

A photograph of a woman and a young girl in a greenhouse filled with tomato plants. The woman, on the right, has curly hair with orange hair ties and is wearing a yellow t-shirt and blue denim overalls. She is smiling broadly and holding a wooden crate filled with red tomatoes. The girl, on the left, has her hair in pigtails with pink and blue flower ties and is wearing a white t-shirt and blue denim overalls. She is also smiling and holding several red tomatoes. The background is filled with lush green tomato plants and some ripening fruit.

# **Mutual of America 2021 Community Partnership Award**

Recognizing People  
Working Together to Build  
Better Communities



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Since our founding, we have been dedicated to helping our customers stay focused on achieving their retirement and investment goals. This commitment helps us make an even more meaningful impact in the communities where we all live and work.”

**JOHN R. GREED**

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer  
Mutual of America Financial Group

The Mutual of America building, New York, NY



## About Mutual of America Financial Group

Mutual of America Financial Group is a leading provider of retirement and investment services. We offer personalized service at a competitive price to help retirement plan participants and individuals build and preserve assets for a financially secure future. Integrity, prudence and reliability are values that have guided us since our inception in 1945 and that continue to serve us and our customers well.

We believe the power of community can foster a healthier and more productive and inclusive society. This strong sense of social responsibility is seen in our customer-first attitude and in the many ways that we care for and give back to the communities we serve throughout the U.S. Together with the Mutual of America Foundation, our Company’s philanthropic arm, we are working to shape a more promising future by helping to address some of the country’s most pressing issues today.

**5,872**

401(k) and 403(b) clients receiving retirement plan services from Mutual of America Financial Group, as of June 30, 2021.

**438,883**

401(k) and 403(b) plan participants receiving retirement plan services from Mutual of America Financial Group, as of June 30, 2021.

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Meeting the Moment  
Letter from John R. Greed



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I am in awe of these organizations and the frontline workers who are meeting the moment and serving their communities by creating a healthier, more equitable future for all. On behalf of everyone at Mutual of America, thank you for your tireless dedication and the strength and inspiration you provide.”

No one could have predicted the many ways in which the COVID-19 pandemic, and the related health and economic challenges it created, would impact the lives of millions of individuals and families—particularly those living in underserved and vulnerable communities across America. As hundreds of thousands of Americans were suddenly confronted with food insecurity, lost wages, domestic violence, homelessness, and limited access to childcare and healthcare, nonprofit organizations stepped up more than ever to meet these and other pressing needs—all the while, responding to a health crisis that continues to affect so many Americans.

I am in awe of these organizations and the frontline workers who are meeting the moment and serving their communities by creating a healthier, more equitable future for all. On behalf of everyone at Mutual of America, thank you for

your tireless dedication and the strength and inspiration you provide.

When Mutual of America created the Community Partnership Award in 1996, our goal was to recognize and support nonprofit organizations that, in collaboration with partners from the public and private sectors, have created unique, innovative and effective solutions to help those individuals and families most in need in our local communities. Now in its 26th year, the Community Partnership Award has become one of the most prestigious and coveted national awards in the country.

During this time, Thomas Gilliam, Chairman and CEO of the Mutual of America Foundation, played a pivotal role in spotlighting groundbreaking nonprofit organizations and the work they do to foster community engagement for a brighter

collective future. His personal commitment to corporate philanthropy, and to supporting nonprofit organizations in fulfilling their missions, aligned perfectly with Mutual of America’s deep culture of caring and its commitment to making a meaningful difference in the communities where we live and work.

Thomas retired in August, after more than 50 years of service to Mutual of America. We are grateful for his remarkable dedication and contributions, including his leadership of the Community Partnership Award since its inception.

Speaking of which, as you’ll see on the pages that follow, this year’s five exceptional award-winning programs embody the spirit of collaboration in how they are working with public and private partners to accelerate their

impact. In doing so, they are building stronger, more resilient communities, transforming lives and changing the world around them.

As we look forward to a healthier future together, Mutual of America is proud to support and help extend the reach of these vital organizations through the 2021 Community Partnership Award.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John R. Greed". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

John R. Greed  
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer  
Mutual of America Financial Group



# About the Community Partnership Award

The Mutual of America Community Partnership Award (CPA) was created in 1996 by the Mutual of America Foundation.

Each year, we honor nonprofit organizations from across the country that are helping to move our nation forward by building healthier, more equitable communities. Now in its 26th year, this prestigious award encourages nonprofits, in partnership with public, private and other social sector organizations, to demonstrate:

- 1. the measurable impact of their program on the communities they serve,
- 2. the ability to replicate and share their program with other organizations, and
- 3. their capacity to innovate new approaches to addressing significant social issues.

500+

Nonprofits that applied for the 2021 Community Partnership Award.

5

2021 Community Partnership Award winners (one national winner and four Honorable Mention recipients).

250

Community Partnership Award recipients honored since 1996.

In 2021, an independent committee selected five Community Partnership Award winners from more than 500 organizations that applied for the award. From this group, one received the Thomas J. Moran Award, which is given to the national award-winning program. Four other organizations were named as Honorable Mention recipients.

The national winner received a \$100,000 award and a documentary video about their program. Past winners have used their videos as valuable tools to expand public awareness of their work and help attract additional partners and sponsors. Each Honorable Mention recipient received a \$50,000 award. It is with enormous pride that Mutual of America presents the 2021 Community Partnership Award winners.

Visit the official YouTube channel for the Mutual of America Foundation Community Partnership Award to watch videos of each of the 26 national award-winning programs.

**OPPOSITE, TOP LEFT**

The Thomas J. Moran Award, given annually to the national award-winning program, is named in honor of Mutual of America's longtime former Chairman, President and CEO, who passed away in 2018.

