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Inform Your Community Announces its 2026 Volunteer and Partner of the Year Awardees

[Inform Your Community](#) (IYC), a New York, New York- based nonprofit, has announced it has awarded its Volunteer and Partner of the Year Awards. The awards were presented at IYC's Annual Gala.

This year's Volunteer of the Year Award was given to John McTiernan, founding Chair of the IYC Board of Directors, also serving most recently as Treasurer. The Volunteer of the Year Award is given annually to a former IYC volunteer whose contributions have played a significant role in the organization's growth and the fulfillment of our mission.

This year's Partner of the Year Award was given to Murri Hester who has provided support to IYC as its Pro Bono Bookkeeper for three years. The Partner of the Year Award is given annually to an organization that has worked with IYC providing considerable support at no or reduced cost to support its mission.

Past winners of IYC's awards include Volunteer of the Year April Dommond, Partner of the Year Capella University and Assistant Professor Chris Fichera, and President's Volunteer Service Award winner Carrie Garippa in 2025; Volunteer of the Year and Partner of the Year Jacki Kelly and Partner of the Year [TWCPSA](#) and its founder Wendy Wetheral for 2024; Volunteer of the Year former IYC board member Kevin John and Partner of the Year Keith Newhouse and the [Newhouse Creative Group](#) for 2023; and Volunteer of the Year for one of IYC's founding board members Patrick Ibizugbe for 2022.

Inform Your Community's mission is to maximize the power of authentic entertainment experiences to provide relevant impactful information to children and adults of all ages through fun, free, and meaningful events. These facilitate knowledge acquisition relevant to an informed electorate encompassed by the four C's: civics, civic engagement, civility, and civil rights.

