

Media Release

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## **CRE announces pro bono consulting awardees for the 2016 CRE Rising Fund.**

**New York, NY** - Today Community Resource Exchange (CRE) announced the five nonprofit awardees of the CRE Rising Fund, a pro bono consulting initiative now in its second year. Common Wise, Destination Tomorrow, Grace Outreach, The Knowledge House, and Turning Point will each receive customized consulting services from CRE to strengthen their organizations and serve their communities more effectively.

“We are delighted to support our second group of CRE Rising Fund awardees,” said Katie Leonberger, President and CEO of CRE.

“Each of the selected nonprofit recipients is working to meet a compelling need in their community.

“These organizations are embedded in their neighborhoods, understand the people they serve, and are hard at work leveraging limited resources to create real and lasting impact.”

The awardees cover a broad range of impact areas, from services for Muslim women and children and the LGBTQ community, to entrepreneurship and emerging technology education programs.

The consultation projects will kick off in July, starting with a needs assessment period between CRE and the awardee.

“We customize all of our offerings to match our clients’ needs,” Ms. Leonberger said.

“After we have scoped the project, our awardee organizations will receive services focusing on their individual needs through the summer and fall of 2016.”

This is the second year for the CRE Rising Fund, a program which links CRE’s pro bono consulting history with its ongoing commitment to support small nonprofits that are driving change in their communities.

“We are a nonprofit ourselves, and have always come from a place of partnership with organizations across the city,” Ms. Leonberger said.

“The CRE Rising Fund helps to ensure that all nonprofits have access to training and consulting support – something we are excited to continue and grow going forward.”

### **About the Rising Fund**

The CRE Rising Fund launched in spring of 2015 to provide pro bono consulting services to small, dynamic nonprofits that focus their work in the Bronx or Queens. The fund aims to build upon CRE’s mission to serve New York City’s nonprofit community through accessible consulting services that strengthen organizations and create lasting positive impact for the communities and individuals they serve. The Rising Fund is made possible by generous donation. To find out how you can contribute to the CRE Rising Fund, please visit <https://crenyc.secure.nonprofitsoapbox.com/donate>

### **About CRE**

CRE is a nonprofit consulting firm that provides the strategies and tools needed to build sustainable, high-performing organizations that improve people’s lives and drive social change. In 2015, we were privileged to work with over 400 nonprofits, with budgets ranging from less than \$100,000 to \$200 million, from near start-ups to those with more than 100 years of service.

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