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National Philanthropy Day 2016

An enthusiastic crowd of 730 people gathered for the Association of Fundraising Professionals' National Philanthropy Day (NPD) Luncheon on November 15, 2016, at the Duke Energy Convention Center. The event, with lovely décor by Plan-It Now, honored special community members for their notable impact on their nominating nonprofit organizations and, by extension, our Greater Cincinnati Community.

Community Awards were given for Philanthropists of the Year to Richard Rosenthal, Outstanding Volunteer of the Year to John Silverman, Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy to Katie McElveen and Ambassador of Philanthropy (special award) to Wesley Holm. Attendees learned more about our theme *honoring veterans* through videos produced by Prestige AV & Creative Services, and heard generous remarks from the winners upon acceptance of their awards, which were uniquely hand-designed by Brazee Street Studios this year.

Numerous nonprofit organizations also took the opportunity to bring benefactors, volunteers and special friends to NPD who have supported their missions and work, recognizing them as Honorees.

Honorary Chairperson, Dean Gregory, Vice President, Montgomery Inn, imparted his own thoughts on the value of philanthropy in general and to our community.

AFP was very pleased to welcome John Lomax, Local 12, as returning Emcee to the annual event. Keynote speaker JR Martinez's presentation shined as he inspired and motivated the audience with his story as an army veteran.

AFP thanks all the attendees for making this our best NPD Luncheon ever! AFP also thanks the following sponsors for their support which makes this truly unique community event which celebrates our vibrant philanthropic spirit possible: Keynote Sponsor – The Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr./US Bank Foundation; Presenting Sponsor – Fifth Third Bank Foundation; Platinum Sponsors – Mercy Health Foundation, Movers & Makers, Plan-It Now, The University of Cincinnati/UC Health and Prestige AV & Creative Services; Gold Sponsors –Duke Energy Convention Center and Montgomery Inn; and Silver Sponsors – ArtsWave, The Christ Hospital Foundation, The Greater Cincinnati Foundation, Johnson Grossnickle & Associates and United Way of Greater Cincinnati; and all our Bronze and Patron Sponsors.

We hope you join us in looking forward to NPD 2017!

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