



NORTH STAR FUND

**2010
COMMUNITY
GALA**

North Star Fund is New York's community foundation supporting grassroots groups leading the movement for equality, economic justice and peace.

Our deep connection to grassroots organizing and our commitment to change beyond charity set North Star Fund apart. By organizing socially conscious donors, we raise funds for grants and technical assistance to activists and community organizations in New York City. The groups we fund are on the front lines, working to protect civil liberties, create living wage jobs, advocate for good housing and health care, and continue the fight for peace, freedom and human rights.

Over its 30-year history, North Star Fund has distributed more than 30.5 million dollars to 1,600 groups working to create a more equitable and democratic city for all New Yorkers.

**NORTH STAR FUND
2010 COMMUNITY GALA**

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2010

Tribeca Rooftop
2 Desbrosses St. at
Hudson, NYC

NORTH STAR FUND AWARDS

Honoring leaders committed to
social justice

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Maria Castaneda
Asad Mahmood
Katrina vanden Heuvel

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Recognizing public servants who have made
principled, effective stands for social justice

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John C. Liu New York City Comptroller
Diane Savino New York State Senator

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WELCOME TO NORTH STAR FUND'S 2010 COMMUNITY GALA

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Tonight we honor the work of four inspiring individuals and two amazing organizations that stand up and make sure that democracy is real to everyone by getting resources to New York's marginalized communities. We recognize three public servants whose inspired progressive leadership gives us confidence in that democratic idea. We have come so far together. This is an evening of celebration—but also reflection on what's next—and to commit together to *step it up* and build a stronger, deeper movement for equality, economic justice, and peace.

We have many reasons to celebrate together. And it is together that we realize a vision of equality, economic justice and peace. We realize that vision each time we as individuals stand up for what is right—and in each person who gets on the bus to the capital or who walks in the street to champion equality—and in every group, organization and community that commits itself to an authentic, grassroots democracy.

North Star Fund has embarked on our second thirty years of crucial support for grassroots organizing leaders, committed to the ideal that a more just, compassionate world is possible. Tonight we take a breath and look around us to enjoy the impact of our vision of change beyond charity. Join us as we step it up with renewed vigor. Meet the leaders who have inspired us, and the amazing grantees whose courageous work make New York a place we are all proud to call home. Enjoy this evening.

In solidarity and with gratitude,



Hugh Hogan
Executive Director



Oona Chatterjee
Board Chair

EVENT CO-CHAIRS

OONA CHATTERJEE

is Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director of Make the Road NY, and Chair of North Star Fund's Board of Directors.

JOE CONASON & ELIZABETH WAGLEY

were both honored with the North Star Award in 2008. Elizabeth is CEO of the Progressive Book Club. Joe is a leading journalist and author, and the Director of The Nation Institute Investigative Fund.

ABIGAIL DISNEY & PIERRE HAUSER

are co-Founders of the Daphne Foundation, which supports programs that confront the causes and consequences of poverty in New York City.

MICHAEL RATNER & KAREN RANUCCI

are longtime North Star Fund donors. Michael is the President of the Center for Constitutional Rights, and Karen works for *Democracy Now!*

MARK REED & DARIA ILUNGA

are next generation North Star Fund donors. Mark is founder and manager of Contact Fund, a local community investment fund. Mark and Daria are active in public housing and youth education.

MAGGIE WILLIAMS

is an emerging donor to North Star Fund. She serves on the board of Resource Generation and is Legislative Counsel for the Judiciary Committee of the New York State Senate.

BARBARA WINSLOW

serves on our Advisory Board. She is an activist, scholar, feminist, author, philanthropist, and professor at Brooklyn College. She founded and is the director of the Shirley Chisholm Project of Brooklyn Women's Activism.

2010 NORTH STAR FUND PUBLIC SERVANT SALUTE

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BILL DE BLASIO

New York City Public Advocate

Bill de Blasio recently announced the formation of New York City's first Department of Community Organizing. He has authored a New York City law preventing landlords from discriminating against tenants who depend on Section 8 vouchers.



JOHN C. LIU

New York City Comptroller

John Liu is the first Asian American to hold a city-wide political office in New York City. He is a vocal proponent of immigrants' rights, shepherding legislation that ensures equal access to city services regardless of language ability.



DIANE SAVINO

New York State Senator

Diane Savino is an outspoken ally in the fight for Marriage Equality. She has initiated legislation supporting Paid Family Leave and the Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights.

