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## **Kentucky Nonprofit Network, Inc. Announces 2014 Nonprofit Award Recipients**

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Life Learning Center of Covington; Kevin Connelly, executive director of the Center for Nonprofit Excellence in Louisville; and Glenn D. Leveridge, board member of Hindman Settlement School in Hindman, have been selected as recipients of awards to be presented by the Kentucky Nonprofit Network, Inc. during the 12th annual Kentucky Nonprofit Leadership Forum luncheon on Oct. 29 at the Lexington Convention Center.

Life Learning Center was selected as the recipient of the 2014 Innovative Nonprofit Award. The Center's mission is to deliver a holistic, integrated continuum of learning and care to help at-risk citizens step to their highest potential. The organization was selected for its Foundations for a Better Life™ program, a 16-week curriculum that addresses the needs of individuals and their families by helping them build emotional intelligence and learn the basic life skills needed to achieve long-term financial stability. Developed because no program like it existed regionally or nationally, the Foundations for a Better Life™ program is trademarked by Life Learning Center.

The Innovative Nonprofit Award was created by the Kentucky Nonprofit Network to recognize a nonprofit organization in the Commonwealth implementing inventive, nontraditional programs or methods that effectively meet community needs. The award winner is required to demonstrate creativity and vision in finding unique solutions to their community's issues.

Kevin Connelly, executive director of the Center for Nonprofit Excellence (CNPE) in Louisville, was selected as the recipient of the 2014 Distinguished Nonprofit Leadership Award sponsored by Energy Insurance Agency and Travelers Insurance. CNPE's mission is to co-create a vibrant, exemplary nonprofit community in Greater Louisville through collaboration, shared learning, advocacy and the promotion of innovation and excellence. As the founding executive

director of CNPE, Connelly has spearheaded the organization's growth and community building efforts since its inception in 1999.

The Distinguished Nonprofit Leadership Award recognizes outstanding leadership among Kentucky nonprofit chief executives. The award recognizes achievement in the areas of strategic leadership, community building, ethical integrity, innovation and commitment to strengthening the nonprofit sector.

Glenn D. Leveridge, board member for Hindman Settlement School in Hindman, was selected as the recipient of the 2014 Outstanding Board Leadership Award. Hindman Settlement School, the first and most successful rural social settlement school in America, exists to provide education and service opportunities for people of the mountains while keeping them mindful of their heritage. Leveridge, president of the Central Bank/Winchester market, was selected for his outstanding service and leadership, especially during a period of transition at the school.

The Outstanding Board Leadership award highlights the work of a board leader who is strategic-thinking, works cooperatively with other board members and the executive director to further the mission of the organization and is actively committed to best practices and succession planning.

The Kentucky Nonprofit Leadership Forum is hosted annually by the Kentucky Nonprofit Network, Inc., the Commonwealth's state association of nonprofit organizations. As the unifying voice for Kentucky's nonprofits, the organization serves and advances the nonprofit community through educational opportunities, technical assistance services and resources for organizations and their leaders. Early registration savings for the Kentucky Nonprofit Leadership Forum on October 28 and 29 are available until October 3 and final registration is due by October 20. Individual tickets and tables at the awards luncheon only on October 29 are also available. Additional information is available at [www.kynonprofits.org/forum](http://www.kynonprofits.org/forum) or by calling 859-963-3203 x4.