations. We are also grateful to our Chapter Administrator, Andrew Miller, whose coordination made today's celebration possible.

And finally, to our members, sponsors, and guests—thank you. Your presence and your support are what allow AFP New Jersey to keep advancing the profession through education, advocacy, and ethical leadership, and to keep championing the people who give so much of themselves to others.

With gratitude and warm congratulations to our honorees,

Vicki Perez

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Upcoming NJ Events

June 18 -- Mercer County Coffee Chat, 8:30 a.m.
Americana in East Windsor

July -- Watch for Summer Social Details!

September -- Giving USA presentation presented by CCS.

October -- All-member meeting

November 12 -- Conference on Philanthropy

December -- Holiday get together

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About AFP-NJ

Founded in 1974, AFP-NJ is one of the largest chapters of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and a proud home for the development professionals who shape philanthropy across New Jersey and the greater New York metropolitan area. For more than fifty years, the chapter has championed ethical, effective fundraising through education, training, mentoring, and advocacy — and has done so in partnership with the institutions, foundations, and nonprofits that make the region's philanthropic community one of the most generous in the country.

The Excellence in Philanthropy Awards are among the chapter's most cherished traditions. Each year, AFP-NJ honors the individuals, families, foundations, corporations, and nonprofit professionals whose generosity and leadership exemplify the very best of New Jersey philanthropy. The awards are not only a celebration of giving — they are a public statement of the values our profession holds dear.

The Annual Conference in November brings together fundraisers from across the region for a full day of learning, connection, and shared purpose. Alongside the conference and the awards, the chapter offers a year-round calendar of signature programs: the Whitley Program, Funders Panels, Coffee Chats by region, leadership-development workshops, CFRE-credit-bearing sessions, Giving USA briefings, and ethics-focused programming. Younger professionals find mentorship, scholarships, and a community ready to invest in their growth.

AFP-NJ holds AFP Global's prestigious 10-Star Gold designation for chapter excellence, with members in 18 of New Jersey's 21 counties. Above all, it is a community — bound together by the belief that fundraising is a credible, respected profession in service of civic betterment.

In celebration of AFP's Anniversary, the association is offering a \$50 discount on global dues for new members joining in the Professional and Associate categories.



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Outstanding Nonprofit Advocate

M. Wilma Harris



M. Wilma Harris was born and raised in Paulsboro, New Jersey. After completing grades K through 12 in the Paulsboro school system, Wilma attended Douglass College, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. She later earned a Master's degree in Governmental Administration from the University of Pennsylvania.

During her 47-year professional career, Wilma pursued three distinct career paths: three years with the State of New Jersey, eight years with Douglass College, and 36 years with Prudential Financial, from which she retired as Vice President of Human Resources. Twenty-eight years of her Prudential career were spent in Human Resources.

While building a successful corporate career, Wilma remained deeply committed to serving students, particularly in higher education. Her leadership on New Jersey's student financial assistance boards was reflected in her 32-year tenure through successive gubernatorial reappointments by governors of both political parties, from Brendan Byrne in 1978 to Christine Todd Whitman in 2000. She served as chairperson or vice chairperson for 26 years. Wilma helped shape policies that expanded access to higher education for qualified students with financial need. During her tenure, more than two million students received assistance through Tuition Aid Grants. In recognition of her commitment to advancing higher education access and opportunity, Wilma was awarded an honorary doctorate (Honoris Causa) by Saint Peter's University.

Wilma has remained actively engaged in volunteer leadership with her undergraduate alma mater, serving on the Board of Directors of the Associate Alumnae of Douglass College and the Board of Trustees of Rutgers University; with her high school alma mater, serving on the Paulsboro Pegasus Education Foundation; and with her church, serving on the Fountain Baptist Church Health and Wellness Ministry.

In addition to receiving an honorary doctorate, Wilma has been honored with the Rutgers University Meritorious Service Award, the Douglass College Medal, recognition as a New Jersey Woman of Achievement, induction into the Douglass Society, the Loyal Sons and Loyal Daughters of Rutgers University, the Rutgers African-American Alumni Alliance Hall of Fame, and the Paulsboro High School Hall of Distinguished Alumni.

