

Northeast Shores Development Corporation

“Thank you for recognizing the work of Northeast Shores Development Corporation with the Community Champion Award. Without financial support from organizations such as Finance Fund, we would not have the capital needed to build up quality of life and economic opportunity with and for our community.”



Brian Friedman
Executive Director

The Community Champion Award

The Community Champion Award recipient demonstrates selfless commitment to advocacy, fellowship and stewardship to advance the health, education and/or well-being of community residents in meaningful and significant ways.

2015 Community Champion Northeast Shores Development Corporation Cleveland, OH Finance Fund Program: Economic Development Grant

Since 1994, the nonprofit Northeast Shores Development Corporation has maintained a vision of Cleveland’s North Shore Collinwood Community as “a place where all people, regardless of background or financial means, have access to an incredible quality of life. A place where diversity is prized and protected. A place where everyday people are given the authority and the resources to build a community that lives up to its full potential.”

Alongside an active grassroots Board, Northeast Shores has brought tens of millions of dollars in investment into making physical improvements in the community such as pocket parks, community centers, apartment buildings and huge cultural spaces. The organization has helped dozens of independent merchants purchase their own storefront spaces, and moved hundreds of low- and moderate-income households into quality housing. And they’ve provided hundreds of thousands of dollars in support to grassroots leaders to make their own space improvements in the North Shore Community.

As a result, the North Shore Community has become an increasingly quirky, walkable and creative place. In the fun and funky Waterloo Arts and Entertainment District, Northeast Shores converted two blighted buildings into a ceramic arts studio and a community coffee house using an economic development grant from Finance Fund.

Trinity Health Corporation

“Thank you for choosing Trinity Health Corporation for the 2015 Visionary Funder Award. We’ve had great success partnering with FCAP over the years to bring needed goods and services to residents of underserved communities. As a mission-driven innovative health organization, we are committed to becoming the national leader in improving the health of our communities and each person we serve.”



Jody Wise
Socially Responsible Investment Consultant

The Visionary Partner Award

The Visionary Partner Award recipient works in partnership with Finance Fund Capital Corporation to direct benefits to underserved low-to moderate-income populations in Ohio through innovation and initiative, as well as extraordinary commitment and perseverance.

2015 Visionary Funder Trinity Health Corporation Livonia, MI FCAP Program: Healthy Food for Ohio

Serving those who are most vulnerable is one of Trinity Health Corporation’s core values. As part of its commitment to community investing, Trinity Health lends capital to Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) that focus on supporting healthy communities in underserved areas.

Over the past 11 years, Finance Fund Capital Corporation (FCAP) and Finance Fund have received investment from Trinity Health for a wide range of projects in underserved communities. In September 2014, as FCAP was conducting a statewide research study on food access in underserved areas, Trinity Health provided loan capital to fund our earliest healthy food projects in Columbus and Cincinnati.

Trinity Health’s early investment, in collaboration with Mount Carmel Health System, was key to opening doors to additional investment from foundations, banks and eventually the State of Ohio to launch FCAP’s statewide Healthy Food for Ohio (HFFO) program in March 2016.

Truly, Trinity Health believes in “Opportunity for All” and demonstrates that commitment through responsible investments that build and grow successful communities across the United States.

Mansion Day School

“While we are small, our results are big! We believe that a strong start yields a strong finish. Thank you for choosing Mansion Day School to receive the 2015 Community Champion Award. FCAP’s small business loan enables us to expand programming opportunities that sharpen students’ minds, expand academic knowledge, and stretch their intellectual reach, while developing skills as independent thinkers and confident communicators.”



Dee James
Head of School

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2015 Community Champion Mansion Day School Columbus, OH FCAP Program: Small Business Loan Fund

Excel Preparatory School, known as Mansion Day School, provides students with a challenging curriculum, affirming environment and high expectations to lay the foundations for a lifetime of academic success. Mansion emerged from a 30-year-old school system in 2006. The following year, it gained full membership and accreditation through the Ohio Association of Independent Schools and the Independent Schools Association of the Central States.

Today, this progressive, independent and co-educational Pre-K through 5th grade preparatory day school celebrates excellence and achieves academic success. The school traditionally enrolls about 100 students each year and is located in an identified empowerment zone on the near east side of Columbus.

Upon graduation, students go on to excel at the area’s top private and public middle schools. All students at Mansion Day School enjoy a nurturing family environment, where they are valued and celebrated daily in an atmosphere designed to maximize their individual potential.

Mansion Day School is committed to educating a diverse student population and actively pursues student enrichment opportunities through partnerships with community facilities to provide experiences with other cultures and the arts. The school seeks to engender a strong sense of self in every student, while also instilling confidence, high moral character, discipline, respect, compassion and a strong work ethic.

A loan from FCAP’s Small Business Loan Fund helps Mansion Day School continue to offer each child opportunities to learn and grow.

Annual Gala

Champions for Ohio

May 19, 2016

4:30 – 5:45 p.m.

Registration and Reception
Celebrate Ohio Raffle Ticket Sales Begin

5:45 p.m.

Dinner Guests Adjourn to the Performance Hall
Reception Concludes

6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Remarks and Awards Presentation

Diana Turoff
President and Chief Executive Officer

D.R. Gossett
Board Chair

Valerie Heiby
Director of Development

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Dinner and Music
Raffle Ticket Sales

7:30 p.m.

Celebrate Ohio Raffle Drawing and Dessert

2016 Gala Sponsors



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