

Hunger Task Force and Dominican Center Named Finalist in 2018 BizTimes Nonprofit Excellence Awards

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Milwaukee, WIS. – October 24, 2018. Hunger Task Force and Dominican Center have been named a finalist in BizTimes Media LLC's Nonprofit Excellence Awards for *Nonprofit Collaboration of the Year*. The Dominican Center joined with Hunger Task Force and the Milwaukee Nutrition and Lead Task Force for the Well Fed Means Less Lead (WFMLL) campaign. The campaign provided door-to-door education in the Amani neighborhood to over 800 households on the dangers of lead exposure in water, paint, and soil and the important steps families can take to reduce the risk of lead poisoning. Hunger Task Force gave Dominican Center the opportunity to hire four Amani residents as canvassers for the campaign to provide the education and resources to other Amani residents. Amani canvassers also distributed and installed lead filters on kitchen faucets in Amani homes. Dominican Center and Hunger Task Force anticipate that this collaboration will become a template that can be replicated in other neighborhoods with high concentrations of lead poisoning and exposure.

The Nonprofit Excellence Awards are designed to shine a light on the community impact of southeastern Wisconsin nonprofits. The program also salutes the work of for-profit organizations, executives and professionals who donate their time, talent and treasure to community causes. More than 100 nominations were submitted for the program this year, and twenty-six finalists were named in eight different categories. An overall winner in each category will be announced the morning of the event. The finalists will be recognized at a breakfast event on Friday, Nov. 2 at the Italian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago St., from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

In addition to the awards themselves, the Nonprofit Excellence Awards program will include a discussion about how psychological trauma effects Milwaukee and its workforce, featuring Marquette University president Dr. Mike Lovell and REDgen president Amy Lovell.

A complete list of finalists and their designated categories can be found at www.biztimes.com/npawards. To register to attend the Nonprofit Excellence Award Ceremony, visit www.biztimes.com/npawards.