

**Outstanding Volunteer Award:** Presented to an individual who demonstrates exemplary volunteerism through the dedication of significant personal time, talents, and resources fostering a particular organization or group of organizations.

**Benjamin Franklin Award:** Presented to a fundraising professional who has attained significant achievements in a long career and is looked to by the profession as a role model. *This is generally a person with ten or more years experience in fundraising that has contributed to the field as a professional, trainer/mentor, and/or volunteer. Nominees do not have to be members of AFP Chicago. Individuals who have previously won the President's Award may be considered for the Benjamin Franklin Award.*

**Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Award:** Presented to a youth leader or leaders, or a youth-generated project and its team, having demonstrated a significant impact on the Chicago community. *The recipient(s) will have demonstrated the philanthropic tradition and values associated with serving the community.*

**NOMINEE:**

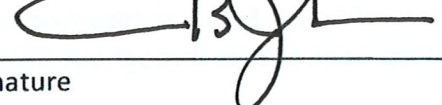
NAME Michael Sacks TITLE Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
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**NOMINATED BY:**

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SIGNATURE  DATE 9-24-19

I am not a current member of AFP/Chicago

Member endorsement: ERIC B. JOHNSON  9/30/19  
Name Signature

Nominations must be postmarked no later than October 4, 2019 to be considered for an award.

# 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Philanthropy Awards Nomination Form

Please complete this form and nomination checklist and include it with your completed nomination packet.

**LATE AND INCOMPLETE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

Nominations must consist of four sections. Please use the following checklist to ensure that you have included all of the required information:

- 1. A letter on standard (8½" x 11") paper explaining why the nominee should be honored for the award. Cite specific examples of the nominee's fulfillment of the award category criteria.
- 2. A copy of the nominee's current resume or list of achievements.
- 3. Supporting materials that may include copies of articles or reports, and/or a biography. Videos, books, games, artwork, etc., are not accepted.
- 4. **Three** letters of support from individuals or organizations that strengthen the nomination. These should explain accomplishments that specifically support the award category definition. *Strongly encourage your letters of support be limited to one page.*

*Please note: Nominations must be no more than ten pages in length.*

*Please do not staple any portion of your nomination.*

Please forward your completed nomination via mail, email or fax to:

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Nominations must be postmarked **no later than OCTOBER 4, 2019 to be considered for an award.** Questions? Please call the AFP Chicago Chapter Office at 630-416-1166 or log onto [www.afpchicago.org](http://www.afpchicago.org).

## AWARD CATEGORIES (✓ one):

- Distinguished Philanthropist(s) Award:** Presented to an individual, family or family foundation that has generously donated from personal resources a minimum of ten years, that has made a significant impact in funding to a particular issue or a variety of philanthropic causes.
- Emerging Philanthropist Award:** Presented to an individual, family or family foundation that has generously donated from their personal resources to philanthropic causes for ten years or less, that have shown a deep commitment to a particular social issue or a variety of philanthropic causes.
- Executive Leader Award:** Presented to a business leader whose outstanding leadership has garnered business and civic support for philanthropy. *The leader does not have to be the CEO of a corporation.*
- Professional Grantor Award:** Presented to a corporate or foundation giving officer recognized for his/her professionalism, sensitivity and generous support to the nonprofit community. *This is generally a paid staff position in a grant making organization.*
- Outstanding Community Leader Award:** Presented to an individual who has shown extraordinary leadership and advocacy for a cause that has resulted in significant and positive change for a particular neighborhood, issue or segment of our community.



MAYOR LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, CHAIR  
MELLODY HOBSON, VICE CHAIR  
ANDREA ZOPP, PRESIDENT & CEO

September 23, 2019

Philanthropy Awards Committee  
c/o Gail A. Brooks, CMP  
AFP Chicago  
1717 N. Naper Blvd., Suite 102  
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Re: Executive Leader Award

Dear Philanthropy Awards Committee:

I am pleased to nominate Michael J. Sacks, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Chicago-based GCM Grosvenor, for the Association of Fundraising Professionals Executive Leader Award.

Michael joined Grosvenor in 1990, and was named the firm's Managing Partner in 1994. He led the firm's major growth and development to its current position as a leader in the global alternative investment arena.

