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Previous Award Winners

National Philanthropy Day®

Philanthropist

- 2024 Liz Star
- 2023 Tom and Heather Finke
- 2022 Joe and Carol Gigler
- 2021 Mary Ruth and Philip Payne
- 2020 Eric & Lori Sklut
- 2019 Patricia A. Rodgers
- 2018 Sarah Belk Gambrell & Sally Gambrell Bridgford
- 2017 Casey and Anke Mermans
- 2016 Catherine and Wilton Connor
- 2015 Howard Levine
- 2014 Anne Springs Close
- 2013 James H. Hance, Jr. & Beverly Smith Hance
- 2012 Porter Byrum
- 2011 Jim & Mary Anne (M.A.) Rogers
- 2010 William H. Williamson, III
- 2009 Nicholas T. Goudes
- 2008 John Crosland, Jr.
- 2007 Cliff Cameron
- 2006 Christa A. Overcash
- 2005 Wayland H. Cato, Jr.
- 2004 Sandra and Leon Levine
- 2003 Mariam Cannon Hayes
- 2002 Dale F. Halton
- 2001 Mary Liz Francis
- 2000 Irwin Belk
- 1999 Bruce Parker
- 1998 Daniel J. Stowe
- 1997 Herman Blumenthal
- 1996 Charles B. Trexler
- 1995 James R. Nisbet & Betty Nisbet
- 1994 Marie R. Rowe
- 1993 William M. & Harriet Barnhardt
- 1992 Torrence E. & Hilda Hemby
- 1991 Edwin L. Jones, Jr. & Lucille Finch Jones

Philanthropic Organization

- 2024 Quik Trip
- 2023 Crowder Construction
- 2022 Lowe's Companies
- 2021 Lake Norman Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram & Gastonia Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram
- 2020 Assistance League of Charlotte
- 2019 TIAA

- 2018 Community Matters
- 2017 Moore and Van Allen
- 2016 McGuireWoods, LLP
- 2015 Bank of America
- 2014 PNC
- 2013 Belk
- 2012 The John S. & James L. Knight Fdn.
- 2011 Wells Fargo
- 2010 Charlotte Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure
- 2009 Women's Impact Fund
- 2008 Autobell Car Wash, Inc.
- 2007 Kennedy Covington Lobdell & Hickman, LLP
- 2006 Deloitte & Touche LLP
- 2005 The Duke Endowment
- 2004 Goodrich Corporation
- 2003 Phillip Morris Employee Community Fund
- 2002 Continental Tire North America
- 2001 Coca-Cola Bottling Company
- 2000 Wachovia
- 1999 Microsoft
- 1998 Royal & SunAlliance
- 1997 United Parcel Service
- 1996 The Charlotte Observer
- 1995 First Union Corporation
- 1994 Hoechst Celanese
- 1993 BellSouth
- 1992 Junior League of Charlotte
- 1991 NationsBank
- 1990 Duke Power Company

Student Philanthropist

- 2023 Kobe Brown
- 2022 Lexia Gianopoulos
- 2021 Youth Leadership Council of Make-A-Wish Central & Western North Carolina
- 2020 Molly Green
- 2019 Alpha Chi Omega Kappa Rho
- 2018 Shreya Mantha
- 2017 Davidson Refugee Support
- 2016 Kate Gatterdam
- 2015 James McLelland
- 2014 Molina & Milaan Shah
- 2013 Tory Foster
- 2012 UNC Charlotte Nursing Association

- 2011 Darius Law
- 2010 Playing for Others
- 2010 Chantal Saxon
- 2009 Johnson & Wales Student Alumni Association
- 2008 Laura Mesec
- 2007 Margaret Cheatham Williams
- 2006 Carey Carpenter
- 2005 Caroline and Emily May
- 2004 Kolbe Boyd Franklin
- 2003 East Mecklenburg High School Right Moves for Youth Girls & Boys Club
- 2002 Charlotte Latin School Service Society
- 2001 Project Teen
- 2000 Teens for Charlotte

Philanthropic Small Business

- 2024 Ashera Earth Mother
- 2023 Harker, LLC
- 2022 Reflections by Rhiannon
- 2021 Manolo's Bakery
- 2020 Loeb sack & Brownlee
- 2019 Global Endowment Management
- 2018 NoDa Brewing Company
- 2017 Luquire George Andrews
- 2016 Barringer Construction
- 2015 Two Men and a Truck
- 2014 CEO, Inc.
- 2013 Boingo Graphics
- 2012 Beacon Partners
- 2011 Donald Haack Diamonds & Fine Gems
- 2010 Loftin & Company Printers
- 2009 Merriman Schmitt Architects
- 2008 Edifice, Inc.
- 2007 Wray Ward
- 2006 Fuel Pizza
- 2005 Little Diversified Architectural Consulting
- 2004 Bragg Financial Advisors, Inc.
- 2003 Spectrum Properties
- 2002 Rodgers Builders, Inc.

