2020 NSO GOOD SAMARITAN AWARDS LUNCHEON

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Transforming lives and encouraging independence through safe, healthy homes, dental care and nutrition.
NSO is celebrating a century of service to our Oklahoma City community!

We want to thank you for your continued support of our organization and our mission. With your generosity, NSO’s vital programs have served hundreds of thousands of Oklahomans in need.

We are proud and honored to be here today. NSO is dedicated to continue restoring dignity and inspiring hope for all our neighbors.
PROGRAM

Welcome
Stacey Ninness
President and CEO, NSO

Invocation
Dr. Bob Long
Senior Pastor, St. Luke’s UMC

NSO Centennial Celebration
Stacey Ninness
President and CEO, NSO

NSO Good Samaritan Award Honorees
Sam Bowman
The Cresap Family Foundation
Charlotte Lankard

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Stacey Ninness
President & CEO, NSO

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We recognize Sam Bowman as an NSO Good Samaritan Honoree for his several decades of exemplary community service that include serving as NSO’s executive director for a quarter of a century.

Born and raised in Pennsylvania, where he obtained a masters in social work, Sam began his career in 1965 with Salvation Army. In 1970, he and his family relocated from Los Angeles when he was hired to run Neighborhood Services Organization (NSO). Here, he was able to build a phenomenal legacy that will last for generations.

As the executive director of NSO for 25 years, Sam helped evolve the small nonprofit into an agency would eventually have an impact on the entire region.

It was during Sam’s early tenure at NSO that a low-cost dental clinic was established. Fifty-one years later, the clinic annually meets the needs of tens of thousands of central Oklahomans who desperately need affordable oral healthcare.

Sam also started NSO’s WIC Clinic (Women, Infants and Children) in 1983. Now, NSO operates the largest independent WIC Clinic in the state, serving more than 4,200 women and children each month.

While leading NSO, Sam helped found, incubate and then spin off several new nonprofits that have had a profoundly positive impact on central Oklahomans. These include: Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, 1980; Positive Tomorrows, 1990; Latino Community Development Agency, 1991;
If you look up in the dictionary the term servant leader, it will describe Sam Bowman. Under Sam’s leadership, NSO became a voice for the marginalized in our community and created collaboration models to bridge the gap between the “haves and have nots.” – Rodney Bivens, Former Director of The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma

Mobile Meals, 1970; Elder Care, 1982; Public Inebriate Center, 1973; and Celebrations Pre-School.

Just before his retirement in 1995, Sam helped establish NSO’s Palo Duro Apartments, the first tax-credit apartment complex in Oklahoma City for people suffering from mental illness. Today, the program has two apartment buildings, with 36 total units, and is still operated by NSO.

Upon Sam’s retirement from NSO, he launched After School Options for the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, where he would work for eight years.

In 2000, Sam volunteered as a Whiz Kids elementary school student mentor. He is still engaged with that program today, along with volunteering for Linwood Elementary School, Ice Angels Homeless Outreach and mobile meals for the elderly.

In an effort to continue helping people, Sam ran for Oklahoma City Council in 2003 and won. He served two four-year terms where he advocated for neighborhoods, developed partnerships with community groups and schools, championed for bicycle safety, sidewalk funding and improved public transportation.

In 2011, Sam Bowman, along with retired Rev. Jim Gragg, co-chaired NSO’s first capital campaign to build a new dental clinic and administrative home in the Riverside neighborhood. The duo successfully raised $2.7 million.

In 2019, Sam accepted an invitation to serve on the reconstituted 15-member board of directors for the Freedom Center of Oklahoma City, an entity responsible for the MAPS 4 Clara Luper Civil Rights Center. In this role, Sam has successfully secured pro bono architectural, engineering and fundraising services.

“Sam is a gifted community organizer who can identify needs and resources and match them effectively. He does this through his unique personal style and his ability to engage diverse people in a common effort.” – Nancy Anthony, President of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation
It is our privilege and honor to recognize Cresap Family Foundation today as an NSO Good Samaritan honoree.

The foundation, established just eight years ago in 2012 by the Cresap Family, has already had a major impact on the needs of some of this state’s most vulnerable citizens through donations topping $7.2 million that have been shared with 90 nonprofits across the state.

