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FINALISTS

Mission Central • Presentation Portfolio

Safe Harbour Inc. (Safe Harbour Homeless Shelter) • 2011 Calendar

The Second Mile, Southcentral Region • Celebration of Leadership

Water Street Ministries • WSM Brand Development Program

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WINNER: Ephrata Cloister Associates

Implementation of Additional Visitors Services

FINALISTS

Neighbors In Christ

• New Improved Techniques in Client Interviewing

York Jewish Community Center • Strategic Planning



WINNER: York County Children's Advocacy Center SAFE Nurse Team Partnership

The SAFE Nurse Team





FINALISTS

Dauphin County Historical Society • 2010 History Center

Dress for Success South Central PA

• Strategic Outreach to Job Training Programs

The Factory Youth Center • I Can Help Program

Humane Society of Harrisburg Area, Inc. • Animal Exchange Program

Keystone Art & Culture Center • Lancaster Creative Reuse

Lancaster General Health • Girls on the Run

Sarah Lynn Strohman Foundation • Social Education Program

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York County Alliance for Learning • YCAL/YCEDC Affiliation



WINNER: Central Pennsylvania Food Bank

Pennsylvania Fresh Spaghetti Sauce Project





FINALISTS

BARAK, Inc.

• Trashcan Transformers Youth Management Team

Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue Inc. • Project Home Life

Family First Health • Dental Outreach Program

For Sight Vision • Beep Baseball Team - Blind Baseball

Garden Spot Village • Garden Spot Village Marathon

Harrisburg Young Professionals • *Home In the City*

The National Civil War Museum • In Their Footsteps

National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Central PA Chapter

• What a Difference a Day Makes

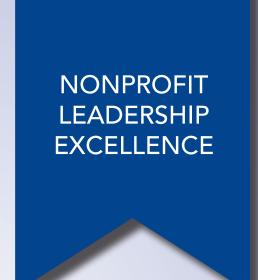
York Little Theatre • Summer Teen Master Class Program



WINNER: Joanne Riley

President, The Cultural Alliance of York County, Inc.





FINALISTS

Theotis W. Braddy, Executive Director, Center for Independent Living of Central PA

Daniel P. Elby, CEO, Alternative Rehabilitation Communities, Inc.

Kenneth Harrison, Executive Director, The S. June Smith Center

John H. Kondravy, Co-Founder/President, ORCA - Organization for Responsible Care of Animals

Jural Toby, President & CEO, Harvest of Blessing, Inc.



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Praise and thanks were given to all of the organizations and executives for their never-ending good works and determination.

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For more information about the Nonprofit Innovation Awards, or to be notified of the 2012 awards nominations, please contact Colleen Jones at ColleenJ@Journalpub.com or 717-236-4300.