2010 NORTH STAR FUND AWARDS

Honoring leaders committed to social justice



KATHERINE ACEY

Katherine Acey is being honored for her nearly four decades of activism, her vision of community-based progressive philanthropy, her leadership and commitment to lesbian and women's philanthropy, and her dedication to grassroots organizing and collaboration to achieve political, social, and economic transformation.

Katherine has led the Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice since 1987, when she became its first Executive Director. When she departs at the end of 2010, her legacy will be one of lasting social change through the day-by-day actions of many committed people working together to enable LGBT people to claim their human rights in New York City and around the world. She has been a leader in the creation of a multi-cultural women's funding movement, redefining philanthropy to be more inclusive, more progressive, and more strongly rooted in the communities served. Under Katherine's leadership, Astraea has enjoyed tremendous growth. In 1990, Astraea established the nation's first Lesbian Writers Fund, and in 1996 created The International Fund for Sexual Minorities, the only fund of its kind in the U.S.

North Star Fund benefited from Katherine's strategic and philanthropic skills when, in 1982, she became part of our first professional staff team. As Associate Director, she oversaw our grants program and learned fundraising from the ground up. She also deepened the organization's awareness and political commitment around homophobia and heterosexism.

"North Star really gets grassroots organizing and the diversity of our communities, and the need to have a place to go where you talk the same language, where you start from a deep belief in social, transformative justice," said Katherine. "I love the way that communities are brought together, and the way we continue to forge relationships that cut across race and class and gender, to hold each other accountable, to redistribute resources in terms of money and time, and also to challenge the systems that even make philanthropy necessary."



MARIA CASTANEDA

Maria Castaneda is being recognized for her service as Secretary-Treasurer of 1199 SEIU—the largest local union in the world—representing more than 300,000 members and retired healthcare workers throughout the Northeast. Maria works to protect and improve the lives of 1199 members and their families, from fighting for living wage laws, health care insurance for all, and a safe working environment for healthcare workers, to working on legislation to ban mandatory overtime for nurses, secure the rights of home care workers, and protect immigrant workers.

Born in the Philippines, Maria became a community organizer while still a student there. “I started to understand the crisis in my country—so much poverty, the rich becoming richer, the poor becoming poorer, multi-nationals given tax breaks while workers didn’t have the right to organize. I protested those inequalities and human rights violations.” On moving to New York City in 1984, she worked as a volunteer community organizer for the Philippine Center for Immigrant Rights, a Philippine-American-led organization which received a North Star Fund grant in 1985 for its work to educate Filipino people about their legal and immigration rights. “I want people to know that whatever funding North Star receives from donors, they really put it to good use and in the end it helps our communities. It is helping in the recovery of New York and America.”

Today Maria serves on the International Executive Board of the SEIU, and as a Trustee of the 1199 SEIU National Benefit and Pension Funds, Child Care Fund, and Planning and Placement Fund. She furthers labor-management partnerships with SEIU hospitals and nursing homes, going beyond the traditional labor union agenda of negotiating and enforcing contracts. “We work with our employers on quality care initiatives, training and development for our members, and joint lobbying for health care funding. It’s all patient-focused, and it’s empowering to our members to have the tools they need to do their jobs better. It gives me joy that the union can make a difference in patient care.”



ASAD MAHMOOD

Asad Mahmood is being honored for his work to engage large institutional investors, not-for-profit organizations, and leading foundations in pioneering social venture projects with broad and lasting impact. As Managing Director of the Global Social Investment Funds at Deutsche Bank, he is an international leader in designing investment vehicles and organizing the market of investors to channel resources into microlending, enabling people and communities to rise from poverty, while providing a financial return on investment. He is responsible for Deutsche Bank's microfinance efforts globally, managing an over-\$500 million loan and investment portfolio activating more than 85 relationships in 41 countries. He has brought to the table many people and companies never before engaged in the field of social investment.

Asad's life's work is informed by his deep understanding of the importance of creating change from the ground up, and his bedrock commitment to changing the dynamics of disparity between rich and poor. For Asad, "The change that we are part of in the social finance movement is really a change in our perception of people in poverty—where you start looking at poor people as the full humans that they are and seeking to engage them in their core economic being." He continued, "I say human beings are not human beings because they have language but because they have economics. It's a matter of dignity, and dignity is not a small word."

Asad's connection to New York City's social justice work dates back 12 years, when he first began working with Deutsche Bank and was a co-founder and board member of Chhaya. Chhaya focuses on the community development needs of South Asian Americans and new immigrants, the kind of grassroots activism at the heart of North Star's work. As North Star engages a growing community of donors using an investment lens on philanthropic activities, we are proud to recognize Asad's commitment and contributions locally, nationally and internationally.



