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# CNM Names 2023 A Night of Light Award Winners

**DALLAS – November 9, 2023 –** At its annual celebratory event, <u>CNM</u> announced the 2023 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: Awards of Excellence* on Thursday, November 9, 2023, held at Energy Square 3 complex. Winners were selected by CNM's Outcomes and Evaluation Consulting staff and board members based on their community impact and mastery of each of the following categories:

## Nonprofit of the Year

Dallas 24 Hour Club was selected for mastery in data-driven decision-making, continuous improvement, stakeholder engagement, and impactful fundraising. The Dallas 24 Hour Club provides transitional living, support services and essential life skills for homeless alcoholics and addicts, so they can embrace long-term sobriety and become contributing and self-supporting members of the community.

### Data-Driven Decision-Making

Dallas Area Rape Crisis Center (DARCC) was recognized for effectively and routinely making decisions based on data for greater programmatic impact. DARCC is committed to engaging and educating communities to prevent sexual violence and supporting survivors and their loved ones as they heal and thrive.

### Continuous Improvement

KWC Performing Arts effectively leveraged data for continuous improvement and increased community impact. KWC Performing Arts guides the growth of our youth as artists and people, using performing arts to harness their creativity and entrepreneurial spirit.

#### Stakeholder Engagement

The WARM Place was selected for sharing program results with board, staff, funders, and partners to strengthen their stakeholder engagement. The mission of The WARM Place is to provide year-round grief support services to children ages three and a half to 18 and their families, as well as young adults ages 19 to 25 who have experienced the death of a mother, father, sister, brother, or other loved one.

## Fundraising Success

Readers 2 Leaders demonstrates an understanding of the importance of making sure that donors have accurate and impactful program data to influence their decisions. Readers 2 Leaders equips students for success through the power of reading.

Winners each received a \$5,000 scholarship for CNM services, including Strategic Consulting, Education, and Outcomes and Evaluation Services. Additionally, each of the nominees received a \$2,000 scholarship for any CNM service. All of these scholarships are made possible through the support of Atmos Energy, Baylor, Scott & White Health, Deloitte, EY, Fidelity Investments, Locke Lord, PwC, and Texas Health Resources. Since its creation in 2001, A Night of Light has awarded more than \$500,000 in cash awards to 100 nonprofit organizations.

## About CNM

Founded in 1980, CNM's heartbeat since the beginning has been to equip nonprofits with the knowledge and skills needed to be the best they can be. As community needs continue to grow, we have come to believe that all stakeholders, not just nonprofits, need to be involved if issues are to be addressed in a meaningful way. In 2014, we broadened our mission to strengthen communities by partnering in a deeper way with corporations, foundations, government, as well as nonprofits, to focus on results. To learn more, visit <u>thecnm.org</u> or call 214-826-3470.

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