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**AFP Charlotte Celebrates Local Philanthropists at Annual Luncheon***Nine award winners will be honored on November 21, 2019 at the Hilton Charlotte Center City*

(CHARLOTTE, N.C.) – The Charlotte Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) will host its annual National Philanthropy Day® (NPD) Luncheon on Thursday, November 21, 2019, at 11:30 AM at the Hilton Charlotte Center City hotel ballroom.

The NPD Luncheon honors outstanding local philanthropists who make an impact in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community and inspire everyday philanthropy. AFP Charlotte’s professional members nominated recipients and past winners and the AFP Board of Directors selected this year’s honorees in the following categories:

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| **Award Category** | **Honoree(s)** |
| Outstanding Champion of Diversity | Karen Parker |
| Outstanding Emerging Philanthropist | Lauren and James Chemplavil |
| Outstanding Fundraising Executive | Stephanie Stenglein, CFRE |
| Outstanding Philanthropist | Patricia A. Rodgers |
| Outstanding Philanthropic Small Business | Global Endowment Management |
| Outstanding Philanthropic Organization | TIAA |
| Outstanding Student Philanthropist | Alpha Chi Omega, Kappa Rho Chapter (UNC-Charlotte) |
| Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser | Jon Morris |
| Outstanding Legacy | Porter B. Byrum |

For a complete description of each award category, please visit our [NPD Awards Description page](http://www.afpcharlotte.org/programs/national-philanthropy-day-award-descriptions/).

Support from **2019 Heart of Charlotte Sponsor Towne Bank**, along with more than 20 other businesses, non-profit organizations and community foundations makes the 2019 NPD Luncheon possible. Tickets and table are available for purchase through the [AFP Charlotte website](http://www.afpcharlotte.org/programs/national-philanthropy-day/). Individual tickets are $50 each and tables (of 8) are $450. The event sells out every year.

**Additional Resources / Links**[2019 NPD Charlotte webpage](http://www.afpcharlotte.org/programs/national-philanthropy-day/)
[AFP Charlotte Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/AFPCharlotte/) for event updates and honoree stories
[NPD Promotional Videos](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/bc690nxwq23913y/AAD741gTOvykPBYPbBoOH1J5a?dl=0&lst=)

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**About National Philanthropy Day**
National Philanthropy Day® (NPD) acknowledges the entire spectrum of services provided by the Charlotte nonprofit community and recognizes the profound impact that philanthropy has on the fabric of our society. Each year the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) honors individuals, groups, organizations and businesses who, through their hard work and dedication, have enhanced philanthropy, their communities and the world.

 We celebrate National Philanthropy Day® because of the extraordinary impact of the charitable sector and the increasing importance philanthropic activities play in our communities. National Philanthropy Day® is celebrated by more than 125 communities and 50,000 people around the world will participate in NPD events and celebrations.

The AFP Charlotte Chapter has hosted National Philanthropy Day® Awards luncheon for more than 15 years. Over 500 of Charlotte's top business leaders, foundations, charities and individuals come together to celebrate the vibrant philanthropic community that has an impact on every corner in Charlotte.

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