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Leaders of New Jersey’s State-Wide Social Sector Associations Honored Among 30 Elite New Jersey Leaders

Jersey City, NJ (September 28 2016) – Linda Czipo, president and CEO of the Center for Non-Profits and Nina Stack, president of the Council of New Jersey Grantmakers, were named among Lead New Jersey (L NJ)’s “30 Leaders for 30 Years” at its special anniversary gala on September 22, 2016.

Linda Czipo has served as the chief executive of the Center for Non-Profits, New Jersey’s state-wide association for non-profits for the past 16 years. The Center provides non-profit sector advocacy, programming and leadership for the state’s charitable sector. Nina Stack, president and CEO of the Council of New Jersey Grantmakers (CNJG) has led the statewide regional association of grantmakers since 2005, driving a number of significant efforts including the creation of the Disaster Philanthropy Playbook and the Newark Philanthropic Liaison.

Hundreds of the most influential leaders across New Jersey – from the government, non-profit, business and journalism sectors – gathered in Jersey City for the event, honoring 30 individuals whose leadership has made “New Jersey a better place to live and work.” The ceremony also marked a celebration of 30 years since the founding of Lead New Jersey (L NJ), a program that educates, empowers and engages talented leaders to create systemic change around New Jersey’s most challenging issues.

When asked for their thoughts about leadership in advance of the gala; Czipo observed:

Leadership is marshalling individual and collective resources to serve the greater good. It’s combining the dream of what can be with the will and practicality to make it happen. It’s being open to new ideas and tapping into the wisdom and strengths of others. Leadership is persevering in the face of seeming impossibility and encouraging others to do the same.
Stack offered a double haiku:


The Center and CNJG partner together to strengthen the work of the state’s social sector with a focus on public education about the non-profit and philanthropic communities, addressing systemic issues prevalent throughout the sector, and developing relationships with key stakeholders. This partnership is another exceptional measure of leadership instilled by both Linda and Nina.

“We are immensely proud of the leadership offered by LNJ fellows across the state over the past three decades.” said Mark Murphy, president, Lead New Jersey, and Fellow, class of ’91. “It was a tremendously challenging task to select just 30 individuals to receive this award, because each one of our Fellows truly exemplifies our mission. Each has made a unique leadership contribution to their profession and toward improving life in our state.”

The full list of “30 Leaders for 30 Years” honorees can be found at leadnj.org/events. Lead New Jersey was founded with a mission of convening leaders from various sectors and industries to address emerging issues facing the state and its residents. In recent years, the focus of LNJ’s programs has spanned affordable healthcare, criminal justice, economic development and transportation.

About the Center for Non-Profits
The Center for Non-Profits is the only umbrella organization for all NJ 501(c)(3)s. Since 1982, the Center has provided advocacy, resources, training and information to strengthen non-profits and help them thrive. The approximately 30,000 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations in New Jersey provide essential programs in our communities and serve as a vital part of the state’s economy. Visit njnonprofits.org, follow @NJ_NonProfits or like facebook.com/njnonprofits.

About the Council of New Jersey Grantmakers
The Council of New Jersey Grantmakers is the center for philanthropy in New Jersey, serving the leading independent, corporate, family and community foundations as well as public grantmakers of our state. It supports its members by strengthening their capacity to address New Jersey and society’s most difficult problems. Visit www.cnjg.org, follow @njgrantmakers or @CNJG.

About Lead New Jersey
Lead New Jersey (LNJ) educates, empowers and engages talented leaders to create systemic change around New Jersey’s most challenging issues. LNJ opens challenging possibilities to a highly select group of Fellows to learn the cutting edge issues that shape our lives, to link directly with talented leaders who are improving New Jersey, and to lead as a champion of their own most cherished ideas and values. LNJ makes it happen for those unique individuals who are taking charge in our State. For more information, visit leadnj.org, follow @leadnj, or like facebook.com/leadnj.