Outstanding Foundation

Liv Like A Unicorn

Liv Like A Unicorn is a New Jersey-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting families facing pediatric cancer and funding research for pediatric brain tumors. The foundation was created in honor of Olivia “Liv” Lipnicky, an 8-year-old girl from Freehold, NJ, who courageously fought a spinal and brain tumor diagnosis. Before she passed away in November 2019, Liv’s main concern was helping other children going through the same battle, inspiring her family to establish this foundation to carry on her legacy of pure love, hope, and kindness.

The foundation supports families through two main initiatives, their Unicorn Club which is a care kit program for children throughout the United States undergoing pediatric cancer treatment. In 2025 the foundation had 500+ children enrolled in 46 states. They also partnered with major pediatric oncology clinics throughout NJ, NY, and PA to stock their bags within the hospital walls. Their financial assistance program helps families in NJ, NY, and PA with treatment related expenses like rent, mortgages, gas, and grocery gift cards.



The foundation is thrilled to be recognized by AFP New Jersey Chapter with their Excellence in Philanthropy Award for Outstanding Foundation.

Outstanding Community Organization

Bridges Outreach



Since 1988, Bridges Outreach has operated on the belief that communities have both the responsibility and the capacity to care for their most vulnerable neighbors. In nearly four decades, the organization has served more than 100,000 individuals and families experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. In 2025 alone, the organization distributed 10,011 hygiene kits, 45,064 meals, and 6,685 items of clothing and essential supplies — assembled and delivered by more than 1,500 volunteers.

But Bridges Outreach is not just about meeting immediate needs. In the past year, 1,902 referrals to service providers led to 1,048 shelter placements and 521 individuals or families achieving permanent housing. Through their pivotal role in the Bringing Veterans Home Initiative, Bridges has helped house more than 2,200 homeless and at-risk veterans across New Jersey. Every outreach event begins with a conversation — because Bridges knows that access starts with being seen.

Outstanding Community Organization

Volunteer Lawyers for Justice

Based in Newark, New Jersey, Volunteer Lawyers for Justice (VLJ) is an award-winning organization that partners with volunteers to deliver free civil legal help that protects rights, expands opportunity, drives economic mobility, and strengthens communities. Guided by the principle that justice is a right, not a privilege, VLJ envisions a New Jersey where people experiencing poverty have equal access to justice.

Celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2026, VLJ has become a premier statewide pro bono organization helping thousands of individuals and families navigate civil legal issues each year. Since 2001, VLJ has handled more than 17,400 legal cases impacting over 38,000 neighbors and community members across New Jersey and beyond. This record-breaking level of service was made possible by its experienced staff and more than 2,500 committed attorney and non-attorney volunteers who donated 87,656 hours of service (equivalent to nearly 10 years) valued at \$30.9 million. This powerful pro bono partnership means more New Jerseyans experiencing poverty have an attorney by their side, keeping families safely and stably housed, supporting survivors of human trafficking, and serving those who served in the United States Military.

Volunteer Lawyers for Justice

To learn more about VLJ and how you can get involved with ensuring access to justice, please visit vljnj.org and connect with them on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube.

Outstanding NJ Corporation

Crum & Forster

Corporate philanthropy at its best does not look like a check and a press release. It looks like Crum & Forster. Headquartered in Morristown and a partner of Atlantic Health's Morristown Medical Center for four decades, C&F has shaped how a company can truly embed itself in community life.

In 2025, as millions of Americans faced food insecurity, C&F donated ten million meals to seven regional food banks across the country and provided groceries for 1,500 Morris County households. Their employees contributed more than 400 volunteer hours across New Jersey alone. CEO Marc Adey serves as vice chair of the Foundation for Morristown Medical Center's Board of Trustees. A C&F team member sits on the Associate Board of Ambassadors, building the next generation of philanthropic leadership. Their internal Charitable Impact Committee puts dollars directly in employees' hands to direct to causes they care about. This is what it looks like to do well by doing good.



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Award for Consulting Excellence

Gwen M. Paxon, CFRE

For over twenty years, Gwen has passionately worked in development on both the consulting side, Catapult Fundraising's Vice President of Client Services and the institutional side, Director of Annual Fund & Planned Giving. She brings a wealth of knowledge from her extensive experience to the clients she works with. Gwen's ability identifying areas of opportunity helps programs she manages reach their maximum potential.

Her consulting portfolio spans nearly 100 organizations — from Rutgers, Rider, and Kean Universities to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, NJPAC, and St. Clare's Health System, and dozens more across the country.

