

## CNM Connect Now Accepting Nominations for the 2017 A Night of Light Awards

**DALLAS – July 5, 2017 – <u>CNM Connect</u>** (CNM) is now accepting nominations for the 2017 <u>A 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, Nonprofit Partner of the Year and Robert Miller Nonprofit Communicator of the Year. Last year's award recipients included Nonprofit of the Year Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas; Nonprofit CEO of the Year Paige Flink, CEO The Family Place; Nonprofit Board Leader of the Year Kit Addleman, Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas; Nonprofit Partner of the Year Ferrier Companies in partnership with Tarrant County Housing Partnership; and Robert Miller Nonprofit Communicator of the Year First Liberty Institute.

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 educational services. In addition to the scholarship award, award recipients receive a \$5,000 cash award.

"There are over 18,000 public charities in North Texas working to address social issues in the region and the number is growing. A Night of Light recognizes those organizations that have been most successful in achieving significant community impact through operational excellence and an unwavering commitment to outcomes," said Tina Weinfurther, President and CEO of CNM. "On November 16, we will celebrate the nonprofits who are leading the charge for stronger communities. We are extremely grateful for all that they do and the important and real difference they are making in North Texas."

The invitation only event will be held at the George W. Bush Presidential Center on Thursday, November 16, 2017. Since its creation in 2001, A Night of Light has awarded more than \$450,000 in cash awards to 90 organizations.

**Nominations close on August 7, 2017.** To nominate an organization or individual visit cnmconnect.org/anol2017/.

## **About CNM Connect**

Founded in 1980, CNM Connect (previously 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 <a href="mailto:cnmconnect.org">cnmconnect.org</a> or call 214-826-3470.

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