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**2025 Honorees of the
Excellence in Philanthropy Awards**



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43rd Annual Awards Celebration

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Welcome

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Awards

Outstanding Nonprofit Advocate
Amol Sinha

Outstanding Foundation
Connie Dwyer Breast Cancer Foundation

Outstanding Community Organization
Creature Comforts Pet Therapy

Award for Consulting Excellence
George C. Ruotolo, Jr., CFRE



Message from the AFP New Jersey President



The Excellence in Philanthropy Awards has been a cornerstone of our nonprofit community for over forty years, and today we shine the spotlight on the people and organizations who pour their hearts into making a difference. Thank you for joining us to celebrate the incredible generosity and tremendous passion that allows New Jersey's nonprofits to help our neighbors live and thrive every single day.

Today's awards are more than recognition—they're a moment to stop and applaud the individuals who roll up their sleeves and get to work making our state a better place for everyone. These are the people and organizations who see a need and step up, who believe that we're all in this together, and who prove every day that small acts of kindness can ripple into something extraordinary.

Each year, I'm awestruck by our honorees. Their passion. Their dedication. Their commitment. Fundraisers who tirelessly develop relationships, build trust, and invite partnership; donors who make more than donations – they make dreams happen; advocates who speak up for those who have no voice; and, community leaders who light the way forward. They are the torchbearers and the reason New Jersey thrives.

Thank you for joining us to celebrate these amazing individuals and organizations. Thank you for doing this work every day. Thank you for being living proof that when good people come together, amazing things happen.

Here's to another year of changing lives, one gift at a time.

Warmly,

Natalie R. Krauser, CFRE



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Message from the Event Co-Chairs

As Co-Chairs of the 43rd Annual Excellence in Philanthropy Awards, it is our privilege to welcome you to this celebration of generosity, leadership, and impact.

Each year, AFP New Jersey honors individuals and organizations who embody the very best of philanthropy. Nominees are evaluated for their measurable impact, creativity and leadership, ability to inspire others, and commitment of time, talent, and treasure. By these standards, this year's honorees truly shine.



We are proud to recognize the 2025 Excellence in Philanthropy Award recipients:

- **Award for Consulting Excellence:** George C. Ruotolo, Jr., CFRE Founder, Ruotolo Associates.
- **Outstanding Community Organization:** Creature Comfort Pet Therapy.
- **Outstanding Nonprofit Advocate:** Amol Sinha, Executive Director, ACLU of New Jersey.
- **Outstanding Foundation:** Connie Dwyer Breast Cancer Foundation (CDBCF).

These honorees remind us that compassion, strategy, and commitment drive real progress and strengthen the culture of giving across our state.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Excellence in Philanthropy Awards Committee—Kimberly Armenti, Jason Krane, Natalie Krauser, and Andrew Miller — for their dedication, and to Michael J. Baker, Chair of the Selection Committee, and his committee for their thoughtful review of nominations. We also want to thank our Chapter Administrator, Edmond Valpoort, and his team for their coordination efforts today.

Finally, we thank you—our members, sponsors, and guests—for joining us to celebrate these champions of generosity. Your support enables AFP New Jersey to continue advancing philanthropy through education, advocacy, and ethical leadership.

With gratitude and warm congratulations to our honorees,

Jon Paparsenos & Victoria Perez



Thanks and Appreciation

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2017 Award Recipient for Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Fundraising

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Glenn Miller
2019 Robert J. Smythe Award Recipient for Outstanding Professional Fundraiser

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About AFP-NJ

Founded in 1974, the New Jersey Chapter of AFP (AFP-NJ) is one of the largest AFP chapters and is an individual member association that advances philanthropy through education, training, and advocacy across the state. We base our programs and services on research, experience and the highest code of ethical principles and standards of professional practice.

Mission

AFP New Jersey, an association of professionals throughout NJ and the NY Metro area, advances philanthropy by enabling people and organizations to practice ethical and effective fundraising. The core activities through which AFP NJ fulfills this mission include education, training, mentoring, and advocacy.

Vision

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Outstanding Nonprofit Advocate

Amol Sinha



Since taking the helm of the ACLU-NJ in 2017, Amol has guided the organization through a period of unprecedented growth and influence. Under his leadership, the ACLU-NJ has more than doubled its staff, deepened community partnerships, and built an integrated advocacy model that combines litigation, policy, public education, and strategic communications. The results have been nothing short of transformational for New Jersey's civil rights landscape.

