

Past AFP Chicago Philanthropy Award Recipients

Benjamin Franklin Award

2025	Brenda B. Asare	2009	Betty Bergstrom, CFRE	1992	Herbert E. Newman
2024	Tom Wick	2008	Edith H. Falk	1991	Willard E. White
2023	Greg Cameron	2007	Mary Jane Drews	1990	Jimmie R. Alford, CFRE
2022	Kate Bouson, CFRE	2005	Jamie Phillippe, CFRE	1989	Clyde P. Watkins, CFRE
2021	Maree G. Bullock	2004	Jonathon Heintzleman	1988	Larry R. Ter Molen
2020	Sherre Jennings Cullen, CFRE	2003	W. Joseph Gartner, CFRE	1987	Marian J. Gifford, CFRE
2019	Christine Zrinsky	2002	Maria Mangual	1986	Thomas R. Sanders
2018	Mary Ladish Selander	2001	Marilyn Benuska, CFRE	1985	William Z. Cline
2017	Elizabeth J. Hughes	2000	Mark A. Dennis, Jr.	1984	Thomas G. Sanberg, CFRE
2016	Michelle M. Sherbun, PCC, ELI-MP	1999	Christine O'Neill Singer	1983	Richard P. Trenbeth
2015	Diane M. McKeever	1998	G. Dennis Conroy, CFRE	1982	Charles R. Feldstein
2014	Christopher Jabin	1997	Farrell L. Frentress	1981	Sheldon Garber
2013	Penelepe Hunt	1996	William D. Fissinger	1980	Edgar T. Britton
2012	Charles L. Katzenmeyer	1995	Randy Holgate	1979	Thomas Dunworth
2011	Francine Friedman, CFRE	1994	George Engdahl, CFRE	1978	Margaret L. Eves
2010	Dorothy Speidel	1993	Deborah Strauss, CFRE	1977	George M. Rudolph

Distinguished Philanthropist Award

2025	Chuck Lewis & Penny Sebring	2010	Mike and Pat Koldyke	1994	Susan & Lewis Manilow
2024	Susan & Bob Wislow	2009	Richard H. Driehaus	1993	Charles C. Haffner III
2023	Joan & Paul Rubschlager	2008	Bruce & Diana Rauner	1992	Jerome H. Stone
2022	Walter & Shirley Massey	2007	The Sasser Family	1991	Jack & Dollie Galter
2021	Denise & Gary Gardner	2006	Ann Lurie	1990	The Searle Charitable Trust/Searle Family
2020	Helen Zell	2005	Lois & Harrison Steans Family	1989	Lucia Woods Lindley
2019	Alexandra C. & John D. Nichols	2004	Patricia & Vincent Foglia	1988	Jessie V. & W. Clement Stone
2018	Kenneth C. Griffin	2003	Hope Abelson	1987	Lehman Foundation
2017	Col (IL) Jennifer N. Pritzker, IL ARNG (Retired)	2002	Jim and Kay Mabie	1986	The Regenstein Family
2016	Kimball & Karen Anderson	2001	Dorothy C. & Egon J. Menker	1985	The Crown Family
2015	Thomas M. Owens	2000	Marian Pawlick	1984	A. N. Pritzker
2014	Dick & Susan Kiphart	1999	The Siragusa Foundation	1983	Marion M. Lloyd
2013	John & Rita Canning	1998	Mr. & Mrs. Patrick G. Ryan	1982	Irving B. Harris
2012	Diane Gustafson Hill	1997	Sidney L. Port	1981	Dr. & Mrs. Edwin J. DeCosta
2011	The Duchossois Family	1996	Joseph P. & Jeanne M. Sullivan	1980	Gaylord Donnelley
		1995	Barbara Levy Kipper	1979	Mr. and Mrs. Foster G. McGaw

Emerging Philanthropist Award

2025	Vivo Foundation & Mara Botman	2021	David J. Koo	2018	Anthony Rizzo Family Foundation
2024	Kelsey Malnati Howell	2020	Chanel Coney	2013	Kerry & Sarah Wood
2022	Ellen-Blair Chube	2019	Dan Weishar		