I've had the privilege of working closely with Michael in several settings, including when he served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Urban League, as the Vice Chairman of World Business Chicago (WBC), as a member of the Mayor's Economic Council and co-chair of the Mayor's Plan for Economic Growth and Jobs. In all of these roles, Michael contributed significantly both in terms of substance and guidance and in terms of providing financial resources.

Michael is a Trustee of Northwestern University, of the Art Institute of Chicago and is a member of the board of the Obama Foundation and the Jewish United Fund of Chicago. Additionally, he is a supporter and board member of several charitable and cultural institutions including, After School Matters and the Museum of Science and Industry. He funded the Greater Chatham Initiative, an effort to bring jobs, businesses, and housing to several South Side neighborhoods and has been active in neighborhood economic development efforts throughout Chicago.



MAYOR LORIE E. LIGHTFOOT, CHAIR  
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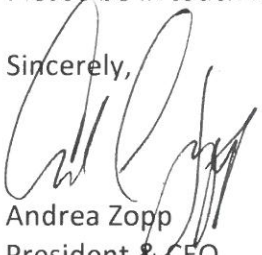
A native of Chicago, Michael graduated from Niles West High School in 1980, received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Tulane University in 1984, he attended the London School of Economics and received a MBA and a JD from Northwestern University in 1988.

Michael's commitment to philanthropy has been substantial and sustained. He is driven by his passion for improving his community and is engaged across a broad range of areas from economic development and community revitalization to education and arts and culture.

A father of three. Michael brings his head and his heart to his philanthropic endeavors. Michael's unwavering commitment, passion and contributions to the Chicago community make him an excellent candidate for the Executive Leader Award.

Please be in touch if you have questions.

Sincerely,



Andrea Zopp  
President & CEO

World Business Chicago



Michael J. Sacks is chief executive officer of Chicago-based Grosvenor Capital Management. Grosvenor is a leader in the alternative investment industry, specializing in public and private market solutions that span hedge funds, private equity, infrastructure and real estate. Grosvenor currently manages over \$47 billion for a globally diverse client base.

Mr. Sacks joined Grosvenor in 1990 and was named the firm's managing partner in 1994. He led the growth, development and institutionalization of the firm from its position as an early participant in a cottage industry to its current position as a leader in the global alternative investment arena. Prior to joining Grosvenor, Mr. Sacks spent two years at Harris Associates, L.P.

A native of Chicago, Mr. Sacks received a bachelor of arts in Economics from Tulane University in 1984, a general course certificate from the London School of Economics for work completed in the 1982-1983 academic year, a master of business administration from the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University in 1998 and a J.D. from Northwestern School of Law in 1988. He is a member of the Illinois Bar.

In addition to his work at Grosvenor, Mr. Sacks is active in various philanthropic and community activities, including the Obama Foundation, the Chicago Urban League, the Greater Chatham Initiative, After School Matters, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Museum of Science and Industry and the Jewish United Fund of Chicago. Additionally, he is an active member of World Business Chicago where he served as Vice-Chair for eight years.

Mr. Sacks and his wife, Cari, have two sons and a daughter.

# Inside Philanthropy

Who's Funding What, and Why

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### Michael and Cari Sacks

**NET WORTH:** Unknown

**SOURCE OF WEALTH:** Grosvenor Capital Management

**FUNDING AREAS:** Education & Youth, Arts & Culture, Jewish causes, Policy, Health, Chicago Community

**OVERVIEW:** Michael Sacks and his wife Cari move their philanthropy through the Sacks Family Foundation, which gave around \$4.8 million in a recent year. Sacks is vice-chairman of the World Business Chicago and the couple's giving strongly focuses on the Chicago area. Michael and Cari also support their schools. Another interest is the arts, where Cari often takes the lead.

**BACKGROUND:** Michael J. Sacks was born in Chicago and received a B.A. in economics from Tulane University in 1984, as well as an MBA and a J.D. from Northwestern University. He also attended London School of Economics. He spent two years at Harris Associates, L.P. and joined Grosvenor Capital Management in 1990, where he was named the firm's managing partner in 1994 and is currently CEO.