**TOP RIGHT**

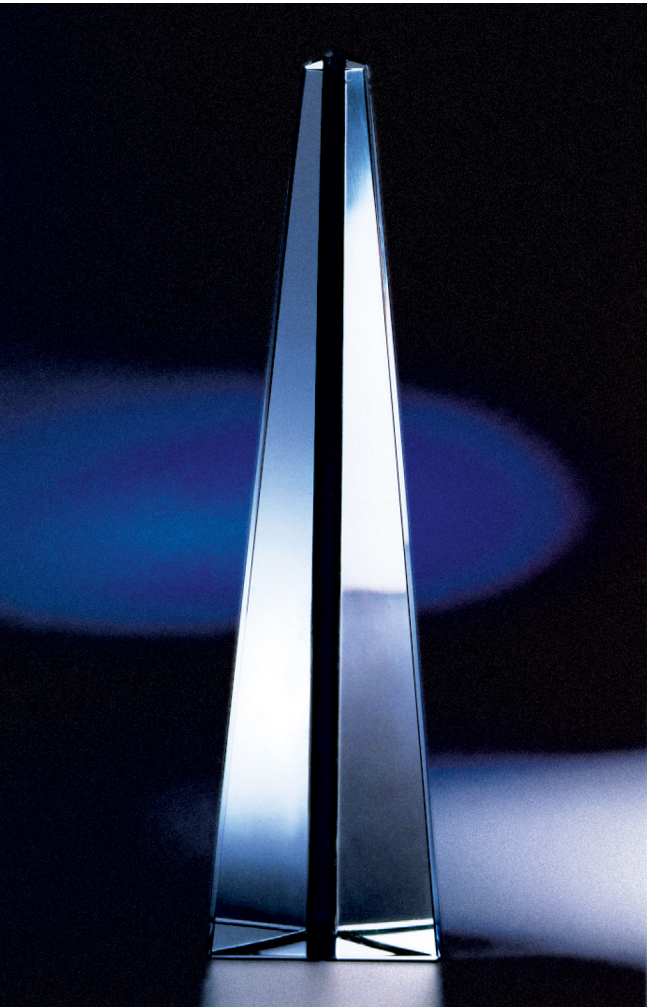
Main entrance of the Mutual of America building

**MIDDLE RIGHT**

Thomas J. Moran

**BOTTOM**

2019 Community Partnership Award Dinner (l-r): Thomas Gilliam, Chairman and CEO, Mutual of America Foundation; Kay Buck, CEO, Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (Cast); LaDoverick Huggins, Senior VP, Special Markets, Mutual of America Financial Group; John R. Greed, Chairman, President and CEO, Mutual of America Financial Group.





## 2021 Selection Committee Members

**William F. Baker, Ph.D.**

Claudio Aquaviva Distinguished  
Professor of Education  
Fordham University

**George E. Barker**

Former Executive Vice President  
for International Development  
American Cancer Society

**Susan N. Dreyfus**

President and CEO  
Alliance for Strong Families  
and Communities

**Carla Harris**

Vice Chair, Wealth Management  
Senior Client Advisor,  
Managing Director  
Morgan Stanley | Company Management

**Frances R. Hesselbein**

Chairman  
The Frances Hesselbein  
Leadership Forum

**Andrew D. Sens**

Former Commissioner  
Independent International  
Commission on Decommissioning

**Thomas Von Essen**

Former Commissioner  
New York City Fire Department

## Selection Committee Members All-Time (1996–2021)

**William F. Baker, Ph.D.**

2011–Present

**George E. Barker**

2009–Present

**Richard Boyle**

1996–2005

**Honorable Hugh Carey**

1996–2011

**Richard J. Ciecka**

2005, 2007

**Susan N. Dreyfus**

2020–Present

**Dudley H. Hafner**

1996–2018

**Carla Harris**

2014–Present

**Frances R. Hesselbein**

1996–Present

**William Kahn**

2006–2010

**LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr. MD**

1996–2018

**Mary Ann Quaranta**

1996–2008

**Francis Schott**

2006–2013

**Andrew D. Sens**

2012–Present

**Stanley Shmishkiss**

1998–2005

**O. Stanley Smith, Jr.**

2004–2006

**Thomas Von Essen**

2017–Present

**Elie Wiesel**

1996–2016

## Honoring Thomas Gilliam Retired Chairman and CEO, Mutual of America Foundation



Few people work for and share their many talents with the same company for 50 years. Thomas Gilliam, Chairman and CEO of the Mutual of America Foundation, achieved that incredible distinction on July 12, 2021, six weeks before his planned retirement at the end of August.

Thomas joined Mutual of America in 1971 as a Senior Claims Clerk in the Finance department. His career quickly progressed, taking him to Chicago and growing field office management responsibilities. He returned to Mutual of America's headquarters in 1987, where he assumed increasingly senior leadership roles for the Company's marketing and sales operations. In 1996, Thomas was appointed Chairman and CEO of the Mutual of America Foundation, beginning what he refers to as "his second career."

During his tenure as Chairman and CEO of the Mutual of America Foundation, Thomas helped to define a new era of corporate social responsibility and strategic philanthropy, the central goal

of which is to help build stronger communities for all. Few projects better exemplify the transformative power of giving than the Mutual of America Community Partnership Award, which he helped to spearhead and sustain over its first 26 years.

To Thomas Gilliam, people matter most—along with their ability to create a better life for themselves, their loved ones and others. Each year, he crisscrossed the country to better understand and champion the critical work that the Community Partnership Award-winning organizations and their programs are doing to reinforce the social safety net for their communities' most in-need residents.

We all benefited greatly from Thomas Gilliam's deep compassion and his steadfast commitment to address difficult issues and strengthen communities throughout the U.S. And while we will all miss his wisdom and understated good humor, we wish him all the best as he writes the next chapter in his remarkable life.

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**The Community Partnership Award was the idea of many beautiful minds who believed that cross-sector partnerships transform the community ... that collaborations, partnerships and alliances are the mark of great organizations. When leaders move beyond their own walls, find the right partner and collaborate, lives are changed, and healthy communities are built.”**

**FRANCES R. HESSELBEIN**

Chairman, The Frances Hesselbein Leadership Forum;  
Founding member of the CPA Selection Committee;  
and a Mutual of America Board Member



