

# AWARD DESCRIPTIONS



## **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT (*One*)**

This award is presented to an individual or family that has either openly or privately been a consistent champion of philanthropy, and through their efforts and contributions, has created a lasting impact on the quality of life of the community and the organizations serving Imperial Valley residents. The award recognizes those who are admired for their personal and professional community leadership, and serve as an example for others to be inspired into a life of generosity, humanity, community, and philanthropy. Recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award are nominated and selected by the NPD® Host Committee, which is composed of various community leaders and local nonprofit executives.

## **PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR (*One*)**

This award is presented to an individual, couple or family with a proven record of exceptional generosity to a variety of philanthropic causes and who, through direct financial support and volunteerism, has demonstrated outstanding civic and charitable responsibility, and encourages others to take philanthropic leadership roles in the community.

## **SPIRIT OF PHILANTHROPY (VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR) (*One*)**

This award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated excellence in volunteer service leading to significant outcomes for the community. This individual must have demonstrated exceptional leadership skills in recruiting, motivating, and coordinating groups of volunteers, devoted great time and effort to the advancement of volunteerism, or shown deep commitment of voluntary action to address community needs.

## **PHILANTHROPIC CORPORATION OF THE YEAR (*One*)**

This award is presented to a corporation or corporate foundation with 50 or more employees that has demonstrated outstanding commitment through financial support and volunteerism, and that encourages and motivates others to take philanthropic leadership roles in the community.

## **SPECIAL NONPROFIT ACHIEVEMENT (ORGANIZATION OF IMPACT) (*One*)**

This award is a non-competitive recognition presented to a nonprofit organization who has demonstrated excellence in their work and the fulfillment of their mission. It was created to recognize organizations who have made significant achievements and impacts for the betterment of the community and the populations they serve through effective and spirited collaboration and leadership from the organization's volunteers, staff, and partners. This award is nominated and selected by the NPD® Host Committee.

## **DISTINGUISHED PHILANTHROPIST (*Multiple*)**

This award is a non-competitive recognition opportunity being offered for organizations who wish to recognize a special individual close to their organization for their generosity, example and leadership. This award is presented to distinguished philanthropists that have made significant impacts and impressions the growth and mission of one or more organizations. This award is given to honor and recognize donors, volunteers, influential supporters and champions of the nominating organization(s).

## **DISTINGUISHED VOLUNTEER (*Multiple*)**

This award is a non-competitive recognition opportunity available for organizations participating in NPD® who wish to recognize a volunteer close to the organization for their significant effort, service and support. The Distinguished Volunteer Award is given in appreciation for the time and energy that each honored volunteer has devoted to the day-to-day operations and successes of their organization. This award is presented to distinguished advocates, leaders, and mentors whose passion for their respective causes inspire philanthropic action and community involvement.