#### ISSUES:

**EDUCATION & YOUTH:** Sacks supports his alma maters Tulane University (home to the Michael Sacks Fund for Social Entrepreneurship) and Northwestern University. The couple gave a \$5 million gift early in the decade to Northwestern, \$3.6 million of which endowed scholarships for Chicago Public Schools (CPS) graduates. The couple gave a \$1 million gift to School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC), to establish the Sacks Family Scholarships to "provide need-based support to graduate and undergraduate students who are graduates of public high schools in Chicago." Cari continued her arts education at SAIC.

The couple have also supported Erikson Institute, a graduate school in child development that's home to the Cari B. Sacks Scholarship. Cari attended the school and sits on the board. Other grantees include After School Matters, Chicago High School for the Arts, Evans Scholars Foundation, Ounce of Prevention Fund, and University of Chicago.

**ARTS & CULTURE:** Cari is an art collector and patron who cofounded Curate, an art-centric mobile app that directs some profits to SAIC scholarships. She's also a trustee of Museum of Contemporary Art, which the couple supports. Other grantees have included JFK Center for the Performing Arts, Institute of Contemporary Art Los Angeles, Chicago Children's Museum, Harris Theater for Music and Dance, and the Field Museum, where Sacks sits on the board.

**JEWISH CAUSES:** Grantees include synagogue Am Shalom, Birthright Israel Foundation, Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, Jewish Council for Youth Services, Tulane Hillel, and Hillel Foundation University of Wisconsin (the couple are UWisconsin parents).

**POLICY:** Michael and Cari have given at least \$1 million to the Obama Foundation, and have supported the Clinton Foundation.

**HEALTH:** Grantees include For Autistic Kids Foundation and Northwestern Memorial Foundation.

**CHICAGO COMMUNITY:** Via their foundation, the Sacks couple have supported Black United Fund of Illinois, Chicago Council on Global Affairs, Chicago Community Foundation, and Center on Halsted, "the Midwest's most comprehensive community center dedicated to advancing community and securing the health and well-being of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) people of Chicagoland."

**LOOKING FORWARD:** Expect the Sacks' robust and steady giving to continue, with a particular eye towards Chicago.



Janice K. Jackson, EdD  
Chief Executive Officer

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September 12, 2019

Dear Philanthropy Awards Selection Committee:

My name is Dr. Janice K. Jackson, I have the distinct honor and privilege of serving as the Chief Executive Officer of Chicago Public Schools. I am thrilled to offer this letter in support of Michael Sacks' nomination to be named AFP Chicago's next Executive Leader Award winner at the 44th Annual Philanthropy Awards Luncheon in 2020.

The CPS five-year graduation rate is currently at an all-time high 78.9%, and last year students received an unprecedented \$1.3B in scholarship offers to continue their post-secondary education. Investment from private philanthropy, including leaders in the corporate community, providing students with wraparound programming and support, has enabled our CPS students to reach new levels of success. As Chairman and CEO of Grosvenor Capital Management, no one has epitomized this better than Michael Sacks.

For the sake of brevity, I will provide two examples of Mr. Sacks' commitment to our students.

Michael and GCM Grosvenor do not participate in "drop-in" philanthropy. For years, Michael has supported with dozens of volunteers from his firm who take time out of their work schedules – every week – welcoming elementary students from the John. W. Cook Academy in Auburn Gresham to participate in the Working in the Schools (WITS) Workplace Mentoring program. Workplace Mentoring exposes CPS students to the inner workings of a contemporary office environment, provides them with consistent mentoring from caring adults, and bonds the student and volunteer over the act of reading. Last year, 61% of Workplace Mentoring students exceeded the national average for reading level growth, in one year, and 60% improved their attitude toward reading, from beginning to the end of the school year. In addition to supporting Workplace Mentoring at Cook, Michael and Grosvenor provide ALL students at the school with books at the end of the school year, adding to their at-home libraries. As a direct result of Michael's leadership and generosity, Grosvenor has also contributed philanthropically for over a decade to ensure students at Cook receive counseling, STEM programming, and a multitude of other supports and resources.

Michael has also been a champion of the Creative Schools Fund, a public-private partnership between the CPS Department of Arts Education and Ingenuity, Inc. The Fund seeks to enhance the arts education



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experience for students in all 642 CPS schools. Creative Schools is the only funding effort in Chicago that grants directly to schools for programs designed by teachers to increase arts access and acts as an incentive for schools to make core investments in art teachers and programs. Michael's support has made this effort successful and will allow thousands of students to express themselves through the arts.