Professional Fundraising Executive

- 2024 Joanne O'Brien Beam
- 2023 Mike Blackwelder
- 2022 Niles Sorensen
- 2021 Donna Canzano Stucker
- 2020 Eileen Keeley



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2019 Stephanie Stenglein, CFRE
 2018 Shannon Hinson, CFRE
 2017 Tony Marciano, CFRE
 2016 Adelaide Davis
 2015 Jenni Gaisbauer
 2014 Holley Welch Stubbing
 2013 Michelle Hamilton, CFRE
 2012 James Bullock
 2011 Linda Reynolds
 2010 Kristin Hills Bradberry
 2009 EJ Underwood
 2008 Dean Jones
 2007 Bart Landess, J.D.
 2006 Laura C. Simic, CFRE
 2005 Brenda Lea, CFRE
 2004 Stacy Sumner Jesso
 2003 Arthur M. "Rusty" Brink
 2002 W. Reade Baker, CFRE
 2001 Mary Ellen Shuntich, CFRE
 2000 Karla A. Williams, CFRE
 1999 Cynthia H. Clark, CFRE
 1998 Mary Gorsline
 1997 James K. Kelley, CFRE
 1996 Laura Johnson Smith
 1995 Dian A. Brownfield, CFRE
 1994 Clarece Walker
 1993 Edward A. Ellis, CFRE
 1992 Susan Hancock Sewell
 1991 Harry P. Creemers
 1990 Alan W. Lee

Volunteer Fundraiser

2024 Posey Mealy
 2023 Harvey B. Gantt and Heath Campbell
 2022 Mary Claire Wall
 2021 Jared Yerg
 2020 Joan Zimmerman
 2019 Jon Morris
 2018 Malcom D. Coley
 2017 Larry Dagenhart
 2016 Gene Johnson
 2015 Edward O'Keefe
 2014 Carlos Evans
 2013 Terri DeBoo
 2012 Jamie McLawhorn
 2011 Dhiaa Jamil
 2010 Ruth Shaw
 2009 Elaine Lyerly

2008 Judy Harrison Barry
 2007 The Beck Family
 2006 Thomas E. "Tommy" Norman
 2005 Martha and Jerry Schmitt
 2004 Mary Lou and Jim Babb
 2003 Pat Riley
 2002 Patricia O'Herron Norman
 2001 Amy Woods Brinkley
 2000 Alan Dickson & R. Stuart Dickson
 1999 Rolfe Neill
 1998 Sally Dalton Robinson
 1997 John B. Stedman
 1996 Hugh L. McColl, Jr.
 1995 John A. (Jack) Tate
 1994 Ed Crutchfield, Jr.
 1993 Deborah Small Harris
 1992 William S. Lee
 1991 Robert M. Wright
 1990 Howard C. (Smoky) Bissell
 1991

Legacy Award

2024 Willie and Cecil Teeter
 2023 Bill Barnhardt
 2022 Anne Springs Close
 2021 George D. Patterson
 2020 William Terry
 2019 Porter B. Byrum
 2018 Dr. Loy H. Witherspoon, Jr.
 2017 Nancy A. and J. Mason Wallace
 (posthumously)
 2016 John Crosland, Jr.
 2015 Mary Liz Francis
 2014 Joe Grier, Jr. (posthumously)
 2013 Margaret "Jean" Norwood Culver
 & Dr. Lucius Gage
 2012 Carol Ann Douglas (posthumously)
 2011 Lynn Kennelly (posthumously)
 2010 James Douglas Zeller (posthumously)
 2009 Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Barber
 2008 James M. & Ellen L. Ross
 (posthumously)
 2007 Suzanne Swarin
 2006 Mr. and Mrs. Powell Majors
 2005 Minnie McKee
 2004 Elizabeth Price Van Every
 2003 Mariam C. Schramm
 2002 Ella Bickel

2001 Marie Rowe
 2000 Lucille Puette Giles

Champion of Diversity

2024 Kevin Kendrick
 2023 Laura Yates Clark
 2022 Todd and Janelle Collins
 2021 Justin L. Perry, MSW, LCSW, LCAS
 2020 Valaida Fullwood
 2019 Karen Parker
 2018 Dan Hester
 2017 Rabbi Judy Schindler
 2016 Jonathan Belton
 2015 Charlie Elberson
 2013 Robyn Hamilton
 2012 Jill Flynn
 2011 Courtney Hollenbeck
 & Rosemary Furniss
 2010 Norberto Sanchez
 2009 Deborah Whitfield
 2008 Bridget-Anne Hampden
 & Tom Warshauer

Emerging Philanthropist

2024 Brittany Conner
 2023 Michelle Chin
 2021 Lauren Harkey
 2020 Brandon Swiderski
 2019 Lauren and James Chemplavil
 2018 Alfred and Amy Levine Dawson
 2017 Boris Henderson
 2016 Tonya and Daunte Bruce
 2015 Dale Gillmore
 2014 Stephanie Stenglein
 2013 Meghann Gunderman
 2012 Jackie Slaugenhaupt
 2011 Phillips Bragg
 2010 Marjorie Macomber Bray
 2009 Marc Gustafson
 2008 Liz Simmons
 2007 Carter Meiselman

Outstanding Emerging Fundraising Professional Award

2024 Hannah Lane

Lifetime Achievement Award

2014 Michael Rose