Gwen holds a MA in Philanthropy and Development from SMUMN, MBA from North Park, and BS in Public Health from Temple University. Gwen served on AFP Las Vegas Chapter's board for 10 years and serves as the immediate past president of the AFP-NJ Chapter.



In her free time, Gwen loves to spend time with her husband, John, and four children, JP, Jocelyn, Joey and Juliana, connecting with nature through hiking, kayaking and camping.

Outstanding Young Fundraiser

Joie Langford, CFRE

Joie M. Langford, CFRE is a strategic and mission-driven fundraising leader with nearly a decade of experience guiding nonprofit organizations toward sustainable growth and increased impact. She has raised more than \$15 million throughout her career by building strong donor relationships, designing data-informed campaigns, and leading high-performing development teams. Joie currently serves as Vice President of

Strategic Philanthropy at Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey, where she advances the organization's mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

Joie is also the Founder and Principal of SHADES Consulting LLC, a firm dedicated to empowering diverse nonprofit organizations through fundraising strategy, operational support, and equity-centered solutions. With a focus on strengthening organizational capacity, SHADES partners with clients to create actionable plans that reflect their values and accelerate their goals.

Known for her collaborative approach, Joie excels at forging partnerships between individuals, institutions, and communities. She is a Certified

Fundraising Executive (CFRE) and an active member of the African American Development Officers (AADO) Network, F3: Fabulous Female Fundraisers, and Women of Color in Fundraising and Philanthropy (WOC). A proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Joie is equally committed to service in her personal life and cherishes her role as a wife and mother. She holds both undergraduate and graduate degrees from Temple University and Hofstra University, respectively.



Professional Fundraiser of the Year

Hilary Brown-Kruchowy, CFRE

Hilary Brown-Kruchowy has spent her career helping nonprofit organizations create a culture of philanthropy, build relationships with donors, and bring people together to support meaningful causes.

As Executive Director of the New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome and Associated Disorders, Hilary continues her lifelong commitment to service by advancing awareness, advocacy, support, and education for individuals and families affected by Tourette Syndrome. Since joining NJCTS as the Director of Development in 2022 and later being named Executive Director, she has worked to expand the organization's fundraising capacity and outreach while honoring its legacy of empowering families and creating understanding within communities. Prior to NJCTS, she served in leadership and development roles with organizations including the Adult Day Center of Somerset County, the Hunterdon County YMCA, and SAGE Eldercare where she exceeded fundraising goals and launched impactful campaigns.



A Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) since 2002, Hilary is a member of the New Jersey Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, where she served on the Executive Board for eight years from 2004 to 2011. She chaired the Conference on Philanthropy in 2005 and co-chaired the Excellence in Philanthropy Awards Lunch in 2012. She was a two-time recipient of the President's Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals New Jersey Chapter.

She holds a Bachelor's degree in Art History from Rutgers University and a Master's Degree in Fine Arts Administration from Temple University. She is a graduate of Leadership Somerset (2013).

Hilary resides in Hillsborough with her husband, Victor, and their daughter Keira.

Congratulations to the 2026
Excellence in Philanthropy
Award Recipients!

M. Wilma Harris
Liv Like a Unicorn
Bridges Outreach
Volunteer Lawyers for Justice
Crum & Forster
Gwen M. Paxon, CFRE
Joie Langford, CFRE
Hilary Brown-Kruchowy, CFRE

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every step, and every adventure.



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Wilma Harris

ON HER LEADERSHIP IN
PHILANTHROPY AND HER
UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO
RUTGERS, HIGHER EDUCATION,
AND HER COMMUNITY