Simply put, Michael shows up. Consistently. These are simply two examples among countless others I could have shared with you. In fact, a large portion of Michael's philanthropy, supporting our youth and families, goes under the radar and you'll never read about it in Crain's. I'm happy to report to you that Michael is the real deal.

I sincerely thank you for your consideration of Michael Sacks, a true leader in our corporate community, to receive AFP Chicago's Executive Leader Award.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice K. Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Janice K. Jackson, EdD  
Chief Executive Officer  
Chicago Public Schools



October 4, 2019

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Re: Executive Leader Award

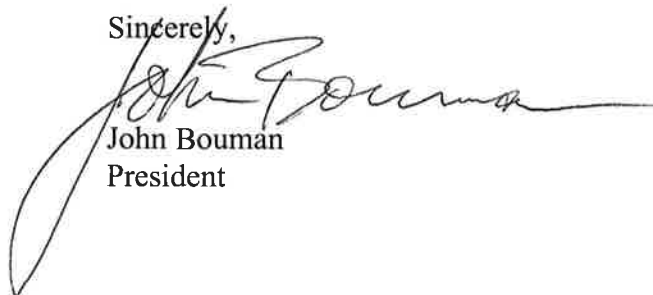
Dear Selection Committee:

I write to support strongly the nomination of Michael Sacks, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Grosvenor Capital Management, to receive AFP Chicago's *Executive Leader Award* in 2020. I am the President of the Shriver Center on Poverty Law in Chicago, where we work to use law and policy to improve quality of life and opportunity for people living in poverty. We seek to advance economic and racial justice. These are of course core concerns for the City of Chicago.

Michael Sacks has a deep concern for the well-being and progress of Chicago; he is the epitome of a concerned and involved business leader using his resources, relationships and powerful personal gifts to help the City succeed in many areas much broader than the direct interests of his own business. He is civic-minded and his leadership prompts business and civic support for philanthropy well beyond his own very substantial contributions. His involvement includes personal time, advising and connecting other players and officials, and promoting the interests of the City and all its different populations. As related to our work and mission, he has a firm understanding that the City's well-being must include the elements of equal opportunity for all, across a range of issues. His financial support for our work is difference-making in itself, but also provides leadership for other donors. And his direct involvement in policy issues, civic advancement, the arts, and direct services, highly valuable in itself, also sets a strong example.

I heartily support the nomination of Michael Sacks for the Executive Leader Award and urge you to select him.

Sincerely,



John Bouman  
President

# AFTER SCHOOL matters®

September 25, 2019

AFP Chicago  
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Naperville, IL 60563

Dear AFP Chicago 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Philanthropy Awards Luncheon Selection Committee:

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I send this letter in support of the nomination of Michael Sacks, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Grosvenor Capital Management, to receive AFP Chicago's *Executive Leader Award* in 2020.

Michael has been an active member of the After School Matters Board of Directors since 2013 and has contributed to the organization's immense growth and progress. Because of the leadership and support of individuals like Michael, this past summer ASM was able to provide summer programming to more than 13,000 teenagers in every neighborhood in Chicago, 84% of whom come from low-income families. ASM summer programming helps our teens discover which potential future employment opportunities they like (and don't like), including programs in the arts, communications, leadership and management, STEM, and athletics. Support from the corporate philanthropy community, including Grosvenor, has contributed to 2/3 of our organizational budget returning to Chicago communities, in the form of summer stipends for our teens and instructor pay for subject matter experts that are from our teens' communities.

Both Michael and his wife, Cari, have been invaluable contributors of time, talent, and treasure in support of the After School Matters mission to provide Chicago public high school teens opportunities to explore and develop their talents, while gaining critical skills for work, college, and beyond.

The *Executive Leader Award* is presented to a business leader whose outstanding leadership has garnered business and civic support for philanthropy. I can think of no one who epitomizes this more than Michael Sacks. I hope that you will join me in supporting Michael's nomination to join the long continuum of phenomenal *Executive Leader Award* winners that have preceded him.

Please do feel free to reach out to me with any questions or clarification regarding this letter of support. Many thanks for your honest consideration.

In gratitude,



Mary Ellen Caron, Ph.D.  
Chief Executive Officer  
After School Matters