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## **Nominations sought for nonprofit innovation, leadership**

*Kentucky Nonprofit Network annually celebrates organizations and individuals*

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Kentucky Nonprofit Network is now accepting nominations for its annual innovation and leadership awards. The deadline for submission is Friday, September 1. The awards will be presented at a luncheon held during the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Kentucky Nonprofit Leadership Forum, October 24-25, at the Lexington Convention Center.

The Innovative Nonprofit Award recognizes a nonprofit organization in Kentucky that implements innovative, nontraditional programs or methods to effectively and efficiently meet community needs. The 2016 recipient was the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning in Lexington.

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. The 2016 recipient was Richard Seckel, executive director of Kentucky Equal Justice Center.

The Outstanding Board Leadership Award honors the work of a board leader who thinks strategically, 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 2016 recipient was Kathy Plomin, an active nonprofit board member with a number of nonprofits in Lexington.

“Kentucky Nonprofit Network's annual awards program is an excellent opportunity for Kentuckians to recognize innovative nonprofits, outstanding board members and distinguished nonprofit executives,” said Danielle Clore, executive director. “Anyone can submit a nomination and help us celebrate the important contributions of these organizations and individuals to our communities.”

For application forms and nomination guidelines, as well as information about the Kentucky Nonprofit Leadership Forum October 24-25, visit <https://kynonprofits.org/learn/forum2017>.

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*Kentucky Nonprofit Network is the state association of nonprofits, existing to strengthen and advance Kentucky's nonprofit community. The association serves as a resource for nonprofit leaders, board members and other volunteers, an information center on effective nonprofit organizational practices, and an advocate for the nonprofit sector. For more information about the Kentucky Nonprofit Network, visit <http://www.kynonprofits.org>.*