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Five Tulsa nonprofits honored for community work

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In nine statewide categories, five Tulsa nonprofits were honored for their excellence in service.

Held at Southern Hills Country Club on Saturday night, the fourth annual Oklahoma Nonprofit Excellence (ONE) Awards named contributions by Rebuilding Together Tulsa, LIFE Senior Services, Stand in the Gap Ministries, Associated Centers for Therapy and the Tulsa Boys' Home as top inspirations to the community.

Nine Tulsa-based nonprofits were among 27 finalists for the awards. The winners in each category received \$7,500, and two finalists received \$5,000.

Travis Campbell, event chair of the 2011 ONE Awards, praised the work of this year's finalists.

"The 27 finalists being highlighted this evening are continually helping educate, enrich and encourage people every day," Campbell said. "Their commitment to excellence has set them apart."

As the overall winner, The National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City accepted the Charles Schusterman Award for Excellence and collected \$10,000.

In total, \$160,000 was awarded to 27 state agencies.

"Our commission nominated each finalist based on their overall impact and organizational accountability," Campbell said. "We are all very proud of the work of each nonprofit here tonight."

Oklahoma Nonprofit Excellence Award winners

Charles Schusterman Award for Excellence

Overall winner: The National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, (OKC)

Sports and Recreation

Category winner: Shiloh Camp (Oklahoma City)

Finalists: Schools for Healthy Lifestyles (Oklahoma City); **YMCA of Greater Tulsa**

Education

Category winner: Gloria Ainsworth Child Care and Learning Center, Inc. (Ardmore)

Finalists: Leadership Oklahoma, Inc.; Oklahoma Arts Institute

Seniors

Category winner: Life Senior Services (Tulsa)

Finalists: Health Services Foundation, Providence Place Assisted Living Center (Woodward); Rebuilding Together OKC

Arts and humanities

Category winner: National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum

Finalists: Art on the Square Association (Mangum); Black Liberated Arts Center, Inc. (Oklahoma City)

Community health services

Category winner: Counseling and Recovery Services of Oklahoma (formerly Associated Centers for Therapy) (Tulsa)

Finalists: Center of Family Love (Okarche); Health for Friends (Norman)

Large-scale health services

Category winner: St. Anthony Hospital, Behavioral Medicine Center (Oklahoma City)

Finalists: Children's Hospital Foundation (Oklahoma City); **Indian Health Care Resource Center of Tulsa**

Youth development

Category winner:Tulsa Boys' Home

Finalists: Multi-County Youth Services (Clinton); Youth Services for Oklahoma County

Self-sufficiency

Category winner:Stand in the Gap Ministries (Tulsa)

Finalists: Altus Armed Services YMCA; **Resonance Center for Women (Tulsa)**

Community

Category winner:Rebuilding Together Tulsa

Finalists: Latino Community Development Agency (Oklahoma City); **Neighbor for Neighbor (Tulsa)**

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CEO of LIFE Senior Services Laura Kenny receives an award from Bill Major with the Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation during the Oklahoma Nonprofit Excellence Awards at Southern Hills Country Club on Saturday. JAMES GIBBARD / Tulsa World

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