The Cresap Family Foundation was created to give back to the communities who helped support their Premium Beers of Oklahoma Anheuser-Busch distributorship that they operated for 44 years. The foundation is the result of the sale of their business.

At the heart of its approach to giving, the foundation recognizes the integral role nonprofits play in Oklahoma. It is committed to improving quality of life for Oklahomans through the support of programs impacting issues including youth and families, health and wellness, education, arts and humanities and animal welfare.

Because their former business benefited so much from people in rural Oklahoma counties where they operated, they are particularly sensitive to the needs of the families there. They have made it a priority to provide funding and resources to these rural areas that they call home.

In recent years, the foundation has committed hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Regional Food Bank Oklahoma.
“The work of the Cresap Family Foundation embodies what it means to be a Good Samaritan and a good neighbor.”
- Cassie Gilman, Chief Development Officer, Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma

The foundation is well-known for its generous matching grant to the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma and recognizes that Oklahoma is the fifth hungriest state in the nation, with one-in-six residents living with food insecurity.

Together with other area companies, the foundation provides a dollar-for-dollar match to encourage gifts from other citizens.

“The issue of hunger is widespread in our state and affects countless families, children, seniors and veterans,” said John Cresap.

Another important program area the foundation supports is education. At the request of Gail Cresap, the foundation partnered with Vinita Public Schools to pilot Adventure Academy, an 8-week summer learning program for 60 children.

The Adventure Academy focus is on reading, but also includes work in science, math, drama, PE, technology, history and art as well as coordination with the district’s ongoing literacy program.

“Seeing this opportunity in Vinita sparked an idea that we could do something to help children now,” said Gail Cresap. “Investing resources for a summer camp, with the help of the school system, is making a difference right away and will ripple forward for years. We were delighted to see the results after just one year.”

This is just one example of the numerous good works the Cresap Family Foundation is responsible for in our state.

“Cresap Family Foundation has helped enhance the lives of our program’s participants who have great needs. The foundation’s consistent support provides disabled and elderly Oklahomans with adult day health services they might not be able to find or afford elsewhere.” Donna Bowers, Interim CEO, Daily Living Centers
Charlotte Lankard is recognized as an NSO Good Samaritan Honoree for the foundational work she has done to provide people in our community with access to counseling options, education and healthcare.

Charlotte is a licensed marriage and family therapist in private practice, a weekly columnist for The Oklahoman newspaper and author of “It’s Called Life: Living, Loving, Hurting, Changing”. She also contributed writings to “Power Single Parent Wisdom”, “Blending Families”, and “Devote 40 Days”.

In 1985, Charlotte helped found the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, a statewide nonprofit with the mission of recognizing and encouraging academic excellence in Oklahoma’s public schools. She also served on the board of directors for five years.

Charlotte also previously served as Associate Director of Outpatient Counseling Services at INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center Hospital. In 1998, she helped establish the INTEGRIS James L. Hall Jr. Center for Mind, Body and Spirit and served as its director for eight years before retirement in 2009.

The Center is working to create a more compassionate, open-minded and effective model of health care and health education. This model addresses not just the physical dimensions of health and illness, but the mental, emotional, social and spiritual dimensions as well. It is grounded in a conviction that all of us have a great and largely untapped capacity to
“When I think of Charlotte Lankard this quote comes to mind. ‘Let your light shine so brightly that others can see their way out of the dark.’ Charlotte Lankard has been a source of strength, courage and hope for many people and through her vision has made an enormous difference in the mind, body and spirit field.”

- Molly K. Ross, Executive Director, INTEGRIS James L. Hall Jr. Center for Mind, Body and Spirit

understand ourselves, to improve our own health and well-being, and to help one another.

One of Charlotte’s greatest achievements is founding Calm Waters Center for Children and Families, the nonprofit organization that offers free grief and diverse support groups for children and their adult family members. Calm Waters currently serves more than 2,500 students and families annually and has provided services to more than 27,000 individuals since it opened in 1992.

Charlotte has also served on the boards of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee and the OU Stephenson Cancer Center in Oklahoma City.