Prior Award Recipients

Robert J. Smythe Award for Outstanding Professional Fundraisers

2024	Kimberly Armenti	2010	Pamela M. Palumbo MPA,CFRE	1995	Bonnie F. Sirower, CFRE
2023	Denise Soto, CFRE	2009	Joseph E. Stampe	1994	Elaine Steuber
2022	Jill Gwydir-Govel	2008	Julia Bey Ahmet	1993	Bruce D. Newman
2021	Christopher Hemmer	2008	Theresa A. Shubeck	1992	Robert F. Stemple, CFRE
2021	William H. Miller, CFRE	2007	Richard P. Reiss	1991	Margaret J. McLean
2019	Glenn Miller	2006	Stephanie M. Cicale, CFRE	1990	Malcolm B. Warwick
2018	John McEwen	2006	David R. Bixel*	1989	C. Arthur Littman, CFRE
2017	Anna Marie Gewirtz, CFRE	2005	George C. Ruotolo, Jr., CFRE	1988	Marshall Sewell, Jr.
2016	Elisse E. Glennon	2004	Kathleen A. Lein-DeSantis,CFRE	1987	Doris Kulik Sipos, CFRE
2015	Kathleen DiChiaro	2001	James E. Quinn, CFRE	1986	Frank V. Whitley, CFRE*
2014	Michael Fazio	2000	Maureen A. Westerland, CFRE	1985	Joseph R. Merry
2013	Nicole Kagan	1999	Philip Salerno, III	1984	Verdel L. Roundtree*
2012	Peter H. Hansen, CFRE	1998	John G. Nolan, Jr.	1983	John W. Dolan
2011	Steven M. Ryan, CFRE	1996	M. John Richard, CFRE	1982	Diane M. Carlson, CFRE

Outstanding Philanthropists

2023	Ed McKenna	2010	Alexander R. Giaquinto, Ph.D.	1999	Joan Bildner
2023	Mark Montenero	2009	Sol & Meri Barer	1998	Thomas D. Saykes, Jr.
2023	Lisa Amato	2008	Millicent Anisfield	1997	John J. Heldrich
2022	Mindy A. Cohen	2008	John Meditz	1997	Samuel L. Landis
2020	Joel Markel	2007	Eric F. and Lore Ross	1996	Judy and Walter Shipley
2020	Robert A. Dent	2007	Melvin J/ Wallerstein, Esq.	1995	Floyd H. Bragg
2019	Marilyn & Phil Perricone	2007	Karen London**	1994	Thomas G. Ferguson
2019	Judy* & Josh Weston	2006	Christine Hasenbein	1993	S. Jervis Brinton, Jr.
2018	Jodi O'Donnell-Ames	2006	Lucile M. Huggins	1992	William R. Giles, Sr.
2018	Susan A. Vallario	2006	Mr. & Mrs. Neil Gagnon	1991	Mart A. Mulholland*
2017	Jeanne & Joseph M. Goryeb	2005	John P. Duffy	1990	Judith H. Stanley
2017	Lynn & Daniel Regan	2005	Ruth and Peter Metz	1989	Ruth Schilling Hennessy*
2016	Steve Kalafer	2004	Mary Scholl	1988	Ralph W. Voorhees
2015	Elaine & Mike Adler	2004	Robert E. Campbell	1987	Becky A. Jones
2014	Peter Cancro	2003	Marilyn W, Grounds	1986	Elinor J. Fardon
2014	Marilyn & Anthony Bastardi	2003	Doris and Felix Beek	1985	Robert E. Brennan
2013	Hale & Bruce Bott	2002	Robert E. Dillon, Jr.	1984	Alex Goldfine
2013	Jane & Mark Wilf	2002	Margaret J. McLean, CFRE	1983	Joseph Partenheimer*
2012	Carol Stillwell	2001	Senator & Mrs. Jon Corzine	1982	Homer A. Vilas*
2011	Kitty & David Hartman	2001	Elayne Rosen	1981	Edward A. Jesser, Jr.
2011	Sylvia Allen	2000	Joseph P. Goryeb*		

AFP New Jersey President's Award

2020 Anthony R. Alonso

Consulting Excellence

(Formerly known as the Robert F. Semple Partnership in Philanthropy Consultant Award and the Partnership in Philanthropy Award for Consulting Excellence)

2025	George C. Ruotolo, Jr., CFRE				
2020	Anthony R. Alonso	2016	Victoria Bixel	2011	Barbara Lawrence
2019	Amy Eisentein, ACFRE	2015	Elizabeth Zeigler	2010	Michael J. Baker, CFRE
2017	Paul D'Alessandro, JD, CFRE	2012	Christine Brown	2009	Leslie M. Loysen

Outstanding Young Professional Fundraiser

2023	Angela Marie Tayco	2018	Alissa Di Scala		
2022	Samantha Mitchell-Hope, MPA	2017	Richard J. Allen, III, CFRE	2016	Malcolm Sutherland-Foggio

Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Fundraisers

2018	Alissa Lego	2018	Amanda Witkowski
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Prior Award Recipients

Outstanding Community Organizations

2025	Creature Comforts Pet Therapy	2006	Women's Association of Morristown Memorial Hospital
2024	Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey	2005	Junior League of Morristown
2023	YMCA of Greater Monmouth County	2004	Bergen County Section of the National Council of Jewish Women
2022	New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC)	2003	Friends of Matheny
2018	Elizabeth PBA	2002	Junior League of Montclair - Newark
2017	Friends of the Shelter, Supporting Safe+Sound Somerset	2001	UNICO - Orange/West Orange Chapter
2016	Women's Association of NJPAC	2000	Junior League of Summit
2015	The Jewish Federation of Somerset, Hunterdon & Warren	1999	Jersey Cares
2014	The Auxiliary Coordinating Council of the Southern Ocean Medical Center Foundation	1997	Ruth Newman Shapiro Cancer & Heart Memorial Fund
2014	Vero Amici for Charity	1993	Somebody C.A.R.E.S, Inc.
2012	Toms River Elks	1992	The Women's Association of First Presbyterian Church, Somerdale
2011	The New Jersey District of Kiwanis and Key Club International	1991	Telephone Pioneers of America
2010	Saint Peter's University Hospital Auxiliary	1989	New Jersey Junior Leagues
2009	The Auxiliary to Children's Specialized Hospital	1988	New Jersey Hospital Auxiliaries
2008	Jersey Cares		

Outstanding Corporation

2023	Panasonic Corporation North America	2000	The CIT Group
2019	Spirit of Children	1999	GPU, Inc.
2018	The Provident Bank Foundation	1998	The Chase Manhattan Bank
2018	Jersey Mike's	1997	Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation
2017	OceanFirst Foundation	1996	Bristol-Myers Squibb Company
2016	Langan Engineering and Environmental Services	1995	Becton Dickinson and Company
2015	Verizon	1994	C.R. Bard, Inc.
2014	NJM Insurance Group	1993	CIBA-GEIGY Corporation
2013	The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey	1992	Schering-Plough Corporation
2013	Novo Nordisk	1991	Hoffmann-LaRoche, Inc.
2012	Withim Smith & Brown	1990	Merck & Company, Inc.
2011	BASF Corporation	1989	Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies
2010	Bristol-Myers Squibb Company	1988	AT&T
2009	BD	1987	Warner-Lambert Company
2008	Schering-Plough Corporation	1986	New Jersey Bell
2007	PSE&G	1985	IBM
2006	Pearson Education	1984	AlliedSignal, Inc.
2005	C.R. Bard, Inc.	1983	Public Service Electric & Gas Company
2004	Prudential Financial & the Prudential Foundation	1982	Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company
2003	Ethicon: A Johnson & Johnson Company	1981	Prudential Insurance Company
2002	Fleet		
2001	Berlex		

Outstanding Foundations

2025	Connie Dwyer Breast Cancer Foundation	2013	The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey	2005	Fannie E. Rippel Foundation
2024	Aspiring Kindness			2004	The Blanche and Irving Laurie Foundation
2020	Grunin Foundation	2012	Princeton Area Community Foundation	2003	F.M. Kirby Foundation, Inc.
2019	Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation	2011	The Hearst Foundations	2002	Tomlinson Family Foundation
2018	W. Cary Edwards Foundation	2010	The Val Skinner Foundation	2001	The Russell Berrie Foundation
2017	Hugs for Brady Foundation	2009	Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation	2000	The Schumann Fund for New Jersey
2016	The Blanche and Irving Laurie Foundation	2008	The Community Foundation of New Jersey	1999	Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation
2015	Embrace Kids Foundation	2007	Dorothy D. Hersh Foundation	1998	Victoria Foundation, Inc.
2014	Christine's Hope for Kids	2006	William E. Simon Foundation		

Prior Award Recipients (continued)

Outstanding Emerging Fundraiser

2023 Angela Marie Tayco

Outstanding Philanthropic Innovator

2021 J. Craig Paris

Outstanding Nonprofit Advocates

2025 Amol Sinha
2024 Jason Krane

2023 Morgan Thompson
2021 Robin Lavorato

2019 Caitlin Yanowitz, LCSW
2019 Senator Thomas Kean, Jr.

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