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A LETTER FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Twenty-five years ago, a handful of leading New York nonprofit lawyers and leaders founded the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York (NPCC). They were seeking to reverse an effort by the City to eliminate the long-standing real estate tax exemptions for local nonprofits. They saw the proposed new tax burdens as devastating to the future of many of the city's nonprofits. As they fought City Hall, they began meeting as a group and called themselves the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee. Eventually, working through friends of the Mayor -- and after weeks of advocating against the proposal, including 3 days of testimony at City hearings -- the Mayor dropped the new tax proposal.

This marked the first time that New York nonprofits of all types had ever banded together to protect and preserve what they had in common. And, after they had changed the Mayor's mind, they decided that, from then on, nonprofits would be better off sticking together.

Tonight, we celebrate these founders, their vision and the important work that NPCC has carried forward for a quarter of a century. Over these 25 years, NPCC has become the largest membership organization serving all types of nonprofits in the NYC area. Today, it represents nearly 1,700 nonprofit members and has become the leading voice and a vital source of support for all nonprofits on sector-wide issues.

NPCC's advocacy today works through our highly-respected Government Relations Committee, whose 75 members -- esteemed nonprofit

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NPCC's 25th Anniversary



L-R: Michael Clark, NPCC president; Karen Davis, The Commonwealth Fund; Miriam Buhl, Weil, Gotshal & Manges; John E. Craig, Jr., NPCC chairman, and Diane McNulty, The New York Times Company. Photo: Joe Vericker/PhotoBureau

The Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York held its 25th Anniversary Awards Dinner on Monday, October 25, 2010 at The University Club with over 340 people attending.

The event honored three outstanding individuals in the New York nonprofit world: Karen Davis, President of The Commonwealth Fund, received an award for Lifetime Dedication; Diane McNulty, Executive Director of Community Affairs and Media Relations with The New York Times Company, was honored with a Nonprofit Champion award; and, Miriam Buhl, Pro Bono Counsel with Weil, Gotshal & Manges, received an award for Public Advocacy. The evening raised more than \$325,000.

Dinner co-chairs were Victoria B. Bjorklund, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP; John E. Craig, Jr., The Commonwealth Fund; Joan M. Leiman, Ph.D, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital; Steven A. Reiss, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP; David Rockefeller, Rockefeller Family & Associates; and John B. Strasburger, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP.

The emcee for the evening, Isaiah Sheffer, co-founder and recently retired artistic director of Symphony Space, and a proud board member of NPCC for 25 years, provided a humorous musical selection from Symphony Space's Thalia Follies with lyrics and song by Ivy Austin, based on a tune by Irving Berlin, accompanied on piano by Lanny Meyers.

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attorneys and accounting professionals – include 5 former heads of the Charities Bureau of the NYS Attorney General's Office. NPCC also delivers a wide range of educational and guidance services to member organizations on managing and governing nonprofits, some 50 free workshops a year, a monthly newsletter, New York Nonprofits, a widely used website chock full of management tools for running nonprofits, the New York Times Nonprofit Excellence Awards program that enables nonprofits to improve their management practices, a Government Grants Information Service that alerts subscribers to new government grant opportunities, regular salary and benefits surveys and reports, and much more.

NPCC also offers group purchasing programs that help nonprofits save money on business basics, such as office supplies and equipment, retirement benefits, outsourced bookkeeping and financial services, Directors' and Officers' liability insurance and many other necessary expenses. Last year, these group purchasing programs saved NPCC member nonprofits some \$2.3 million!


Looking ahead, NPCC will continue to grow and to launch new programs like our Nonprofit Outsourcing Clearinghouse. We'll continue the New York Times Nonprofit Excellence Awards program, and will intensify help to nonprofits to save them money and to master emerging technologies so they can better serve their members.

Tonight, we honor three outstanding women who have contributed enormously to improving the nonprofit sector and all of our lives. Diane McNulty and The New York Times Company have shown real leadership in supporting nonprofits through their Awards program, which NPCC manages. Miriam Buhl exemplifies the very best of the legal pro bono service tradition that does so much to help nonprofits. And, of course, Karen Davis is a national leader who has devoted her life to improving health care for all of us through her work at The Commonwealth Fund.


We thank our major supporters and each of you for making possible this celebration of our first 25 years. Your financial and moral support makes our work possible and renews our resolve to strengthen even more nonprofit organizations that will enrich all of our lives for decades to come.

Sincerely,


John Craig
Chairman
Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York



Miriam Buhl coordinates the award-winning pro bono program at Weil, Gotshal & Manges. In 2009, Weil's 1,200 attorneys performed nearly 82,000 pro bono hours worldwide. Ms. Buhl was named 2006 Legal Aid Society Pro Bono Counsel of the Year, and Weil received the 2009 ABA Pro Bono Publico Award. Before joining Weil in 2005, Ms. Buhl ran the New York State office of the March of Dimes, the New York Women's Foundation, the NYC Bar Association's Public Service Network, and Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc. She was a staff attorney for The Legal Aid Society and, before attending law school, counseled homeless families. She is on the boards of the City Bar Justice Center, the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee, and the Scherman Foundation. She co-teaches the Columbia Law School course on pro bono program design and volunteers with the NYU Reynolds Social Entrepreneurship Program. She is a graduate of Brown University and Fordham University School of Law.



Diane McNulty joined The New York Times as director of community affairs in June 1999 and was named executive director of corporate communications for The New York Times Company in September, 2010. Previously, Ms. McNulty was the communications director at the New York Academy of Sciences from 1996 to 1999. There, she was responsible for handling communications for the Academy and its programs including human rights, education, policy, scientific conferences, books, and The Sciences magazine. From 1995 to 1996, she was a vice president at the public relations firm of Burson-Marsteller where she developed and implemented strategic communication plans for a wide range of clients including the Ford Foundation and The New York Times. Ms. McNulty was the director of public affairs at New York Newsday, where she worked from 1987 to 1995, serving as public relations strategist and a spokesperson for the newspaper.



Karen Davis, Ph.D. is president of The Commonwealth Fund, a national philanthropy engaged in health and social policy research. Previously, she served as chairman of the Department of Health Policy and Management at The Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, where she was also a professor of economics. She was deputy assistant secretary for health policy in the US Department of Health and Human Services from 1977-1980. Prior to that, she was a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, a visiting scholar at Harvard University, and an assistant professor of economics at Rice University. Among many other honors and awards, Dr. Davis received the AcademyHealth Distinguished Investigator Award in 2006 and was honored by the Institute of Medicine with the Adam Yarmolinsky Medal in 2007. She is on the Board of Directors of the Geisinger Health System and Health Plan, serves on the Panel of Health Advisors for the Congressional Budget Office, and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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