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## **Partnership to Honor the Helpers**

### **Recognition to Go to Individuals, Nonprofits that Responded to Pandemic, Race Inequities**

The Greater Pittsburgh Nonprofit Partnership (GPNP) announced this week that it will spotlight some of the leaders and nonprofit organizations that went above and beyond during the past 18 months to respond to effects of COVID-19 on the community and to calls for racial equity and justice.

"Many nonprofit organizations and leaders quickly innovated, collaborated, and expanded their services to meet the multiple challenges of the pandemic and the resulting increase in racial disparities. We want to highlight that critical work and thank nonprofits for their exhaustive service at our biennial Summit," said GPNP Director Colleen Young.

GPNP, a project of The Forbes Funds, is asking Southwestern Pennsylvanians to nominate individuals and groups whose work benefited the region in extraordinary ways. To nominate, visit <https://bit.ly/GPNPAwards>.

A committee of GPNP nonprofit members and staff will select organizations and individuals to receive Nonprofit Excellence Awards at an in-person ceremony concluding the 2021 Summit, which will be conducted mostly virtually from Oct. 13 through Oct. 15.

The awards include those for [cross-sector champions](#), [emerging leaders](#), and [nonprofit excellence](#). Winning organizations will receive small cash prizes, which GPNP is urging groups to use to congratulate staff.

In addition, the stories of as many nominated groups and individuals as possible will be told during the Summit, which is typically attended by more than 1,000 nonprofit, business and government leaders. GPNP officials hope the stories will inspire attendees.

The focus of this year's Summit is healing, connecting and co-creating to build a just region for all. UPMC is the presenting sponsor for the event. To register for the Summit or to nominate an outstanding nonprofit or leader, go to <https://forbesfunds.org/gnp/summit/>.

"The 2021 GPNP Summit offers an agile space to explore how we best respond to stressors and shocks. This year's Summit may be one of the most important and informative of our time as the nonprofit sector seeks to help the region move beyond surviving to thriving," said Fred Brown, President and CEO of The Forbes Funds.

The Forbes Funds, a supporting organization of The Pittsburgh Foundation, helps human service and community development nonprofits build management capacity and increase impact. GPNP, a project of the Forbes Funds, is a coalition of more than 500 nonprofits across the 10-county region working to position the nonprofit sector to be a collaborative driver of social change.

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