Albany, NY – July 31, 2018 – Do you know a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in New York State that has demonstrated exemplary leadership to community-based charities? Nominate him/her now for the 15th annual Michael H. Urbach, CPA Community Builders Award. The award is presented by the New York Council of Nonprofits, Inc. (NYCON) and the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants (NYSSCPA).

Candidates must: 1) have served as an Officer on at least three different charitable 501(c)(3) community-based nonprofits with service as President/Chair at least once; 2) have demonstrated exemplary board leadership resulting in significant and positive organizational impact including, but not limited to, financial turn-around, growth, and/or organizational re-structuring; and 3) preference will be given to nominees whose board leadership accomplishments have been with community-based charities. The award is named in honor of the late Michael H. Urbach, CPA, former partner of Urbach, Kahn and Werlin, former NYS Commissioner of Tax and Finance and Chair of the State Employees Federated Appeal, and board leader of a number of charities.

Nominations addressing the candidate’s qualifications must be submitted in writing and received by August 31, 2018. Nominators are strongly encouraged to address the candidate’s qualifications related to the criteria mentioned above and include at least three (3) letters of support from the charities who have benefited from the candidate’s volunteer leadership.

Submit your nomination online, email your submission to Melissa Currado at mcurrado@nycon.org or mail two (2) packets of nomination materials to: Urbach Community Builders Award Committee, NYCON, 272 Broadway, Albany NY 12204. For more information, visit NYCON on the web at www.nycon.org or contact us via phone at (800) 515-5012.

The 2018 award will be formally presented at the Annual Member Meeting of NYCON slated for the afternoon of October 4th at Mohonk Mountain House, New Paltz, NY. The Luncheon will take place during CAMP FINANCE, a two-day financial management conference that provides the very best in knowledge, skill & strategy development sessions for your staff and volunteer leaders. From basic to best practices, this year’s conference tracks include Nonprofit Accounting; Accountability & Compliance; Marketing, Fundraising & Communications; Board Governance Issues; and Nonprofit Policy & Advocacy.

The 2018 Urbach Honoree has the privilege to award one (1) nonprofit executive of their choice a Camp Finance scholarship in honor of the late Harold Mandel, a CPA who worked for Urbach, Kahn & Werlin in Albany, NY and retired in West Palm Beach, FL. In 2009, Mr. Mandel’s family accepted a posthumous Michael H. Urbach, CPA Community Builders Award in his tribute.

NYCON and NYSSCPA would like to recognize The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region for their grant contribution towards the Michael H. Urbach, CPA Community Builders Award.

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About the New York Council of Nonprofits, Inc. (NYCON)

NYCON and its affiliates work to develop and promote an effective, vibrant charitable community in New York State. With over 3,000 nonprofit members, NYCON strengthens the organizational capacity of nonprofits, acts as an advocate and unifying voice, helps to inform philanthropic giving, and conducts research to demonstrate the relevance and impact of nonprofits. NYCON provides practical solutions and answers you can trust. We offer a complete continuum of services through NYCON, Governance Matters, Council Services Plus, and Innovative Charitable Initiatives. Visit www.nycon.org to learn more.

About the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants (NYSSCPA)

Founded in 1897, the New York State Society of CPAs is the premier professional membership association representing the interests of a membership of more than 26,000 licensed CPAs and other financial professionals practicing in New York State, encompassing all areas of practice, including government, education, technology, nonprofit, real estate, health care and industry. The Society fulfills its mission through its 15 chapters, more than 60 technical and administrative committees, and a 39-member Board of Directors. Visit nysscpa.org to learn more.