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Oklahoma Nonprofit Excellence Awards finalists named

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The Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits has announced the finalists for its fourth-annual Oklahoma Nonprofit Excellence Awards.

The awards honor outstanding nonprofit groups for their work in nine categories: arts and humanities, community, education, seniors, self sufficiency, large-scale health services, community health services, sports and recreation, and youth development.

Local finalists are Neighbor for Neighbor, Rebuilding Together Tulsa, LIFE Senior Services, the Resonance Center for Women, Stand in the Gap Ministries, the Indian Health Care Resource Center of Tulsa, Associated Centers for Therapy, the YMCA of Greater Tulsa, and the Tulsa Boys' Home.

Winners in each category receive \$7,500, and two finalists in each category are awarded \$5,000. One agency is selected the overall winner and receives \$10,000 for its organization. A total of \$160,000 will be awarded.

"All the finalists for this award deserve praise and recognition for the admirable service they provide to their communities," said J. Jerry Dickman, chairman of the ONE Awards selection commission. "These nonprofits represent some of the best in the state."

Winners will be announced April 2 at the Southern Hills Country Club.

About the local finalists

Neighbor for Neighbor provides a number of health, medical and food services to the uninsured, low income, unemployed, seniors, handicapped and the impoverished.

Rebuilding Together Tulsa offers home improvement programs to low-income homeowners 60 and older or living with a disability.

LIFE Senior Services offers programs designed to help older adults, their families, and caregivers solve problems that threaten independence, dignity, and quality of life.

Resonance Center for Women provides intervention and support services for women seeking self-sufficiency.

Stand in the Gap Ministries is a church-driven, small group movement, focused on helping a neighbor rise above overwhelming life challenges.

Indian Health Care Resource Center of Tulsa provides health care to Tulsa area Indian people in a manner that promotes good health, well being and harmony.

Associated Centers for Therapy is a nonprofit community mental health center caring for adults, children and families.

YMCA of Greater Tulsa promotes the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of individuals of all religions, races and communities.

Tulsa Boys' Home provides the residential care for young boys needing placement outside their home, for the purpose of developing well-adjusted, responsible adults and strengthening the family.

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