“I give back because I was taught to not take for granted what I have and to help where I can with those who have less,” said Charlotte. “I understand I cannot fix all the problems by myself, but when I join my gifts with those of others, needs can be met. I give because it feels good. I give because I can.”

“Charlotte Lankard is a stellar example of a Good Samaritan. She has written a weekly column in The Oklahoman for many years, covering issues from children to stress and from generosity to gratitude. Her first book, “Its Called Life”, tells a beautiful story of tragedy followed by her life of wholeness. Charlotte’s life is an exemplary model of generosity and care for others. Her dedication to NSO continues to make a difference”.

– Rev. Linda Brinkworth.
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Rev. Linda Brinkworth, an ordained elder of the United Methodist Church, was raised in northwest Oklahoma City. Her college career spanned 20 years, completing a bachelor’s degree in fine arts at Oklahoma City University in 1989. She completed a Master’s of Divinity at Phillips Theological Seminary in 1993, graduating Cum Laude. After 8 years on staff at Church of the Servant as Minister of Discipleship and Spiritual Growth, Rev. Brinkworth served in appointment as Director of Resident Life at Epworth Villa for 4 years. She retired from full time ministry in 2015 from St. Luke’s United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City. She currently serves as the Associate Director of the South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church.

Linda and her family grew up at Grace United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City, and she later served on the staff at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church. She considers her parents her models in faith. Her son, Steven Brinkworth is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker at Green Shoe Foundation. He was married April 22, 2018, to Victoria and immediately, Linda became a grandmother to Jaylen.

Mission and Ministry have included serving 8 years on the Regional Board of Directors for the Alzheimer’s Association as well as dedication to supporting local and international missions with contributions and donations. She has also served her community as gubernatorial appointee to three commissions, the longest term being the Merit Protection Commission of the State of Oklahoma.

NSO has become a passion for Linda and she frequently shares the story of NSO with friends and family.
Dr. Bob Long is in his 28th year as senior pastor of St. Luke’s United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City, which has a membership of 7,000. Their worship service can be seen every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on the local ABC affiliate. Bob’s popular Something to Think About radio series can be heard each weekday on seven different radio stations, reaching over 250,000 people each morning. Under Bob’s leadership, St. Luke’s has been the fastest growing United Methodist Church in Oklahoma for the last 5 years and was the 7th fastest growing Methodist church in America in 2017. In 2014, St. Luke’s started a satellite campus in Edmond and built a 40,000 square foot facility there in 2016.

Known for his practical, uplifting scriptural messages, Bob has become a positive example of leadership in both the United Methodist church and throughout the Oklahoma City community. Bob has served as Chairperson of the Russia Initiative of the Annual Conference and helped found the Ulyanovsk United Methodist Church. He led St. Luke’s in making a significant response to the tragedy of the Murrah Federal Building bombing. He has served as the Chair of the Oklahoma Conference Finance and Administration Committee as well as Chair of the Oklahoma Board of Pensions and Health Benefits. Currently, he serves on the Oklahoma Methodist Foundation and as a Trustee for Oklahoma City University. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits of the United Methodist Church, overseeing the management of 19 billion dollars in assets. He serves on the Oklahoma City Mayor’s Core to Shore Project and is a member of Leadership OKC.

Bob is a native of Houston, Texas and earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Sam Houston State University and a Masters of Theology from Southern Methodist University’s Perkins School of Theology. He holds a Doctor of Divinity Degree from Oklahoma City University.

Bob and his wife, Marsha, have a daughter, Kelly, a son, Paul, and six grandchildren. He and Marsha have been married over 40 years and enjoy blue water sailing, scuba diving and snow skiing. Bob is a private pilot and has built, flown and crashed his own airplane.
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Lisa Putt is the chair of the Donor Committee and sits on the Centennial Committee at NSO. Lisa retired from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma after 22 years, where she was Senior Vice President of Marketing and was a member of the Executive Leadership team. She was also a consultant for Willis HRH Group. Lisa received her undergraduate degree in Marketing from OSU and her MBA from Oklahoma City University. She is a graduate of Leadership OKC Class 28 and was named as one of the Top 50 Women in Oklahoma by the Journal Record in 2008.