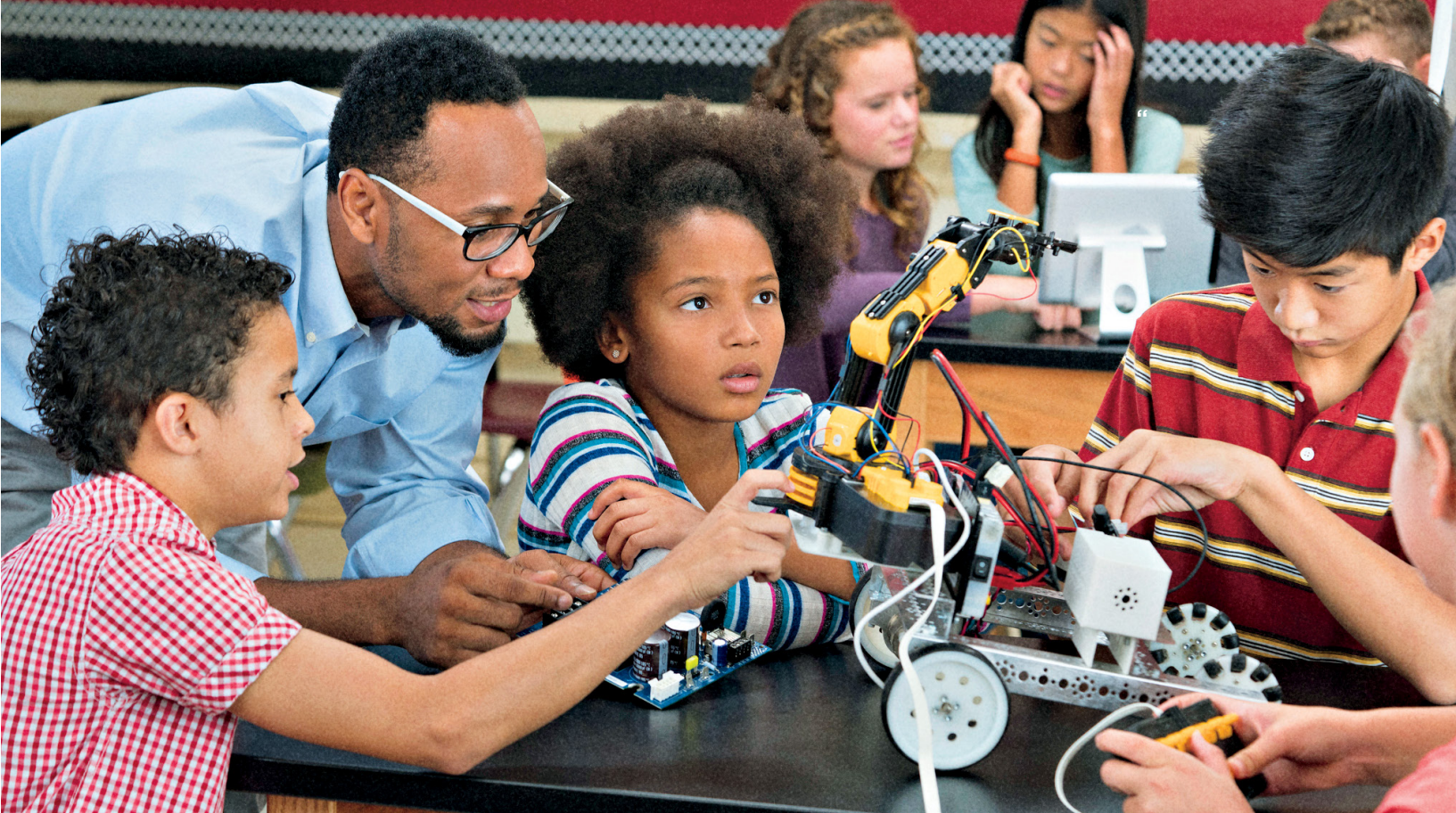
# Rising Above the Challenge

Each year, the Community Partnership Award honors outstanding nonprofit organizations, and their partners from the public and private sectors, that are creating innovative ways to serve the needs of our country’s most underserved communities.

As was the case in 2020, this year’s award-winning organizations navigated unprecedented challenges to adapt their programs to serve the social, emotional and physical needs of their communities amid the ongoing impact of COVID-19. In doing so, and while addressing pressing issues such as substance abuse, racial inequality and mental health, they joined a growing list of Community Partnership Award winners that are making the dream of healthier, more equitable communities for everyone to enjoy a reality.

“The Mutual of America Community Partnership Award has sought not only to recognize outstanding partnerships for 26 years, but also tow encourage the spirit of innovation when creating unique and effective solutions to help those most in need,” said John R. Greed, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Mutual of America Financial Group.

With more than 1.5 million nonprofits in the United States, the organizations honored with the Community Partnership Award represent only a sliver of all the hard work being done in service of the greater good. As we recognize five nonprofit programs this year, we are inspired by and deeply admire the compassionate efforts of all who give back to their communities.



## A Holistic Focus

Over the past 26 years, the Community Partnership Award has recognized 250 nonprofit organizations in the U.S. whose programs focus on numerous important issues, including:

Antibullying  
Child Abuse  
Community Development  
Disabilities  
Domestic Violence  
Education  
Elder Care  
Employment  
Family Support  
Grief Support  
Healthcare  
Homelessness  
Housing

Human Trafficking  
Hunger Prevention  
Inmate Rehabilitation  
Mental Health  
Poverty  
Prison Reform  
Public Safety  
Racial Equality  
Refugee Care  
Sexual Violence  
Special-Needs Inclusion  
Substance Abuse  
Teen Counseling

Veteran Care  
Violence Prevention  
Women’s Empowerment  
Women’s Health  
Youth

## Community Partnership Award Documentary Video Impact

For the past 26 years, Mutual of America has produced award-winning documentary videos featuring the remarkable work being accomplished by Community Partnership Award national award-winning programs.

The Community Partnership Award documentary video serves as a valuable tool to expand public awareness of these programs and of the organizations that run them, and helps attract additional partners and sponsors.

Over the years, Mutual of America has won more than three dozen Telly Awards, which honor excellence in video and television. Most recently, the Company received national recognition in the 42nd annual Telly Awards competition for its documentary video about the 100 Scholars Robotics Alliance, the 2020 Community Partnership Award-winning program.

“The video has been such a useful tool in getting our mission and message across,” said Kevin Gooch, Chairman of 100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc., which created the 100 Scholars program with partners as a way to help African-American youth excel in the classroom and build life skills.

To watch videos of each of the 26 national award-winning programs, visit the official YouTube channel for the Mutual of America Foundation Community Partnership Award.

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Recognition from the Community Partnership Award and the video has allowed Humanim to continue to highlight our mission and our work of improving neighborhoods across Baltimore.”

CINDY PLAVIER-TRUITT  
President and CEO of Humanim, winner of the 2018 Community Partnership Award for its Baltimore City Deconstruction Project



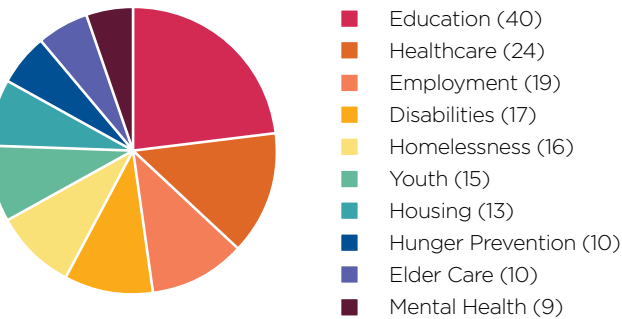
# The Power and Impact of Making a Difference

## NATIONAL REACH

Since its inception in 1996, the Community Partnership Award has recognized 250 partnerships from cities and towns across America.

