

CNM Connect Now Accepting Nominations for the 2016 A Night of Light Awards

DALLAS – July 11, 2016 – <u>CNM Connect</u> (CNM) is now accepting nominations for the 2016 <u>A</u> <u>Night of Light Awards</u> 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 communities.

A Night of Light honors excellence in five categories, Nonprofit of the Year, Nonprofit CEO of the Year, Nonprofit Board Leader of the Year, Robert Miller Nonprofit Communicator of the Year and Partner of the Year. Last year's award recipients included <u>Equest</u>, <u>Momentous Institute</u>, <u>Dallas CASA</u>, <u>New Friends New Life</u> and <u>Southwest Airlines</u>.

Nominations are reviewed by an independent panel of judges and three finalists from each category will be selected in September. Finalists receive a \$2,500 scholarship toward CNM services such as educational training or consulting. In addition to the scholarship, award winners are given a \$5,000 cash award.

"We all have an interest in strong communities. Corporations, foundations, and other stakeholders provide generous support with time and resources while nonprofits are on the front lines working to address growing community needs," said Tina Weinfurther, president and CEO of CNM. "A Night of Light recognizes those nonprofits focused on outcomes and best practices to drive even greater impact and positive change to North Texas. We are truly grateful for all that they do."

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.

Nominations close on August 19, 2016. To nominate an organization or individual visit cnmconnect.org/anol2016.

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 <u>cnmconnect.org</u> or call 214-826-3470.

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