**For Immediate Release:**

The Charlotte Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) is hosting its annual National Philanthropy Day (NPD) Luncheon on **November 27, 2018** at Hilton Charlotte Center City.

The National Philanthropy Day luncheon is an opportunity to honor the outstanding philanthropists making an impact in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community and inspire everyday philanthropy.

The philanthropic leaders, selected by past NPD award recipients, being honored are:

Outstanding Champion of Diversity: **Pastor Dan Hester**

Outstanding Emerging Philanthropist: **Alfred and Amy Levine Dawson**

Outstanding Fundraising Executive: **Shannon Hinson**

Outstanding Philanthropist: **Sarah and Sally Belk Gambrell**

Outstanding Philanthropic Small Business: **NoDa Brewing Company**

Outstanding Philanthropic Organization: **Community Matters**

Outstanding Student Philanthropist: **Shreya Mantha**

Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser: **Malcomb D. Coley**

Outstanding Legacy: **Dr. Loy H. Witherspoon, Jr.**

This year, AFP Charlotte is proud to partner with SHARE Charlotte to celebrate both National Philanthropy Day and #GivingTuesdayCLT in unison to recognize the #EverydayPhilanthropist and inspire our community as a whole to GIVE GOOD.

The 2018 Luncheon is made possible by the generous sponsorship of over 20 local businesses, non-profit organizations and community foundations. AFP Charlotte is deeply grateful to Paragon Bank for serving as this year’s lead ‘Heart of Charlotte’ sponsor.

Tickets for the event are sold out.

Further resources:

Please visit [www.afpcharlotte.org/national-philanthropy-day](http://www.afpcharlotte.org/programs/national-philanthropy-day/)

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