



Westside Infant-Family Network (WIN) Named a Finalist in Lodestar Foundation's 2011 Collaboration Prize

Eight organizations to be recognized and awarded a total of \$250,000; Collaborations prove that working together can reap great results

LOS ANGELES, CA, March 2, 2011 – Westside Infant-Family Network (WIN) has been recognized as a finalist for the 2011 Collaboration Prize created by The Lodestar Foundation, an organization dedicated to maximizing the growth and impact of philanthropy.

WIN, along with seven other finalists, will receive \$12,500 for creating an extraordinarily impactful and innovative collaboration. A grand prizewinner will be chosen from the eight finalists and awarded an additional \$150,000 in April 2011. This is the second installment of the Collaboration Prize, which is a national award designed to identify and showcase models of collaboration among nonprofit organizations.

“It is an honor to be selected as one of eight finalists in the country for the Collaboration Prize,” said Anna Henderson, WIN Executive Director. “The nomination highlights the system of care and infrastructure we’ve created to deliver very high quality health, mental health, education, and social services to families with young children who are facing critical challenges in multiple aspects of their lives. Collaboration allows us to address the complex problems underlying early childhood mental health issues by addressing multiple root causes simultaneously—while making services seamless for families.”

“Selected from more than 800 applications, the finalists are each a superb model of how nonprofits, by pooling knowledge, resources and talent, can serve their communities more efficiently and with greater impact,” said Jerry Hirsch, The Lodestar Foundation Chairman.

About Westside Infant-Family Network

Westside Infant-Family Network (WIN) provides free, in-home mental health care to families with young children in collaboration with its three partner agencies—Westside Children’s Center, Venice Family Clinic, and St. Joseph Center. Together, the WIN network connects families to an integrated “nest” of early care, health care, mental health care, social services and other community resources families facing multiple challenges need to stabilize and thrive.

About The 2011 Collaboration Prize

The collaboration must have involved two or more nonprofit organizations. Each collaboration was judged on the extent to which it demonstrated improved effectiveness in achieving social good; more effectively used human and financial resources; represented an innovative response to a specific challenge or opportunity; and exhibited characteristics that would demonstrate that the collaboration is a model for the field, sector, or community.

Out of the eight finalists, the Selection Panel – a group chaired by Sterling Speirn, president and CEO of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and comprised of elite philanthropists and leaders of major philanthropic foundations – will choose one grand prizewinner to receive an additional \$150,000. The grand prizewinner will be announced in New York City on April 8, 2011. For more information on the Prize and the eight finalists, please visit www.thecollaborationprize.org.

The success stories of the finalists, along with other submissions received as part of the 2011 Collaboration Prize, will be added to the Nonprofit Collaboration Database, an interactive resource comprised of real-life examples of exceptional collaboration. The Database is housed on the website of the Foundation Center, a national nonprofit service organization that connects nonprofits and grantmakers to tools, resources and information. Learn more at <http://foundationcenter.org/gainknowledge/collaboration/>.

The Lodestar Foundation

The Lodestar Foundation is a grantmaking organization devoted to maximizing the growth and impact of philanthropy and provides funds nationally and internationally to organizations that support its mission. In support of this mission, Lodestar created the Collaboration Prize in 2009 to identify achievements in collaboration as models for inspiration and replication. True to the spirit of collaboration, the Lodestar Foundation has partnered with AIM Alliance, the Foundation Center, La Piana Consulting and other foundation and nonprofit leaders to support the 2011 Prize. Please visit www.lodestarfoundation.org for more information.