During his tenure, the ACLU-NJ has appeared before the New Jersey Supreme Court more than any other non-governmental party, securing landmark victories across multiple issue areas. Amol has championed access to driver's licenses for all residents regardless of immigration status, prevented hundreds of deportations, restored voting rights to people on probation and parole, and defended free

speech across a spectrum of viewpoints.

One of the hallmarks of Amol's leadership is his focus on decarceration and criminal justice reform. Through strategic litigation and legislative advocacy, the ACLU-NJ helped secure the early release of more than 9,000 people from New Jersey's prisons and jails, a historic step toward dismantling systemic inequities in the criminal legal system. His team also led the successful effort to legalize cannabis with an explicit racial justice framework—ensuring equity remained central to policy and implementation.

Beyond his work at the ACLU-NJ, Amol is a respected national leader. He was elected Chair of the ACLU's Nationwide Executive Director Council in 2024 and serves as a Policy Fellow at Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs. His career has also included significant roles at the Innocence Project and the New York Civil Liberties Union, where he led efforts to address wrongful convictions, protect immigrants' rights, and reform the criminal legal system.

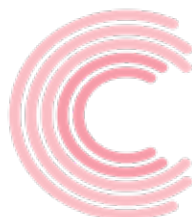
Amol's influence extends into the community, particularly within the South Asian American and Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities. He has served as President of the South Asian Bar Association of New York, been appointed to the New Jersey AAPI Commission, and is a frequent commentator in national and international media on civil rights, racial justice, and public interest law.



Outstanding Foundation

Connie Dwyer Breast Cancer Foundation

For more than 20 years, the Connie Dwyer Breast Cancer Foundation has been a beacon of hope for thousands of uninsured and underinsured women. The organization's mission is clear and powerful: to ensure vulnerable women have access to high-quality breast health services—regardless of their ability to pay. Through clinical care, education, advocacy, and financial support, CDBCF addresses every stage of the breast cancer journey with compassion and precision.



CONNIE DWYER
BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION

One of the Foundation's most impactful initiatives is its

Community Grants Program, which dramatically expanded in 2024. That year, CDBCF awarded \$100,000 to eight exceptional organizations, each dedicated to preventing, diagnosing, treating, or supporting recovery from breast cancer. Together, these community partners served more than 7,000 patients and families statewide. From financial aid and transportation to emotional recovery and holistic healing, these programs touch lives in meaningful, lasting ways.

Among the 2024 highlights:

- Sister to Sister offered financial assistance to over 2,200 women.
- Crossroads4Hope delivered bilingual outreach and education to 4,000 individuals.
- Trinitas Foundation helped 60+ patients access lifesaving care through transportation assistance.

CDBCF's visionary leadership and commitment to equity were also instrumental in launching a \$1.2 million mobile mammography unit at University Hospital in Newark in 2024. Outfitted with state-of-the-art 3D technology and a full-time outreach team, the unit screened 2,365 women in its first year, with projections to reach more than 4,000 annually. For women facing barriers such as poverty, language, or lack of insurance, this mobile clinic brings care directly to their neighborhoods—removing the systemic obstacles that often delay diagnosis.

The Connie Dwyer Breast Cancer Foundation exemplifies what it means to be an outstanding foundation: innovative, compassionate, community-centered, and relentlessly committed to saving lives. By lifting up trusted partners, removing barriers to care, and expanding access to vital services, CDBCF brings hope and healing to women who need it most.



Outstanding Community Organization

Creative Comfort Pet Therapy (CCPT)

Founded in 2011 by the late Joan Baer and Annie Murphy, CCPT was created to meet the soaring demand for animal-assisted visits across New Jersey. What distinguishes CCPT is its hands-on, customized approach: staff collaborate with every partner site to match the right volunteer-pet team to each population's needs, then structure every visit for maximum therapeutic impact.

Numbers That Tell a Story

- 7,000+ visits in 2024.
- 150,000 people reached.
- 300 facilities served across nine counties.
- 500+ certified teams representing dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, a goat, and even a mini-horse.