- ★ 2021 National Award Winner
- ★ 1996–2020 National Award Winners
- ▲ 2021 Honorable Mention Award Recipients
- 1996–2020 Honorable Mention Award Recipients
- 1996–2020 Merit Finalists\*

## 250 PARTNERSHIPS HONORED (1996–2021) TOP 10 BY FOCUS



152

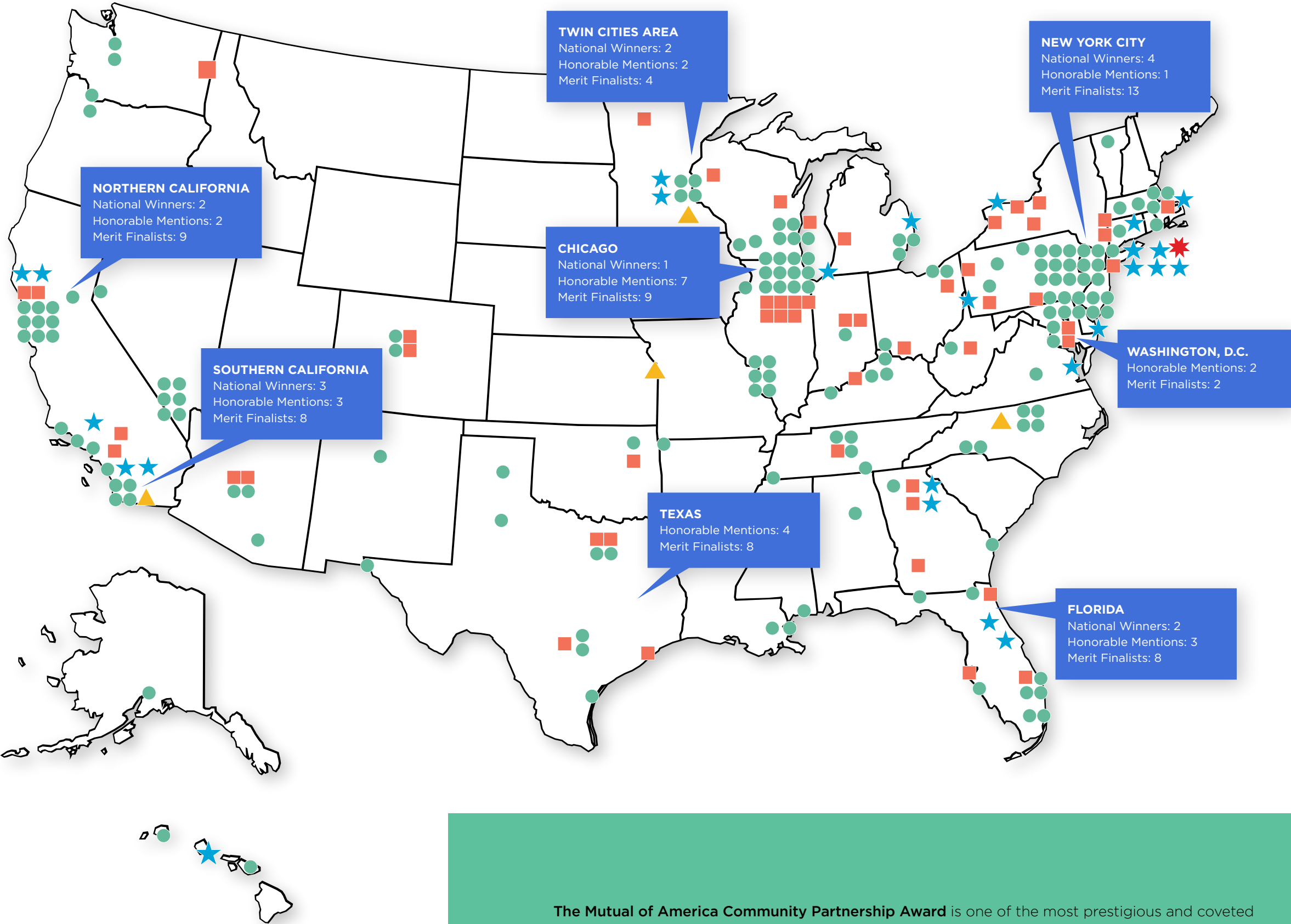
Cities and towns across the United States with organizations whose programs have received the Community Partnership Award.

39

States, plus the District of Columbia, represented by organizations whose programs have received the Community Partnership Award.

## 26 NATIONAL AWARD-WINNING PROGRAMS BY FOCUS

- Education (7)
- Employment (3)
- Healthcare (3)
- Prison Reform (3)
- Housing (2)
- Veteran Care (2)
- Domestic Violence (1)
- Homelessness (1)
- Human Trafficking (1)
- Family Support (1)
- Women's Health (1)
- Youth (1)



The Mutual of America Community Partnership Award is one of the most prestigious and coveted awards in the country. Since 1996, this national award has recognized programs addressing numerous critical issues impacting millions of Americans, including education, employment, healthcare, prison reform and housing. This section highlights the far-reaching impact of the award.

\*In 2020, the CPA began recognizing one national award-winning program and four Honorable Mention Award recipients. In prior years, there was one national winner, two Honorable Mentions and seven Merit Finalists.



2021 National  
Award-Winning  
Program

Thomas J. Moran Award Recipient

Nathaniel  
Project



In America, there are more individuals living with serious mental illness detained in jails and prisons than being served in psychiatric treatment centers. Most of these incarcerated people lack access to mental health services that could help them recover. As a result, they often are subject to violence and ongoing suffering while imprisoned, and they struggle to find their footing when released into the community.

Established in 1967, CASES (the Center for Alternative Sentencing & Employment Services) is dedicated to increasing public safety through innovative services that reduce crime and incarceration, improve behavioral health, promote recovery and rehabilitation, and create opportunities for success in the community.

In 2000, CASES launched its groundbreaking Nathaniel Project, New York City's first alternative-to-incarceration program for adults with serious mental illness (SMI), who are facing prison as the result of felony charges. Named for a man experiencing homelessness whose mental illness went untreated as he cycled in and out of the criminal legal system for 15 years, the Nathaniel Project has earned national recognition for safely supervising and supporting clients as they work within their community to rebuild their lives.

