



**News from Citizens Committee for New York City**

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**Citizens Committee for New York City Honors Supporters and Community Activist at 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Evening on the Lake at Central Park Boathouse**

**NEW YORK** – Hundreds of New Yorkers gathered at the Central Park Boathouse on Monday night for Citizens Committee for New York City’s annual Evening on the Lake. The more than \$300,000 raised will support CCNYC in its mission to help New Yorkers come together and improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods through volunteer-led, grassroots projects.

This year’s honorees were Heather Lennox of Jones Day, William H. Henrich of Getzler Henrich & Associates, and CCNYC grantee Aleeia Abraham-Toussaint, founder of Prototype Music, which mentors and showcases youth musical talent in Southeast Queens. Assembly Member Alicia Hyndman, who represents the area served by Prototype Music, introduced Ms. Abraham-Toussaint and the performers to the crowd of almost 400 there to support CCNYC. Junior photographers from CCNYC grantee Hamilton Heights Darkroom were on hand to capture the evening on film as part of the nonprofit’s efforts to provide local students with hands-on photography experience.

In addition to a dance performance by Prototype Music, attendees enjoyed gondola rides on the Central Park Lake and live music throughout the evening. Paul Deutch of Omni Agent Solutions served as the event’s Chairman, and Amy Edgy of Linklaters LLP and Tracy Klestadt of Klestadt Winters Jureller Southard & Stevens, LLP served as event Co-Chairs.

“It was another wonderful evening with so many New Yorkers enjoying a beautiful venue while supporting our work in neighborhoods across the five boroughs. We couldn’t help the city’s grassroots groups improve the quality of life in their community without the generosity of everyone who supported this year’s Evening on the Lake. We are very excited to continue working closely with so many residents and community groups in their quest to make our city a better place,” said Peter H. Kostmayer, CEO of Citizens Committee for New York City.

“Thanks to the incredible support from so many across the restructuring community and beyond, this was our most successful Evening on the Lake so far. The more than \$300,000 raised will allow Citizen Committee to continue supporting important grassroots projects throughout the city and truly will make a difference for so many New Yorkers. My sincere thanks to everyone who helped make this such a memorable evening,” said Paul Deutch of Omni Agent Solutions.

*Attached photos: Event Chairman Paul Deutch and honorees Heather Lennox and William Henrich listen to the evening’s remarks; and Assembly Member Alicia Hyndman honors CCNYC grantee Aleeia Abraham-Toussaint.*

### **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. Last year, 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](http://citizensnyc.org).

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