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Welcome to the Network’s 2021 Virtual Awards Gala. Thank you so much for joining us this evening. We had hoped this year to be able to meet in person, but, to be as safe as possible, we are gathering yet again virtually. But nothing can stop us from celebrating our incredible supportive housing community! And we are thrilled to come together to honor another year of resilience and some of the many groups and individuals who went above and beyond as we continued to cope with the pandemic and its impacts.

Despite the many challenges we endured this past year, we are so proud of our collective achievements continuing to serve tenants, break ground and open new supportive housing residences, as well as successfully advocate for funding. In just this past year, we were successful in securing year six funding for the Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI) in the state’s budget, as well as protecting increases for the Homeless Housing Assistance Program. In New York City, we worked with fellow advocates to win restoration of HPD capital cuts and full funding for the Indirect Cost Rate (ICR). And throughout, we worked to keep up with the ever-changing COVID environment, to help members with emerging issues and to bring federal resources into the state.

Our work is more pressing than ever – COVID-19 exacerbated our already dire homeless and affordable housing crisis. This crisis demands that we strengthen our collective work to end homelessness across New York. The Network looks forward to working with you in the year ahead to make the most of this unique opportunity – a new Governor and a soon-to-be fresh Mayoral administration and City Council. We will be fighting every day on behalf of this community—our members, our direct service staff, our tenants. So, tomorrow, we will continue this work—hopefully even more energized—but tonight we take a moment to celebrate a year in review, Lamb Insurance, Community Champions as well as two outstanding tenants of the year.

We are delighted to honor Lamb Insurance, founded by Joshua Lamberg for the company’s dedication to the supportive housing community, which was even more pronounced—and important—during the pandemic. Lamb Insurance has been instrumental in providing excellent support to our members and keeping our community informed and safe.

As the COVID-19 pandemic persisted, so did our community. We are thrilled to acknowledge Community Champions: the teams at DOHMH and OMH who ensured our community had easy access to vaccines and kept us all up-to-date and educated on their efficacy and effective engagement strategies; the folks who helped our community get life-saving PPE: Juan and Shawn and everyone at DCAS as well as Mega Contracting who provided distribution space and MAP who provided volunteer help; supportive housing direct service staff who continued to put themselves at risk to serve tenants; and last but not least, the amazing tenants who stepped up and helped to deliver food to their peers or shared their vaccine experience with others in order to make them feel safe and comfortable. Thank you all for your compassion and resilience during this time. You are all truly our community’s champions.

As always, the residents of supportive housing are the reason we do what we do, and we are delighted to honor Jailynn-Joanna Henderson, a staunch advocate for the LGBTQ community with a growing social media presence who has been thriving at Comunilife’s West Farms Residence and Kevin Cope, a tenant at Lutheran Social Services of New York’s Bergen Street Residence, who volunteers with numerous shelters and food pantries across the City.

We are so thrilled to celebrate the various accomplishments of our community this evening. Thank you for joining us and welcome to the 2021 Virtual Awards Gala!

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Lamb Insurance is the largest insurance broker in the country working exclusively with nonprofit and social service organizations, which means they only help organizations that help people. For the supportive housing world, it also means that they have a deep understanding of our community and its unique issues. That understanding has always been valuable, even more so during the past eighteen months when not only did nonprofits face huge challenges, they also saw revenues dip and prices rise.

“When no one knew what was going to happen, Lamb was a trusted partner, offering advice and insight amidst the chaos and uncertainty,” remembers Network Executive Director Laura Mascuch. “Lamb has a deep understanding of the Network – who we are and who our members are. They are always there for us both as a small nonprofit organization and to help our members survive and thrive—joining our calls, putting on tailored workshops, or hopping on a call at a moment’s notice to answer any member’s question.”

But Lamb was helping member organizations long before the pandemic. Concern Housing’s Ralph Fasano told us how he came to Lamb: “We had four fires in a short period of time and our insurance costs not only doubled, our deductible went from $10,000 to $100,000! Our broker at the time couldn’t help and I remembered Laura had introduced us to Josh a number of years ago so I gave him a call. Right off the bat, they saved us $350,000 on our insurance costs and reduced our deductible from $100,000 to $5,000! Plus I really like the way they get involved with associations like the Network and understand that being supportive of the organizations we belong to is very important. That was a big factor in also wanting to work with them.”

Their knowledge of the particular issues involved with providing supportive housing was what impressed ImPACCt Brooklyn’s Executive Director Bernell Grier. “Lamb’s expertise in the supportive housing world has been invaluable to us. They were incredibly supportive at a time that was most crucial.”

Unique People Services’ Yvette Brissard-Andre says simply, “Our ten year relationship with Lamb has been a real partnership.”

CAMBA’s CEO and President Joanne Oplustil swears Lamb’s presentations are actually entertaining. But above all, she says, “their customer service is excellent. And they fight for us.”

For their unwavering support of the supportive housing community, extraordinary service and dedication to our members, we are proud and delighted to present this year’s Private Sector Partner of the Year Award to Lamb Insurance.
This has been an extremely rough year for our community (yet again) and the list of people who continued to show up and step up during the ongoing pandemic is way too long to try to capture in this journal entry. We at the Network are grateful to ALL of you who coalesced to get our community through this dreadful time, but below we take a moment to shout out a few of our many champions.