CASES clinical staff working in the courts identify people with indications of psychiatric distress who may be appropriate for the Project. Working with the client and their defense attorney, CASES develops a plan to support the client's return to the community. If the court agrees, sentencing is deferred pending the outcome of a 2- to 3-year treatment period, during which clients engage with CASES staff in intensive case management, court advocacy, mental health and substance-use treatment, medication management, and housing and employment services—delivered by a state-licensed mobile treatment team.

“Our partnerships are crucial to our success,” said Joel Copperman, CEO and President of CASES. “Over the past 21 years, we have worked closely with city offices and other agencies to create a replicable program that gives the courts a more just and humane sentencing option for individuals with SMI—one that is helping some of our most vulnerable citizens to reclaim their lives, while also helping to reduce crime and save taxpayer dollars.”

ORGANIZATION

Center for  
Alternative  
Sentencing &  
Employment  
Services  
Brooklyn, NY

PROGRAM

Nathaniel Project

PARTNERS

Mayor's Office of  
Criminal Justice

New York State  
Office of Mental  
Health

New York County  
(Manhattan)  
Supreme Court

Howie the Harp  
Advocacy Center

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What makes the Nathaniel Project unique is the incredible reputation they've developed with the courts and the district attorney's office. They've proven that when we dedicate resources into giving people community treatment, as opposed to locking them up, public safety is increased, and lives are changed for the better.”

JEFFREY BERMAN

Mental Health Attorney, Legal Aid Society



2021 Honorable  
Mention Award  
Recipient

# Adopt-A- Neighborhood Project



A roof sags over broken windows. Strips of wood are missing from the rotting front porch. The sign on the door warns: *Danger! Keep Out.* In cities across the U.S., urban neighborhoods are struggling with an epidemic of vacant and abandoned buildings along with economic disinvestment and the quality-of-life, health and safety concerns that often accompany urban blight.

In 2015, Legal Aid of Western Missouri created the Adopt-A-Neighborhood Project, a groundbreaking initiative helping to transform seven distressed neighborhoods within Kansas City’s urban core into vibrant, thriving communities. The first program of its kind in the country, Adopt-A-Neighborhood provides access to pro bono legal services to individuals, neighborhood associations and other nonprofit organizations through a unique collaboration with seven of the city’s top private law firms.

This initiative is in keeping with Legal Aid’s primary mission to improve the lives of those in need through quality legal assistance. Founded in 1964, Legal Aid provides a range of free, holistic, civil (noncriminal) legal services designed to help clients with low incomes to access healthcare and public benefits; escape abuse and human trafficking; resolve immigration issues; access safe, stable housing; and spur community and economic development.

Members of Legal Aid’s staff provide training to help attorneys who volunteer for the Adopt-A-Neighborhood Project to handle community economic development cases. At the same time, Legal Aid provides legal education to neighborhood associations and other community members.

“The goal of the Adopt-A-Neighborhood Project is to help stabilize housing, return vacant properties to productive use and improve the quality of life in low-income neighborhoods,” said Kayla Hogan, the Adopt-A-Neighborhood Project Director. “It provides a clear example of how Legal Aid can partner with private law firms to provide a pathway for residential development, community revitalization and economic security for underserved communities and their residents. Based on the success of this in Kansas City, the project has been replicated in St. Louis and is being considered by other cities across the U.S.”

ORGANIZATION  
Legal Aid of  
Western Missouri  
Kansas City, MO

PROGRAM  
Adopt-A-  
Neighborhood  
Project

PARTNERS  
Seven prominent  
law firms in  
Kansas City, MO

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The Adopt-A-Neighborhood Project has empowered various neighborhood associations to take an active role in neighborhood improvement efforts. The end result of the project has been to help restore neighborhoods, attract new residents to the neighborhoods and address various neighborhood legal needs.”

R.B. MILLER, III  
Senior Counsel, Lathrop GPM LLP



2021 Honorable  
Mention Award  
Recipient

# Clean Water for Carolina Kids



**Infants and children need access to safe drinking water. Yet, the health of millions of our youngest citizens may be at risk because of toxic lead in the piping and plumbing in the childcare centers and schools where they play and learn.**

Today, Clean Water for Carolina Kids is making critical advancements in protecting children from lead exposure. Launched in 2017 by RTI, an independent nonprofit research institute, Clean Water for Carolina Kids began as a community-based pilot study to engage and train school administrators in testing for and tracking lead contamination with a simple but groundbreaking mail-out test kit and a cloud-based enrollment and reporting portal. The study found that lead was present in water, above the American Academy of Pediatrics reference level, at 63% of the childcare centers and schools tested.

RTI is dedicated to improving the human condition through science-based solutions. Its team of nearly 6,000 experts works collaboratively with outside organizations to address complex social and scientific challenges on behalf of communities and businesses around the world.

Leveraging local connections, RTI partnered with various organizations to evaluate legal, regulatory and economic options for statewide lead testing. Together with input from outside stakeholders, RTI and its partners successfully updated North Carolina’s statewide childcare sanitation rule to require all licensed childcare centers to test for lead in water being used for drinking and food preparation.

“Clean Water for Carolina Kids is the first program to make available large-scale, yet scientifically robust, lead-in-water testing, while empowering school and childcare administrators as ‘citizen scientists,’” said Jennifer Hoponick Redmon, a senior environmental health scientist and program director at RTI International. “This year, we expanded the program throughout public schools in Georgia and with private well-owners across the U.S. We are elated that it has become a model for eliminating childhood exposure to lead and other contaminants. With federal funding, this testing is free to all participants.”

**ORGANIZATION**  
RTI International  
Durham, NC

**PROGRAM**  
Clean Water for  
Carolina Kids

**PARTNERS**  
North Carolina  
Department of  
Health and Human  
Services / Division  
of Public Health

Duke  
Environmental Law  
and Policy Center

NC Child

“

**Our school was built in the 1940s, long before a federal rule came along in 1986 and banned lead use in pipes and fittings. Clean Water for Carolina Kids provided testing kits that were a great resource for us to make sure that the kids in our building were safe.”**

**HANNAH BRADSHAW**  
Coordinator, Onslow County Elementary  
Schools Pre-K Child Care Centers



2021 Honorable  
Mention Award  
Recipient

# HomeAid® WORKS



**It is said that difficult situations inspire ingenious solutions. When it comes to HomeAid® America and the creation of their HomeAid® WORKS program, this phrase could not be more true.**

For 32 years, HomeAid has been an integral part of the fight to end homelessness in our country. A leading nonprofit developer of housing and programmatic facilities, it operates through a network of 19 affiliates in 13 states with the mission to help people experiencing or at risk of homelessness build new lives through construction, community engagement and education.

