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***AFP Charlotte Chapter Announces Winners of 2017 Philanthropy Awards***

Charlotte, NC, June 29, 2017 -- The Charlotte Chapter of the [Association of Fundraising Professionals is](http://www.afpcharlotte.org/) pleased to announce the winners of the 2017 National Philanthropy Day® awards.

The AFP Board of Directors and the National Philanthropy Day Selection Committee, comprised of past award winners, had the difficult task of selecting this group from a record number of deserving nominees. The winners will be formally recognized and congratulated at our annual National Philanthropy Day® awards luncheon on November 15th at the Hilton Charlotte Center City.

Outstanding Champion of Diversity – **Rabbi Judy Schindler**

Outstanding Emerging Philanthropist – **Boris Henderson**

Outstanding Fundraising Executive – **Tony Marciano**

Outstanding Philanthropist – **Casey and Anke Mermans**

Outstanding Small Business – **Luquire George Andrews**

Outstanding Philanthropic Organization – **Moore & Van Allen**

Outstanding Student Philanthropist – **Davidson Refugee Support**

Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser – **Larry Dagenhart**

Outstanding Legacy – **Nancy A. and J. Mason Wallace, posthumous**

Event and table sponsorship opportunities for National Philanthropy Day® are currently available at http://www.afpcharlotte.org/programs/national-philanthropy-day/.

For media inquiries or more information regarding sponsorships please contact **Sarah Lanners** at **slanners@csarts.org** or **704.887.0294**.

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