Our city and state government partners were invaluable when it came to vaccines: they were on the spot, day and night to try to get as many shots in as many arms as soon as possible. Both teams were in constant communication with our community—joining frequent calls and providing educational opportunities. OMH’s team was enormously helpful statewide, setting up sites, bringing vaccine clinics to residences, providing webinars and joining our direct staff provider meetings. At the city, the Vaccine Team worked with the Network on a variety of schemes to utilize then-precious vaccines including jerry rigging an end of day system to utilize excess shots to tenants of nearby residences at one point! The dedication and resourcefulness of both city and state agencies was boundless.

Thank you.

In New York City, the Network continued to work with our partners to distribute PPE to our nonprofit members. For the supply we need to thank the wonderful folks at the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS), with a special shout out to Juan Batista II and Shawn Witten. For the distribution we have to thank Mega Contracting for letting us use two of their warehouses this past year as well as helping to staff the process. We also thank Magnusson Architecture and Planning (MAP) for helping us distribute. And we can’t forget the help of honorary Network staffer Jerry Mascuch.

Staff in our members’ organizations continued to be amazing. They kept tenants safe and informed about masks, vaccines and community spread. They delivered meals, held COVID-safe gatherings, covered co-workers shifts, and SHOWED UP amid confusion and fear. They continued—for yet ANOTHER long year—to be our heroes.

And of course we’d like to thank tenants who helped each other through this tough time. They helped deliver food to neighbors, they shared their experience of getting the vaccine to help keep one another safe, they checked in on each other and helped keep spirits up in what was often a very bleak time.

We at the Network feel so blessed to be a part of this incredible community.
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Jailynn-Joanna Henderson's decision to live an authentic life, to finally be herself, cost her everything: her job, her family, her home. But it also put her on a path to becoming who she is today: an advocate for trans women of color, a YouTuber, a role model.

Jailynn had, as she says, hit rock bottom in 2018, when she found herself homeless as well as coping with devastating behavioral and health issues with nowhere to turn. She found Paradise shelter and then Comunilife’s West Farms Residence in 2019. Says Jailynn: “I felt accepted and embraced like I never thought I was ever going to feel. No one ever made me feel less than. No one ever made me feel like I did not belong. And that’s something that Comunilife should be very, very proud of.”

Having a home to call her own has allowed Jailynn to focus on her personal growth and move forward in her transition to become a more authentic version of herself. She created her own video series, To Whom It May Concern, which seeks to inspire and document the lives of trans women of color who have been impacted by violence. The series highlights her own transformative experience and offers advice and encouragement to others facing similar struggles. She is also involved with the LGBT Community Center where she speaks on issues related to gender and gender identity.

Last year, she was the keynote speaker for Wisconsin’s Transgender Day of Awareness where she introduced an episode from her video series.

Jay Gabor, West Farms Residence’s Program Director says, “I’ve really been able to witness Jailynn grow as an advocate, to get more involved with the LGBTQ community, speaking up for trans rights. She’s been on a very personal journey over the last few years and her journey can certainly help others.”

Clinical Supervisor Dominick Crouchelli said simply, “We meet people in our profession that help us as much as we help them and personally getting to see Jailynn’s strength and her journey has been a blessing for me.”

Jailynn’s success echoes her message to others, “Anything is possible if you just believe in yourself. You have to know that there’s more coming. Your current situation is not where you’re going to end up. So just keep moving, and…the best is yet to come!”

For her resilience, growth, passion and advocacy we are delighted to honor Jailynn-Joanna Henderson as one of our Tenants of the Year.
Dedicated to helping others, Kevin Cope’s mission to give back is inspiring to everyone around him.

Kevin endured lasting trauma early on in his life, leading to depression and self-medicating with substances. Then in 2001 his mother died suddenly of an aneurism. “I tried to drive my car off the Delaware Bridge,” says Kevin. Not long after, he lost his job triggering another breakdown. “It was one of the hardest things I had to deal with.” After working hard at his recovery a third setback – the loss of another job – sent him looking for help. “I asked my higher power, I asked God if you can get me through this, I’ll do anything to make sure that I can give back.”

In 2016, Kevin moved into Lutheran Social Services of New York’s Bergen Street Residence. “I was given the opportunity to start a new chapter.” While his first year at Bergen Street was initially tough, Kevin built close connections with staff. He says, “The staff is wonderful. They respect me. If I have a problem, they address it. I love the staff.”

Starting in 2017 Kevin began volunteering at a church shelter.

“Working at the shelter makes me feel great. It makes me feel like I’m alive. I’m there for a purpose. I like taking care of people where they can get a meal. They can take a shower. We have clothes for them. Even though I don’t get paid for it, it’s instant gratification.” He is now a “co-chair,” helping to run the place.

Kevin’s colleague at the shelter, David H. Floyd, said, “His whole mission in life is to provide service to others. He provides so much sustenance to people who are really in need of it.”

Kevin also volunteered at a food pantry during the pandemic, putting himself at risk to make sure others had enough to eat. In addition to his service work, Kevin also secured an Opioid Overdose Prevention Program Certification through the City’s Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) and completed accessibility clerk training through the Board of Elections. It was thus no surprise when Kevin received a Certificate of Recognition from the NYC Mayor’s Office Service Recognition Program.

“Kevin has taught us that—in his words—one should ‘do unto others as you would have them do to you. Be kind and do not give in to hate.’” Said Bergen Street’s Program Director, Donika Prelvuaj.

In light of Kevin’s advocacy, grace and compassion, we are honored to award Kevin as Tenant of the Year.
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A special congratulations to tonight’s honorees:

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