HomeAid recognized that its construction partners were being slowed by a shortage of qualified workers. In 2019, it responded with HomeAid WORKS (Workforce Opportunities for Rebuilding through Knowledge and Skills). This innovative workforce development program answers both the need for more housing solutions and for better-trained construction workers by linking job training and education with a pathway to secure, high-paying jobs in construction.

Students are recommended to the WORKS program through HomeAid’s partnerships with nonprofit social services providers. HomeAid then helps these individuals to overcome obstacles to their success with scholarships, transportation and childcare assistance, tools, training materials and access to computers. Leveraging partnerships with construction curriculum/education providers, training facilities and job placement specialists, HomeAid then helps WORKS graduates to enter and advance in the construction industry.

At the same time, WORKS benefits its construction industry partners by creating a pipeline of well-trained and knowledgeable job seekers who can help employers improve the quality and diversity of their workforce, minimize worksite delays and enhance their competitive edge.

“HomeAid WORKS offers a road map to a better future for some of our country’s most vulnerable individuals,” said Scott Larson, CEO of HomeAid America. “This year, three more affiliates have joined us, replicating the program in Houston and in San Diego and Inland Empire, California. With potential expansion to Austin and Atlanta expected next year, HomeAid WORKS is inspiring individuals from all walks of life to break the cycle of homelessness in America.”

**ORGANIZATION**

HomeAid®  
America  
Irvine, CA

**PROGRAM**

HomeAid®  
WORKS

**PARTNERS**

Colorado  
Homebuilding  
Academy

Constructing Hope

TEACH  
Construction

Six HomeAid  
affiliates from  
across the country

West Adams  
WorkSource  
Center

“

**HomeAid has helped me really determine what career path I wanted. I came in here with zero knowledge and no idea what construction was. The one-on-one help they provide was something that really helped me a lot. They actually care about you and want you to succeed.”**

**DARWIN FROM DENVER**



2021 Honorable  
Mention Award  
Recipient

# North Market



**Fruits, vegetables and other healthy foods shouldn’t be a luxury. However, for millions of American families living in so-called “food deserts,” with limited access to affordable, nutritious food, they often are.**

In 2017, Pillsbury United Communities, one of Minnesota’s most well-established nonprofit organizations, partnered with North Memorial Health (NMH) to create North Market—a nonprofit grocery and wellness center that is specifically designed to address the persistent food insecurity and health issues in the underserved community of North Minneapolis.

The symmetry of purpose these two organizations share has helped further North Market’s success. With more than 140 years of service to diverse communities across the Twin Cities and beyond, Pillsbury United’s mission is to co-create enduring change toward a just society where every person can thrive. This includes addressing the disparities in health and wealth that many communities face as a result of decades of disinvestment and systematic racism. NMH is a local network of 26 specialty and primary care clinics, urgent and emergency care offerings, medical transportation services, and two hospitals focused on providing friendly, knowledgeable healthcare to the people who live and work in the community.

What began as a community-centered conversation about food access in North Minneapolis—an urban neighborhood with just one supermarket to serve 67,000 residents—quickly became a larger plan to help its residents understand and address significant food-related health issues, such as obesity, diabetes and high blood pressure, that plague their community. A more holistic concept emerged, and North Market opened its doors as a community-based destination for health screening, culturally relevant health education and healthy food options.

“We’re now in our fourth year of operation, and North Market continues to nourish and heal the residents of North Minneapolis,” said Adair Mosley, President and CEO of Pillsbury United Communities. “Pillsbury United’s five outdoor urban farms and one solar-powered hydroponic farm, plus other North Minneapolis community farmers, help to ensure year-round access to healthy produce.”

**ORGANIZATION**  
Pillsbury United  
Communities  
Minneapolis, MN

**PROGRAM**  
North Market

**PARTNER**  
North Memorial  
Health

“

**One of the best things about North Market is that they made it their mission to employ residents of North Minneapolis. North Market is more than a grocery store; it’s a community resource for health and wellness. I’m there almost every day!”**

**TAVIA FROM MINNEAPOLIS**



Past Winners:  
What They’re Saying

Mutual of America is pleased to know that the Community Partnership Award and documentary videos we produce serve as valuable tools in the respective missions of organizations nationwide to help educate and provide models of coordinated action for others to emulate.

“Cast has been leading the charge to end human trafficking through cutting-edge partnerships that identify and empower survivors in new sectors. It is truly an honor to be recognized [with the Mutual of America Community Partnership Award] for our commitment to survivors and innovative teamwork.”

KAY BUCK  
CEO, Cast  
2019: Survivor Advocate Program

“The Community Partnership Award ... helped put a spotlight on the therapeutic value of adaptive sports and brought our message to the national stage.”

NICO MARCOLONGO  
Operation Rebound Program Manager  
Challenged Athletes Foundation  
2012: Operation Rebound

“The Community Partnership Award came at a critical juncture for College Possible. The award helped elevate our national visibility. This, along with the stunning video that Mutual of America produced for us, has helped position us for transformational growth.”

JIM McCORKELL  
CEO and Founder  
College Possible  
2011: College Possible

“The Community Partnership Award and the video Mutual of America produced on our behalf continue to build awareness ... I presented at the White House’s Summit on Reentry Services, where I shared the GOSO model so that other organizations can help justice-involved young men change the trajectory of their lives.”

MARK GOLDSMITH  
CEO and President, GOSO  
2010: Getting Out and Staying Out (GOSO)

“When we won the Community Partnership Award, we had no idea how great an impact it would have on our entire community. Suddenly, we had received a national award for the work we were doing ... It affirmed that An Achievable Dream was not only important to the children of Newport News, but could serve as a model for schools and communities all over the country.”

WALTER SEGALOFF  
Founder, An Achievable Dream, Inc.  
2003: An Achievable Dream

“The Community Partnership Award video is still widely used to help people both within and outside the community understand the way the partnership works and the importance of domestic violence as a social and legal issue.”

SHIRL Q. REGAN  
Executive Director, Women’s Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh  
2001: Zone-Based Advocacy

“We were quietly and conscientiously going about our work when Mutual of America told us we were doing something of national significance that they wanted to showcase. That recognition changed our worldview. The award got us thinking: Are we capable of doing more?”

DANIEL MEYERS  
President, Al Sigl Center for Rehabilitation  
1999: Al Sigl Center Partnership



# 2015 National Award-Winning Program Update: Waikiki Health’s PATH Clinic



**ORGANIZATION**

Waikiki Health  
Honolulu, HI

**PROGRAM**

Waikiki Health’s  
PATH Clinic

**PARTNER**

Salvation Army  
Family Treatment  
Services

Motherhood is a pivotal experience in a woman’s life. For a person struggling with a substance-use disorder, it also can be a critical driver for seeking help in dealing with the physical, emotional and social problems caused by addiction.

