

## **CNM Connect Announces 2016 A Night of Light Award Finalists**

**DALLAS – October 4, 2016 – <u>CNM Connect</u>** (CNM) is proud to announce the 2016 <u>A Night of Light Awards</u> finalists honoring excellence in the nonprofit sector. A Night of Light showcases the individuals and organizations serving the North Texas nonprofit sector that are at the forefront of driving positive impact in our community. The award recipients will be announced on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at A Night of Light.

Nonprofit of the Year. Presented by Frost.

- Café Momentum
- Citizens Development Center
- Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas

Nonprofit CEO of the Year. Presented by Bank of America.

- Jennifer Bartkowski, Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas
- Paige Flink, The Family Place
- Sonyia Hartwell, Hope Cottage

Nonprofit Board Leader of the Year. Presented by Fidelity Investments.

- Kit Addleman, Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas
- Gregg Ballew, The Hope Center
- J.W. Brown, KidLinks

Nonprofit Partner of the Year. Presented by Southwest Airlines.

- Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas and Texas Instruments
- Retina Foundation of the Southwest and Southern Methodist University
- Tarrant County Housing Partnership and Ferrier Companies

Robert Miller Nonprofit Communicator of the Year. Presented by Communities Foundation of Texas.

- First Liberty Institute
- Junior League of Collin County

Finalists receive a \$2,500 scholarship toward CNM services such as educational training or consulting. In addition to the scholarship, award recipients are given a \$5,000 cash grant for their organization.

The invitation only event is presented by <u>Atmos Energy</u> and will be held at the George W. Bush Presidential Center on Thursday, November 17, 2016. A Night of Light will be hosted by WFAA Anchor Ron Corning.

Since its creation in 2001, A Night of Light has awarded more than \$425,000 in cash awards to 85 organizations.

## **About CNM Connect**

Founded in 1980, CNM Connect (previously The Center for Nonprofit Management) strengthens communities by connecting and engaging nonprofits and other stakeholders through leadership, management expertise and outcomes technology. In addition to providing executive recruiting, seminars, certificate programs and consulting services, CNM is expanding its offerings to meet the needs of today's nonprofit. To learn more, visit commonnect.org or call 214-826-3470.

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