



News from Citizens Committee for New York City

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Citizens Committee for New York City Raises \$1.2M at Annual Gala to Continue Improving the Quality of Life in NYC's Neighborhoods

Honorees, Funders & Project Leaders Celebrate CCNYC's Efforts to Empower Residents and Community Groups through Funding and Project Support

NEW YORK – Citizens Committee for New York City raised more than \$1.2 million at its *2019 New Yorker for New York* gala last week in support of its mission to help New Yorkers come together and improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. This year's honorees included Ursula Burns, Richard Ravitch and Kathleen M. Doyle, the Mollie Parnis Livingston Foundation and the Hochman Family, and River and Rusty Fields. Citizens Committee 2018 Green Team grant recipient Special Music School Advanced Women's Choir provided entertainment to the more than 400 supporters, partners, funders and community members who packed Gotham Hall to celebrate Citizens Committee's vital work.

Citizens Committee Chief Executive Officer Peter H. Kostmayer and Board Chair Chris Ruggeri, Principal at Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP, provided welcome remarks to kick off the February 25 event. Former two-term New York City Comptroller William Thompson, Jr., now Chief Administrative Officer at Siebert Cisneros Shank & Co. LLC and Chair of the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York, presented this year's New Yorkers for New York Award to Richard Ravitch and Kathleen M. Doyle for their years of service and dedication to the city they call home.

Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer presented the Marietta Tree Award for Public Service to Citizens Committee grantees River Fields and Rusty Fields of 400 Bainbridge Block Association for their tireless efforts on behalf of residents in Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood.

Ursula Burns, Executive Chairman of VEON, was presented the Osborn Elliott Award for Community Leadership by Amy C. Falls, Chief Investment Officer at The Rockefeller University and Harvard Management Company board member. The inaugural Mollie Parnis Award for Dedication to New York City was presented by Henry P. Davison, Managing Director, Bessemer Trust Company, to David Hochman, who received the award on behalf of The Mollie Parnis Livingston Foundation and the Hochman Family.

Citizens Committee works to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods across the city through grants, skills-building workshops and project planning and technical support. Its programs include Neighborhood Grants, which provides funding of up to \$3,000 to community and school-based groups, and the Neighborhood Leadership Institute, which is a community organizing and grassroots fundraising workshop series for members of neighborhood associations and resident-led volunteer groups.

This year's successful event will allow Citizens Committee to expand its reach even further as it continues four decades of work in New York City's most vulnerable and underserved neighborhoods. Last year, Citizens Committee awarded a total of \$2.1 million in grant and support, mobilizing over 10,460 New Yorkers and supporting 523 projects in over 130 different neighborhood.

"The incredible generosity of New Yorkers means Citizens Committee can partner with even more residents from every corner of the city to improve their neighborhoods. Congratulations to the honorees for their dedication to our city and heartfelt thanks to everyone who supports our important work throughout the year. The money raised this evening will go directly towards empowering grassroots and resident-led groups to tackle the most pressing issues in their own communities," said Peter H. Kostmayer, CEO of Citizens Committee for New York City.

The organization's fall cocktail fundraiser will be held in September and will honor leaders in the restructuring field.

Attached Photos: Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer presents the Marietta Tree Award for Public Service to River Fields and Rusty Fields of 400 Bainbridge Block Association; William Thompson, Jr. presents the New Yorkers for New York Award to Richard Ravitch and Kathleen M. Doyle; and Amy C. Falls presents the Osborn Elliott Award for Community Leadership to Ursula Burns.

About Citizens Committee for New York City

Citizens Committee for New York City's mission is simple: to help New Yorkers – especially those in low-income areas – come together and improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. Residents are uniquely situated to define and act on the issues affecting their communities. When provided with modest support, neighborhood and school groups can effectively mobilize grassroots efforts by offering grants, skills-building workshops and further technical support in the form of project planning assistance and an equipment share library. In 2018, we provided 523 projects with \$2.1 million in grants and services, mobilizing more than 10,460 residents in 130 different neighborhoods across the five boroughs. Since 1975, we have promoted the spirit of volunteerism, local engagement and social justice that drives our work. Visit us online at citizensnyc.org.

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