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Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies Honors Five at Impact Awards Gala

FPWA Impact Awards Gala attracts more than 200 distinguished leaders and professionals from around New York City

New York, NY, October 23, 2014 - The Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies (FPWA) held its 2014 Impact Awards Gala on Monday, October 20th. The evening's festivities were kicked off by Mistress of Ceremonies, Melissa Russo, award winning Investigative Reporter for NBC 4 New York. More than 225 guests filled the elegant Guastavino's in New York City to help provide aid for some of New York City's most vulnerable. Honorees included Silda Wall Spitzer, Co-Founder and CEO of NewYorkStatesofMind.com; Anne Williams-Isom, CEO, Harlem Children's Zone; Citi Community Development; The Collegiate Churches of New York; and James W. March, Vice President, Zurich North America.

FPWA was also joined by a number of distinguished leaders and professionals from around New York City including First Lady of New York City Chirlane McCray, former New York City Mayor David Dinkins, Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer and ABC News Journalist Deborah Roberts .

"The Impact Awards recognize individuals and organizations that are giving of their time, talent and resources to impact the lives of those struggling to make ends meet," said Jennifer Jones Austin, FPWA CEO and Executive Director. "Not only do this year's outstanding honorees share our vision for a prosperous New York City, they each make strides every day to tremendously impact our city and its residents, and we're overjoyed to recognize them."

"I am particularly honored to receive the Impact Award for Leadership," said Silda Wall Spitzer, Principal at New World Capital and Co-Founder of NewYorkStatesofMinda.com. "FPWA is one of this city's vital, and under-sung, hero organizations, supporting the mission-critical work of its agencies on the ground and helping those who need it most."

"Citi Community Development is honored by this recognition and to support the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies, as we work toward building a more inclusive city and empowering low- to moderate-income New Yorkers with strong financial identities," said Eileen Auld, Regional Director, New York Tri-State, Citi Community Development.

"Caring for vulnerable children and strengthening families is at the heart of my life's work, and for more than 92 years, it's been a key component of the work of FPWA," said Anne Williams-Isom, CEO of Harlem Children's Zone. "I am overjoyed to receive this Impact Award and I look forward to continuing – along with FPWA- to serve struggling families and communities."

"We are deeply honored to receive the Impact award from FPWA. Their work is vital to our city and reaches those who are the most vulnerable. For us, the event was an opportunity to affirm our shared values and mission to make New York City a place where all can thrive," said Michael S. Bos, Senior Minister of West End Collegiate Church and head of the Collegiate Corporation.

"As a long standing FPWA Board Member, I am humbled and thankful to receive this award," said James W. March, Vice President, Zurich North America. "FPWA has a deep rich history of supporting those in need and I'm honored to be part of this fine organization."

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About FPWA:

The Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies (FPWA) is an anti-poverty, policy and advocacy nonprofit with a membership network of nearly 200 human service and faith-based organizations. FPWA has been a prominent force in New York City's social services system for more than 92 years, advocating for fair public policies, collaborating with partner agencies, and growing its community-based membership network to meet the needs of New Yorkers. Each year, through its network of member agencies, FPWA reaches close to 1.5 million New Yorkers of all ages, ethnicities, and denominations. FPWA strives to build a city of equal opportunity that reduces poverty, promotes upward mobility, and creates shared prosperity for all New Yorkers.