For more than a decade, Waikiki Health’s PATH Clinic (Perinatal Addiction Treatment Clinic of Hawaii) has been breaking down the barriers that often keep pregnant and parenting women with addiction challenges from getting the care and support they need.

The PATH Clinic was originally funded in 2006 by the Hawaii State Legislature as a perinatal clinic to support pregnant women dealing with substance-use issues. In 2011, Waikiki Health assumed operation of the clinic and expanded its services to include primary medical care for women and their children. Together with its partner agency, The Salvation Army Family Treatment Services (SAFTS), the PATH Clinic has created a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to meeting the care needs of women facing the challenges of addiction. SAFTS is the only residential treatment center in the state where women can have their children reside with them during substance-use treatment.

Recognizing the extraordinary work the PATH Clinic does to bring health and healing to one of Hawaii’s most vulnerable populations, Mutual of America named Waikiki Health’s PATH Clinic as its 2015 Community Partnership national award-winning program. Since the announcement of this prestigious award, the PATH Clinic has grown in its ability to serve the healthcare needs of families affected by addiction.

“The Community Partnership Award and the incredible video Mutual of America created for us have given us a higher level of visibility and credibility,” said Mary Beth Lohman, Director of Marketing and Development for Waikiki Health. “To meet the increasing demand for our services, we increased our staff and expanded our hours. So, what began as a small clinic is now a robust program, which served 750 patients over 3,045 separate visits in 2020 alone. Mahalo to Mutual of America for their support of the work we’re doing to help improve women’s and children’s lives.”



Before I found PATH Clinic, I was in recovery, working full-time and happy. One word changed that: relapse. During this roller-coaster ride, which included homelessness, I found out that I was pregnant. That was my wake-up call. I found my way to PATH, and they helped me to get through a lot. I am grateful and looking forward to a happy, healthy life with my son.”

**NATASHA**

PATH Clinic Patient

# Past National Award-Winning Programs

Since 1996, the diverse and prestigious group of Community Partnership Award winners continues to make a positive impact on society every day. Rooted in empathy and a commitment to partnering with public, private and other social sector organizations, these remarkable nonprofits are tackling an array of issues through a variety of successful, innovative approaches. In doing so, they are providing opportunity and hope to many.

We are thankful for their contributions. You can read their stories at [mutualofamerica.com](http://mutualofamerica.com). Following is a quick look at the crucial work being achieved by each of the past 25 national award-winning programs.

## 2020



**100 Scholars Robotics Alliance**

100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc.  
Atlanta, GA

100 Scholars Robotics Alliance was created by 100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc., and various partners, as a way to help African-American youth in underserved school districts excel in the classroom and build life skills. This groundbreaking after-school and summer program provides students opportunities to thrive in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields.

## 2019



**Survivor Advocate Program**

Coalition to Abolish  
Slavery and Trafficking  
(Cast) Los Angeles, CA

The Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (Cast) is confronting human trafficking, one of the most devastating human rights issues facing our country and the world. Through its Survivor Advocate Program, Cast embeds a trained professional, who is also a trafficking survivor, in partnering hospitals to improve the support that is offered when a victim of human trafficking seeks medical attention. In doing so, the program is empowering these individuals to rebuild their lives after years of captivity and abuse, and to turn their exploitation into an opportunity for advocacy to end human trafficking forever.

## 2018



**Baltimore City Deconstruction Project**

Humanim, Inc.  
Baltimore, MD

The Baltimore City Deconstruction Project employs a new model of multi-disciplinary problem-solving to transform once-blighted blocks of dilapidated, vacant houses in Baltimore’s inner city into thriving green spaces. They’re doing this, not by clogging landfills with demolition debris, but by hiring and training local residents, many of whom were formerly incarcerated, to take apart these buildings, piece-by-piece, and then salvaging bricks and boards for resale.

## 2017



**Evans Community Partnership School**

Children’s Home  
Society of Florida  
Orlando, FL

The Evans Community Partnership School uses a transformative “no-wrong-door” delivery model to provide a range of social services. This includes on-site medical and dental services, mental-health and counseling programs, after-school enrichment and mentoring, and transportation and meals, aimed at raising the academic ground floor and empowering students to succeed. Today, the school has 15 agencies working collaboratively to strengthen the community by creating opportunities for students and their families to reach their full potential.

## 2016



**East Harlem Center for Living and Learning**

DREAM  
New York, NY

DREAM’s (formerly known as Harlem RBI) East Harlem Center for Living and Learning originated from DREAM’s need for school facilities and the New York City Housing Authority’s (NYCHA’s) interests in increasing low-income housing in the neighborhood. The center includes a 450-seat public charter school, where 50% of kindergarten seats are reserved for students living in NYCHA residences; after-school and summer program space that serves more than 1,800 kids each year; 89 units of affordable housing; a revitalized public park and community space; and ongoing job opportunities for local residents.



2015



**Waikiki Health's PATH Clinic**  
Waikiki Health  
Honolulu, HI

Waikiki Health's PATH Clinic is Hawaii's only comprehensive obstetrics/ gynecology clinic that specifically addresses the often complex needs of pregnant and parenting women with current or past addiction challenges. It provides primary medical care, smoking cessation programs, childcare and social services, all in an environment that is nonjudgmental and compassionate.

2011



**College Possible Access and Success Partnership**  
College Possible  
Saint Paul, MN

College Possible helps break down the barriers that often keep economically disadvantaged youth from getting into college and earning a degree. Using AmeriCorps members as coaches, College Possible provides intensive ACT/SAT preparation, college admission and financial aid consulting, college transition guidance at the high school level and a program to help college seniors as they prepare to graduate and join the workforce.

2007



**Project Success**  
100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc.  
Atlanta, GA

Project Success is a partnership between 100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc., and Atlanta Public Schools. This wide-ranging enrichment and mentoring program for students has grown to include programs in 19 Atlanta public schools. Project Success has energized Atlanta, helping thousands of children realize their potential for leadership and success.

2003



**An Achievable Dream**  
An Achievable Dream, Inc.  
Newport News, VA

An Achievable Dream is a year-round program in academic, social and moral education for underserved children in grades K-12. The program has succeeded by approaching the achievement gap from many different angles: extending the school day and year, providing food and healthcare, and stressing character development and social skills. Partners include the local sheriff's office, business community and a U.S. Army facility.