Executive Leader Award

2025	Curtis Reed	2008	Edward M. Liddy	1992	Andrew J. McKenna
2024	Michael O'Grady	2007	Lester N. Conney	1991	George D. Kennedy
2022	Eric S. Smith	2006	Denis & Sondra Healy	1990	Newton N. Minow
2021	Scott C. Swanson	2005	Ronald Gidwitz	1989	Arthur R. Velasquez, Jr.
2020	Adela Cepeda	2004	Edward A. Brennan	1988	John H. Bryan, Jr.
2019	George S. Wright	2003	Pam Strobel	1987	Edward G. Gardner
2018	Ilene Gordon	2002	Richard L. Thomas	1986	James J. O'Connor
2017	Greg Brown	2001	Deborah L. DeHaas	1985	Marshall Field V
2016	Jesse H. Ruiz	2000	James R. Donnelley	1984	James J. Brice
2015	William A. Rudnick	1999	W. James Farrell	1983	Donald S. Perkins
2014	Bob Arthur	1998	William Osborn	1982	James J. Bere
2013	Allan Muchin	1997	Christie Hefner	1981	Frederick G. Jaicks
2012	Frederick H. Waddell	1996	John H. Costello	1980	Robert Leys
2011	Carol Lavin Bernick	1995	John W. Rogers, Jr.	1979	John T. Trutter
2010	John W. Rowe	1994	Edgar D. Jannotta	1978	William Ingram
2009	Frank M. Clark	1993	Frank W. Considine	1977	E. Stanley Enlund

Founders Award

2024	Donald A. Campbell, Jr., CFRE	2001	Arthur W. Murray	1984	Edgar D. Powell
2016	The Chicago Community Trust	1999	Bruce Newman	1980	L. Aumund Andre
2012	Marshall Field V	1994	Donors Forum of Chicago		
2008	Sandra P. Guthman	1987	Eleanor P. Peterson		

Special Award

2024	Jill Zimmerman & Kate Maehr				
2021	Chicago Community COVID-19 Response Fund (Chicago Community Trust & United Way of Metro Chicago)				
2014	The late Jimmie R. Alford				
1996	Smith Barney Chicago Mercantile Foundation				
1994	The late Arthur Rubloff				

Professional Grantor Award

2025	Leslie Ramyk	2010	David Pesqueira	1995	Joyce Grant
2024	Michelle Morales	2009	Mary Ann Mallahan	1994	Nikki Stein
2023	Deborah E. Bennett	2008	Eileen A. Sweeney	1993	Joanne C. Ford
2022	Ellie Forman	2007	Kassie Davis	1992	Marj Lundy
2021	Donald A. Cooke	2006	Anne Roosevelt	1991	Sunny Fischer
2020	Evette M. Cardona	2005	M. Catherine Crowley Ryan	1990	Jean Rudd
2019	Christine O'Reilly	2004	Richard Turner	1989	Iris J. Krieg
2018	Julie Chavez	2003	Merri Ex	1988	Nicholas Goodban
2017	James D. Parsons	2002	Amina J. Dickerson	1987	Craig Kennedy
2016	Steve Solomon	2001	Alice Cottingham	1986	Ellen J. Benjamin
2015	Rosemary Matzl	2000	Rebecca Stimson	1985	Handy L. Lindsey
2014	Francia Harrington	1999	Marilyn Hennessy	1984	Nadine Van Sant
2013	Bradford L. Ballast	1998	Sarah Solotaroff	1983	William N. Clark
2012	Ellen Alberding	1997	Jill Darrow	1982	Lizabeth G. Sode
2011	Deborah Liverett	1996	Dianne M. Smith		

Outstanding Community Leader Award

2025	Edgar Ramirez	2013	Grant Achatz & Nick Kokonas	2001	Kompha Seth
2024	Ayesha Jaco, MAM	2012	Bernarda Wong	2000	Margaret Smith
2023	Pastor Corey B. Brooks	2011	Joseph Podlasek	1999	Jessie Woods
2022	Brenda Battle	2010	Lisa Nigro	1998	Marca Bristo
2021	Dr. Omar Lateef	2009	Rev. Michael M. Boland	1997	Sokoni Karanja
2020	Ricardo Estrada	2008	Suellen G. Long	1996	Patty C. Crowley
2019	Liz Thompson	2007	Michael C. Cook	1995	Thomas Tunney
2018	Joy Aruguete	2006	Jerome H. Stone	1994	Rafael Ravelo
2017	Mike & Mariann Stanton	2005	Henry Tews	1993	Mary Nelson
2016	Diane Latiker	2004	Gabrielle Lyon & Paul Sereno	1992	Agaliece Miller
2015	Raul I. Raymundo	2003	Ada Addington	1991	Irene Johnson
2014	Valerie S. Lies	2002	Rutha E. Gibson		