Lisa served as Chairman of the Board for the YWCA, co-chair for seven years for the Women Who Care Share luncheon and co-chair for two years for the Engaging Men breakfast. She was on the Executive Leadership Team for the 2015 Go Red American Heart Association luncheon and co-chair for the 2016 Infant Crisis Services luncheon.

Lisa is currently on the Board of Directors for Oklahoma City Beautiful and Infant Crisis Services. Lisa also served at OCU as a member of the Meinders School of Business Advisory Board and was a member of the Annual Women’s Leadership Conference leadership team. Lisa has participated in the OSU Foundation Board of Governors and Integris Foundation Arcadia Trails work group. In 2014, she co-founded Oklahoma City Harvest, a not-for-profit outdoor learning classroom for Oklahoma City Public Schools.

Lisa has been married to her wonderful husband, Kevin, for 34 years, and the two were awarded “From the Heart” at the OSU-OKC “Paint the Town Orange Event”, which they cochaired.”
Stacey Ninness has been president and CEO of Neighborhood Services Organization (NSO) since 2005. A native of Shawnee, Stacey is a graduate of East Central University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Counseling, with a specialization in Rehabilitation and a minor in Sociology.

Since Ninness took the helm at NSO, the organization has grown exponentially in terms of people served, operating budget and public recognition. Because of her vision and the hard work of her staff, NSO has gone from a small but noble nonprofit struggling to help a few people, to a large human services agency that takes the lead on many of the community’s most challenging problems. Just recently, Stacey helped NSO complete its first-ever capital campaign and built a new headquarters and dental clinic.

Stacey has received many accolades for her commitment to and accomplishments on behalf of NSO. These include induction into the Journal Record “Chain of Distinction” in 2015 for being recognized as the Most Admired CEO for three consecutive years, graduate of the Leadership Oklahoma City Class 28, graduate of the Salt and Light Leadership Training 6 program, named an Oklahoma “Achiever under 40” in the Journal Record (2011), named the “Woman of Outstanding Service” by Zonta International (2007), and honored by the Journal Record as one of their statewide “50 Women Making a Difference” (2016, 2017, 2018).

Ninness served as the president of the United Way Directors Association, from 2008-2009 and 2017-2019. She is also serving on the 2020 Census Committee thought the Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits.

An avid baseball mom, Stacey enjoys watching her sons Gage (20) and Garrett (17) play baseball. Stacey has been married to Todd, a DME sales representative, for 22 years.
The Bennett Family

We strongly believe in NSO and its mission. We hope you will join our family in support of this wonderful nonprofit and its life-changing programs!

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Happy 100th birthday
to NSO and thank you for serving so many!
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Last year, more than 195 members of the NSO Good Samaritan Society invested $500 or more toward NSO’s mission of transforming lives and encouraging independence through safe, healthy homes, dental care and nutrition.

For as little as $42 a month, or $500 in a calendar year, you can become a member of NSO’s Good Samaritan Society. You can help NSO restore dignity and inspire hope for so many of our Oklahoma neighbors. For more information on joining NSO’s Good Samaritan Society, contact Stacey Ninness at 405-236-0452 ext. 102, or by email at sninness@nsookc.org.

“I believe that NSO is making a difference in the OKC community by helping people through programs that change lives and lift up families in need. NSO is a great organization with so many caring people that I want to share the NSO story every time I get the opportunity and people always want to learn more about the organization. The easiest way to learn more about NSO and their mission is to come to a monthly luncheon.”
- Phillip Stitt, NSO Good Samaritan Society Member

NSO GOOD SAMARITAN LUNCH AND LEARNS

NSO and several community partners host monthly NSO Good Samaritan Lunch and Learns, providing information to people who want to learn more about NSO, its clients and its impact in the community. Lunches include a tour of NSO headquarters and state-of-the-art dental clinic. You are invited to attend one of the monthly lunches in 2020! We are offering a virtual version of our lunch and learn! For more information or to RSVP, visit nsookc.org/good-samaritan or email gssociety@nsookc.org.
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