

Fundraising professionals honored

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The Association of Fundraising Professionals Eastern Oklahoma Chapter has been named a 2014 Ten Star Gold Chapter and 2014 Friends of Diversity Chapter.

Every year, AFP, the largest association of professional fundraisers in the world, honors chapters for achieving goals that align with key objectives in its long-range strategic plan.

Chapters receive the Ten Star Gold Award for performing specific activities designed to increase professionalism within fundraising and public awareness of the importance of philanthropy.

Of the 238 chapters in AFP, 43 chapters received the 2014 Ten Star Gold Award.

The Friends of Diversity Award is earned by chapters that have established a definition for what diversity means in their community, have created a diversity and inclusion committee, and have implemented programming on the topic of diversity.

“The Association of Fundraising Professionals of the Eastern Oklahoma Chapter members and Board are so excited to be awarded for the first time with this International Ten Star Gold designation as well as the “Friends of Diversity” designation. These are benchmarks that the fundraising professionals work towards each year and are a result of our achieving merits based on the code of ethics as well as in inclusion and diversity in the Tulsa and Bartlesville markets. As professionals, we strive for transparency and ethics in fundraising among our donors and clients so that everyone feels like they have a seat at the table and can participate in making Green Country a better place to live for us all through our missions.

Awards like this help to celebrate such efforts and set us apart from other chapters nationwide,” said Tom A. Taylor, II - 2015 President, Association of Fundraising Professionals of Eastern Oklahoma & Executive Director, Emergency Infant Services.

Ten Star Gold Chapters and Friends of Diversity Chapters are recognized at the AFP International Conference on Fundraising.

Chapters also earn the privilege of displaying the Ten Star Gold logo on their website, newsletters and stationary and are recognized in the Advancing Philanthropy Magazine this month.



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“I want to congratulate the Eastern Oklahoma Chapter of AFP, which is playing a key role in the Tulsa area in promoting ethical and effective fundraising and educating the public about the importance of philanthropy and wise giving,” said Andrew Watt, FInstF, president and CEO of AFP. “Our Ten Star Gold Chapters have demonstrated outstanding programming and leadership for the fundraising, and I’m pleased to recognize their outstanding efforts.

“Individuals and organizations in the Tulsa area with questions about fundraising and philanthropy, they should definitely contact the Eastern Oklahoma Chapter of AFP.”

Criteria for both awards are determined by AFP International Headquarters.

A list of numerous goals is published annually, and chapters must accomplish a certain number of these goals during the year and submit a nomination form for verification to be honored. «