Outstanding Volunteer Award

2024	Barbara Morton, PhD	2008	Audrey Tuggle	1993	Katherine S. Mayer
2023	Jennifer Guzman	2007	Lawrence Howe	1992	Sidney Epstein
2021	Robert Rizzo	2006	Don Jackson	1991	Judith S. Block
2020	Claudia Winkler	2005	Robert Reuche	1990	M.P. "Pete" Venema
2019	Richard W. Hutson	2004	Judy Keller	1989	Natalie G. Heineman
2018	Michael Matters Foundation	2003	Caryn Platt Tatelli, AM, LCSW	1988	Marjorie Craig Benton
2017	Toni Sandor Smith	2002	Joseph A. DiCara, MD, MPH	1987	Joan W. Harris
2016	Susan Staehely	2001	Eugene "Gene" Morris	1986	Norman Ross
2015	Captain James A. Lovell, Jr.	2000	Robert "Bud" Lifton	1985	Mrs. Charles J. Runner
2014	Charles B. Lawless	1999	Ann Barzel	1984	Betty Reneker
2013	Bob Lee	1998	Mrs. James (Ellen) O'Connor	1983	Reverend Dr. Kenneth B. Smith
2012	Elizabeth Luxem	1997	Nancy Klimley	1982	Mrs. Louis L. Perlman
2011	Lois Zoller	1996	Chuck Hogren	1981	Junia Hedberg
2010	Linda I. Celesia	1995	O. Robert Nottelmann	1980	Stanley M. Freehling
2009	Donna LaPietra & Bill Kurtis	1994	Andrew Thompson, M.D.	1979	Honorable Michael J. Howlett
				1978	Mrs. Malcolm N. Smith

Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Award

2025	Olivia Ohlson	2017	Brennan O'Connell-Miller and Katherine Young	2012	Homeless Experts Living Life's Obstacles (H.E.L.L.O)
2024	Latin School of Chicago Student Philanthropy Initiative	2016	Swiftly Foundation Board of Directors	2011	Consolidated High School Dist. #230
2023	Ava Gresser	2015	Dylan Full	2010	Students of Glenbrook South HS
2021	Ravi & Rohan Mahajan and Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation	2014	Students of the Chicago Academy For the Arts	2009	Athlete's CARE
2020	Felix Castillo	2013	Nathan Pautsch	2008	Elizabeth Abello
2018	Jahkil Jackson			2007	Northwestern University Dance Marathon
				2006	Wheaton Academy Zambia Project

President's Award

2020	John Huebler, CFRE	2003	Barbara Ellen Talisman	1990	Abbie J. von Schlegell, CFRE
2019	Jacquelyn M. Bonavia, CFRE	2002	Jay Frey, CFRE	1989	Joan Goldstein, CFRE
2018	Judy T. Lindsey, CFRE	2001	Elizabeth Fallon Quilter, CFRE	1988	Betty Bergstrom, CFRE
2017	Michelle M. Sherbun, PCC, ELI-MP	2000	Michael Godnick	1987	Wendy Fisher, CFRE
2016	Grant Gilbert, CFRE	1999	Heather T. Hutchison, CFRE	1986	Sally Ver Schave-Iberg, CFRE
2013	Alexander F. Pope, CFRE	1998	Jamie Phillippe, CFRE	1985	Susan Church
2011	Marilyn Benuska, CFRE	1997	Diane M. McKeever, Ph.D., CFRE	1984	Dorothy Holmes Darby, CFRE
2009	Marilyn Foster Kirk, CFRE	1995	Talmadge D. Betts, CFRE	1983	Richard L. Heiss, CFRE
2008	Jill Koski, CFRE	1994	Paul P. Pribbenow, Ph.D., CFRE	1981	Vernon J. Dockery, CFRE
2007	Doug Diefenbach	1993	Tamara L. Nelson, CFRE	1980	Nike B. Whitcomb, CFRE
2006	Juan Calixto, CFRE	1992	Sandra C. Danforth, CFRE	1979	C. Wilson Schroeder, CFRE
2005	Cynthia L. Schmidt, CFRE	1991	Edith H. Falk, CFRE	1978	Donald A. Campbell, Jr., CFRE