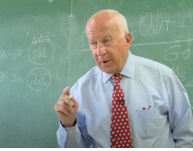
2014



**Surgery Weekend Program**  
Fresh Start  
Surgical Gifts  
Carlsbad, CA

At Fresh Start Surgical Gifts, an all-volunteer team of world-class surgeons, dentists and other medical providers is transforming the lives of disadvantaged children with physical deformities through the extraordinary gift of reconstructive surgery, dental and health-related services. These ongoing services are provided through Fresh Start's Surgery Weekend program, a first-of-its-kind partnership with Rady Children's Hospital in San Diego.

2010



**Getting Out and Staying Out**  
Getting Out and Staying Out (GOSO)  
New York, NY

Through its partnership with the City of New York Department of Correction and the New York City Board of Education, Getting Out and Staying Out (GOSO) helps incarcerated men between the ages of 18 and 24 earn their GED and focus on life skills and possible career paths to better their chances of success once released. Fewer than 15 percent of the released inmates GOSO has worked with have recidivated.

2006



**New Jersey SEEDS Scholars Program**  
New Jersey SEEDS  
Newark, NJ

Every year, New Jersey SEEDS Scholars Program selects over 100 inner-city students to attend rigorous Saturday and summer classes in academic subjects as well as leadership training. Students who complete the program receive full financial aid at one of over 100 independent secondary schools across the country that are partners in the program.

2002



**Clubs Go to College**  
Boys and Girls Clubs  
of Hartford, Inc.  
Hartford, CT

In Clubs Go to College, two Hartford institutions have realized their common goal: to provide children and young adults with opportunities to develop physically, morally and intellectually. The Boys and Girls Clubs offer sports, art and computer facilities, and the children have access to Trinity College events and facilities as well as student volunteers, who serve as positive role models and friends.

2013



**Prison Puppies**  
Leader Dogs for the Blind  
Rochester Hills, MI

Prison Puppies pairs future Leader Dogs with model prisoners who have demonstrated they can be trusted to provide 24/7 care to a seven-week-old puppy through its first year of life. These Leader Dogs not only provide greater independence, safety and self-worth to their blind or visually impaired clients, but also give the inmates who cared for them a sense of pride and gratitude for the chance to give back to the community.

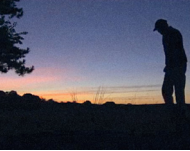
2009



**Barbara McInnis House: Medical Respite Care Program**  
Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program  
Boston, MA

Most of us rely on the support of family or a visiting nurse when recovering from surgery, illness or injury. Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program's Barbara McInnis House: Medical Respite Care Program is a 104-bed facility that provides 24-hour medical care for homeless patients who are too sick for a shelter or the street but not in need of an extensive hospital stay.

2005



**The Hope for Veterans® Transitional Housing Program**  
Community Hope, Inc.  
Lyons, NJ

The Hope for Veterans® Transitional Housing Program offers transitional housing in Lyons, New Jersey, for up to 75 honorably discharged homeless veterans. The partnership provides up to two years of group and individual therapy, case management services, access to psychiatric services and a professional program of substance abuse counseling and vocational services.

2001



**Zone-Based Advocacy**  
Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, PA

Zone-Based Advocacy brings together the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh (WC&S), the City of Pittsburgh Police Department and the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office in a coordinated response to the needs of domestic violence victims. WC&S advocates work to prevent future violence, helping victims understand their options, including counseling and shelter.

2012



**Operation Rebound**  
Challenged Athletes Foundation  
San Diego, CA

Operation Rebound uses the healing power of sports as a path to recovery for active-duty service members, veterans and first responders who have suffered life-changing injuries as a result of their service. Operation Rebound has helped injured service members to reactivate their competitive spirit and pursue goals as big as competing in the Paralympics and as important as being able to chase their children around the block.

2008



**Family Eviction Prevention Collaborative**  
Catholic Charities CYO  
San Francisco, CA

Since its inception in 2007, the Family Eviction Prevention Collaborative—comprising Catholic Charities CYO, Homeless Prenatal Program, Hamilton Family Center and Compass Community Services—has helped thousands of San Francisco families avoid homelessness by providing rental assistance to stave off eviction and help those in shelters or substandard housing find permanent homes.

2004



**StreetWorks Collaborative**  
Freeport West, Inc.  
Minneapolis, MN

StreetWorks is a collaborative of 13 organizations in Minneapolis and St. Paul that have pooled their resources and developed a coordinated response to help homeless youth get the help they need. StreetWorks' outreach workers offer homeless youth everyday necessities for life on the street and distribute referral cards to agencies in the collaborative for those who want further help.

2000



**Prisoner and Family Ministry Building Homes: Rebuilding Lives**  
Lutheran Social Services of Illinois  
Des Plaines, IL

Building Homes: Rebuilding Lives is a partnership of the Prisoner and Family Ministry of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, the Illinois Department of Corrections and Habitat for Humanity International. This program trains prisoners to construct homes for Habitat for Humanity families. It has served hundreds of inmates and families, offering valuable lessons in both home building and community building.



1999



AI Sigl Center Partnership

AI Sigl Center for Rehabilitation Agencies, Inc. Rochester, NY

This partnership of individual agencies works together to help people with disabilities live fuller, more independent lives. AI Sigl Center is the resource agency, managing real estate for programs, coordinating shared services, raising charitable contributions and expanding public awareness of the needs of people with disabilities, thus freeing the partner agencies to focus on serving clients.

1997



“A Level Playing Field,” A Program for At-Risk Children

Alachua County Organization for Rural Needs, Inc. (A.C.O.R.N. Clinic) Brooker, FL

“A Level Playing Field” assigns students of medicine, nursing and dentistry from the University of Florida to elementary schools, community centers and the A.C.O.R.N. Clinic to provide basic dental care, immunizations and a range of other health services to children in low-income rural communities in Florida.

1998



Kinship Support Network

Edgewood Center for Children and Families San Francisco, CA

The Kinship Support Network supports grandparents and other relatives of children who’ve lost a parent through death, abandonment, abuse or neglect. The Network provides guardians with support groups, mentors and educational workshops as well as access to a range of services including healthcare, case management, community resources and housing opportunities.

1996



Community Internship Program

Henry Street Settlement New York, NY

In this partnership, United Parcel Service (UPS) sends its managers to the Henry Street Settlement to learn about inner-city life. Managers visit homebound seniors, teach job skills and deliver food to the homeless, while learning about the diversity of their workers and the people they serve. The Henry Street Settlement learns how the corporate world solves its problems.

2021 Award-Winning Programs

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