



Philadelphia Foundation Partners with Mayor's Office of Civic Engagement & Volunteer Service for Inaugural GPCVC Corporate Volunteer Award

Philadelphia Foundation is the host organization for the Greater Philadelphia Corporate Volunteer Council (GPCVC). The GPCVC is a coalition of member corporations dedicated to increasing the collective impact of employee volunteer engagement by fostering greater collaboration between the business and nonprofit sectors. It helps amplify, guide and promote corporate volunteerism.

By engaging the most important asset of any corporation — its employees — nonprofits can access additional skills and expertise to propel their missions.

As part of the Greater Philadelphia Corporate Volunteer Council's renewal year in transitioning to the Philadelphia Foundation, we have partnered with the Mayor's Office of Civic Engagement & Volunteer Service to recognize corporate employee volunteers at the Mayor's Annual Day of Service Ceremony. The award ceremony --- which was scheduled to take place in April (National Volunteer Month) and was postponed until Sept. 29 --- honors those who have made a positive impact in their communities through national and volunteer service.

We're excited to announce that 2020 is the inaugural year for the GPCVC Distinguished Corporate Volunteer Award as part of this ceremony. This award recognizes those employees from a GPCVC member organization who have gone above and beyond in their companies' respective employee engagement programs in such categories as commitment to service, impact and unique contributions.

Especially during a year of unprecedented disruptions and the struggles that have come with the COVID-19 Pandemic and calls for racial equity, the GPCVC and Philadelphia Foundation look forward to highlighting and celebrating the excellence in community engagement that both the winners and nominees have shown.

"Volunteerism has the power for every individual to ignite his or her passion to effect change in the community. The three winners of the Distinguished Corporate Volunteer Award are examples of how individuals with the support of their employers can work towards bettering the causes they care about," noted Diane Melley, Philadelphia Foundation's Executive Director of [Second Century Initiatives & Corporate Partnerships](#).

[We invite you to join us virtually at 6 p.m., Tues., Sept. 29 for the ceremony](#) as we recognize those individuals of our Greater Philadelphia community who truly embody the values of the city of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection. Congratulations to all the nominees for their dedication and for their inspiring examples.

2020 GPCVC Distinguished Corporate Volunteer Award Winners

**Deanne Riley-Giddins, Senior Network Coordinator
Independence Blue Cross**

Corporate Employee Engagement Program:

- Blue Crew

Nominated by: Courtney McDade, Director, Public Affairs Programs

“The in-kind value of Deanne’s volunteering since 2016 equates to \$22,200. During the past three years, Deanne has led the Blue Crew in hours volunteered. In addition to donating her time, talent and treasure, Deanne’s impact on the community is magnified by her efforts and ability to engage her colleagues and inspire them to volunteer with her. At many volunteer projects, she is joined by her husband and her teenage daughter.”



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**Minzhi “Jay” Chen, QA Lead | XFINITY Mobile
Comcast NBCUniversal**

Corporate Employee Engagement Program:

- Service Co-Lead for the Comcast Asian Pacific American Employee Resource Group
- Comcast Internet Essentials program ambassador

Nominated by: Dalila Wilson-Scott, Senior Vice President, Community Impact, Comcast, and President, Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation

“Jay embodies the spirit of volunteerism and service that is a core part of Comcast’s employee culture. He not only has taken a leadership role in driving impact within Comcast’s corporate volunteer programs, but he has brought unique opportunities forth to engage other employees to get involved throughout the Philadelphia community. “



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**Andrew (Andy) Boczkowski, Assistant General Counsel
GlaxoSmithKline (GSK)**

Corporate Employee Engagement Program:

- GSK Legal Pro Bono

Nominated by: Desmond McCaffery, Head of Employee Volunteering

“ Andy Boczkowski is the heart of the Homeless Advocacy Project’s (HAP’s) partnership with GSK. Since 2015, Andy has organized a team of GSK attorneys and paralegals to attend a bi-monthly HAP legal clinic at St. John’s Hospice, a homeless shelter and soup kitchen for homeless men located just steps from the Convention Center in Center City Philadelphia.”



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2020 GPCVC Distinguished Corporate Volunteer Finalists:

- **Jim Shoemaker, Director of Product Development, AmeriHealth Caritas**
“He sets an amazing example of why it’s important to give back to the community and to give to others, especially children and teenagers. He continuously looks for ways to help others.” **Elizabeth G. Nathans, Community Investment Manager, AmeriHealth Caritas**
- **Erik Sendel, Audit & Assurance Managing Director, Deloitte**
“Authentic and engaged volunteers are changing the landscape of Philadelphia, and Erik is among those leading the charge. He is the consummate team player and has set the bar high for directly impacting lives and even whole communities.”
Alyssa Cherkin, Corporate Citizenship Leader, Deloitte
- **Corey Hadley, Returns Inspector, Comoto**
“He galvanized a relatively disjointed workforce around his cause, showed us how to help and inspired us to want to do more. He truly inspired his coworkers to embrace a culture of service.”
Martina Mansell, Communications & Community Relations Specialist, Comoto
- **Noel Abejo, Vice President, Public Relations, Wells Fargo**
“The depth of his commitment goes above and beyond that of an average Volunteer Chapter leader. Noel has made community service part of his life’s work and his dedication is infectious.” **Susan Johnson, Assistant Vice President, Wells Fargo**