Behind those numbers are the volunteers who commit to at least two visits a month after passing a rigorous evaluation and mentorship process. Together, they deliver about 300 visits every month to hospitals, schools, libraries, mental-health programs, veterans' homes, hospices, and senior-care centers.

Research shows interaction with calm animals can lower blood pressure, release mood-boosting endorphins, and diminish pain. Yet the magic often reveals itself in personal moments:

- A child with selective mutism whispers to a therapy dog for the very first time.
- A stroke survivor flexes stiff fingers to reach a cat's soft fur.
- An elder in memory care brightens, recalling the therapy dog's name even after forgetting her own.

"These animals reach people no one else can," says a CCPT staff member. "Healing can begin with a single tail wag."

Mission: To enhance people's lives through therapeutic visits with caring volunteers and their pets.

Vision: A statewide network where trained volunteers and facilities connect easily, and the benefits of pet therapy are widely understood and embraced.

Joan Baer and Annie Murphy called it the "power of the paws."



Award for Consulting Excellence

George C. Ruotolo, Jr., CFRE

George Ruotolo, Jr. has been a leader in fundraising and public relations since 1973.

Before founding Ruotolo Associates in 1979, he served as vice president at a major public relations and fundraising firm and previously worked in investment banking.

Recognizing the need for a more modern, personalized approach to fundraising consulting, he established Ruotolo Associates with a hallmark commitment to high-level, hands-on professional service.

He brings expertise in pre-campaign studies, annual appeals, capital campaigns, planned giving, and integrated marketing and public relations programs. George has guided successful initiatives for a wide range of organizations—including dioceses, churches, colleges, schools, hospitals, and social service agencies—at the local, regional, and national levels. Throughout his career, he has worked closely with religious, civic, and corporate leaders, as well as administrators, board members, volunteers, and development professionals.



George is Past Chair and a current Trustee of the Ramapo College of New Jersey Board of Trustees and a founding member of the Ridgewood Educational Foundation in Ridgewood, NJ. He also played a key advisory role in Niagara University's capital campaign, which surpassed its \$80 million goal, and has provided counsel to the SUNY New Paltz Foundation. George has shared his insights as a guest lecturer at Baruch College, Columbia University, and Boston University. He has also served as a spokesperson on philanthropic issues for national media outlets, including appearances on CNBC's Money Talk, NPR, CNN, MSNBC's Donahue, and features in Worth Magazine.

A recognized speaker and seminar leader, George has addressed major conferences on topics such as leadership, fundraising, development strategy, and nonprofit communications. Ruotolo Associates is one of the longest standing members of The Giving Institute, the hallmark of ethical fundraising, where George has served as Chair. He is also a board member and former Chair of the Giving USA Foundation, publisher of the Giving USA report.

George is a Certified Fundraising Executive and a member of AFP's New Jersey Chapter. In 2005, he received the chapter's Robert J. Smythe Outstanding Professional Fundraiser Award in recognition of his impact on the field.

Congratulations to the 2025
Excellence in Philanthropy
Award Recipients!

George C. Ruotolo, Jr., CFRE

Creature Comfort Pet Therapy

Amol Sinha

The Connie Dwyer Breast Cancer Foundation

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Best,

Natalie & Stan Retif



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. Cicala, 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 DiChiara	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. Ferdon
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)

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

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

Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Fundraisers

2018	Alissa Lego	2018	Amanda Witkowski
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Outstanding Community Organizations

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		
2006	Women's Association of Morristown Memorial Hospital		
2005	Junior League of Morristown		

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	Briston-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

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		
2013	The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey	2005	Fannie E. Rippel Foundation		
		2004	The Blanche and Irving Laurie Foundation		



Prior Award Recipients (continued)

Outstanding Emerging Fundraiser

2023 Angela Marie Tayco

Outstanding Philanthropic Innovator

2021 J. Craig Paris

Outstanding Nonprofit Advocates

2023 Morgan Thompson
2021 Robin Lavorato
2019 Caitlin Yanowitz, LCSW
2019 Senator Thomas Kean, Jr.



*Congratulations,
Dad!*

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- George, Tara, and Justin

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We are so proud of you, George, and the extensive work you have done to make a significant impact on nonprofits in New Jersey and across the country - both individually and through Ruotolo Associates. We are fortunate to have you leading us!

-Your grateful RA Team

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