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CNM Announces 2019 *A Night of Light* Award Winners

DALLAS – November 25, 2019 – **CNM** is proud to announce the 2019 A Night of Light Award winners honoring excellence in the nonprofit sector. *A Night of Light* celebrates the individuals and organizations serving the North Texas region that are at the forefront of driving positive impact in our community. The award recipients were announced at *A Night of Light* on Thursday, November 14, 2019, held at the George W. Bush Presidential Center. WFAA Anchor Chris Lawrence served as Master of Ceremonies.

Nonprofit of the Year. *Presented by Texas A&M University.*

- The Agape Clinic

Nonprofit CEO of the Year. *Presented by Wells Fargo.*

- Florencia Velasco Fortner, The Concilio

Nonprofit Board Leader of the Year. *Presented by Frost.*

- Doug Tonne, Helping Restore Ability

Nonprofit Program Leader of the Year. *Presented by Bank of Texas.*

- Ben Wilkins, Dallas CASA

Nonprofit Partner of the Year. *Presented by Dini Spheris.*

- Cummins Sales and Service in partnership with Genesis Women's Shelter

Stephanie Bohan, CEO of The Agape Clinic, said of the award, "We are incredibly humbled and honored to have been selected as Nonprofit of the Year, particularly in light of the amazing work that so many organizations are doing in North Texas. Thank you to everyone who has played a role in our work and thank you to CNM for recognizing the valuable contributions that nonprofits are making to improve the lives of those in our community."

In addition to these five awards, CNM surprised the audience by presenting a new award to one deserving finalist. Chad Houser, Founder and CEO of Cafe Momentum, was announced as this year's recipient for the Special Achievement in the Nonprofit Sector award. Cafe Momentum has been a bright spot in the Dallas nonprofit landscape. They recently received a large grant from a major foundation to take Chad's "recipe" beyond Dallas. This is a monumental achievement that we were delighted to celebrate.

Since its creation in 2001, A Night of Light has awarded more than \$530,000 in cash awards to 106 nonprofit organizations. Winners each receive a \$5,000 unrestricted grant to their organizations. Additionally, each of the finalists receive a \$1,500 scholarship for CNM services from the generous support of Baylor, Scott & White Health, Gwen and Lel Echols, Deloitte, EY, KPMG, Locke Lord, PwC, and Saville, Dodgen & Co.

About CNM

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