KATRINA VANDEN HEUVEL

Katrina vanden Heuvel is being recognized for her courage, vision, and leadership as editor and publisher of *The Nation*, as a powerful writer and media voice for progressive politics, and as a longtime donor and supporter of North Star Fund. Her work sustains and nurtures the smart, principled, sustained journalism so essential to democracy. Katrina came to *The Nation* as an intern when she was a sophomore at Princeton. “The experience changed my life. I became part of a magazine that has reflected and shaped an America of principle, decency and justice,” said Katrina. *The Nation* intern program, now celebrating its 31st year, has produced a generation of our country’s leading independent and progressive writers and thinkers, giving them the freedom and support they need to make a difference through what Katrina calls “public interest watchdog journalism.”

Katrina’s life and work has also been closely involved with Russia. She and her husband, Stephen Cohen, lived and worked in that country during the remarkable years of Mikhail Gorbachev’s Perestroika and Glasnost. “As someone fascinated with political change and radical reform, it was extraordinary to be a witness to the breathtaking developments shaped during those years.” Katrina worked for a leading Glasnost-era newspaper and also reported on—and supported—Russia’s emerging women’s movement.

Katrina has been a donor to North Star Fund from its earliest years and a leading sponsor of the North Star News Prize since its inception in 2006, honoring journalists of color who, in her words, “not only expose abuses and injustice but also help envision, even re-imagine, a different kind of world.” As she said, “There are many awards in this country, but this is very special, celebrating the kind of social justice journalism which is under-appreciated and under-funded,” she said. “I care deeply about shedding light on those *doing* tough and fearless, often uncelebrated journalism—and that’s what North Star supports, and what I support in my work at *The Nation*.”

2010 FREDERICK DOUGLASS AWARD

Recognizing grassroots groups creating equality, economic justice and peace



BRANDWORKERS INTERNATIONAL

Brandworkers International is being recognized for its achievements in empowering employees in the retail and food industries to become social change leaders, and holding employers accountable for workplace conditions. The group's innovative Focus on the Food Chain campaign is organizing recent immigrant workers in New York's food processing sector to challenge sweatshop conditions and win respect for human rights. Brandworkers' recent major victory in reaching a \$340,000 comprehensive settlement with leading seafood supplier Wild Edibles, Inc. followed a more than two-year grassroots workplace accountability campaign. During the campaign, Brandworkers convinced more than 75 leading restaurants to stop serving Wild Edibles products due to their payroll violations and retaliation.

"Our view at Brandworkers, our core theory of social change, is that workers themselves, equipped with social change tools, are best positioned to improve their life at work, and to articulate a voice in society," said Daniel Gross, Executive Director of Brandworkers. "Our strength comes from rank and file workers empowered to organize themselves to not only improve material conditions at work—wages, benefits—but also to win respect and dignity from their employers."

North Star Fund was the first foundation to fund Brandworkers when it came into being in 2007. "When we were new and still defining our approach, it took a lot of guts for North Star to look at a group of retail and food employees who had never had any experience at all in the foundation world. The financial resources were important in their own right, but North Star's advice and trust instilled confidence in us. North Star took the initial risk, because it believed in our vision, our strategy, and the ability of rank and file workers to chart their own destiny."



WOMEN ON THE RISE TELLING HERSTORY (WORTH)

Women on the Rise Telling HerStory (WORTH) is being recognized for its achievements in empowering currently and formerly incarcerated women to bring about changes in public policy and perception of incarcerated women, and in the process, transforming their own lives and the lives of their families.

WORTH was a lead organizer in last year's successful drive to pass the Anti-Shackling Bill in the New York State Senate and Assembly, forbidding the use of restraints on incarcerated women during labor and post-delivery recovery, and restricting the use of restraints during transport to and from the hospital.

WORTH began in 2003. "From the beginning we were a nontraditional organization. We looked around and we didn't find any other leadership development or policy organization that was run by formerly incarcerated women. We recognized that we would probably be the first one, and we saw what an impact we could have," said Tina Reynolds, Executive Director of WORTH and a formerly incarcerated mother. "What we wanted to do was dispel the myth that formerly incarcerated women could not speak to or make change happen through legislation."

WORTH partnered closely with the Correctional Association of New York to work on the Anti-Shackling Bill. "We find it really important to partner with other organizations to move our issues forward," Tina said. "Through our work with CA, we were able to bring in more formerly incarcerated women to meet with legislators and share their stories from a place of power, and to involve themselves in the process of legislative change."

2010 AWARD PRESENTERS



SEEMA AGNANI

is Executive Director and a founding member of Chhaya, creating sustainable communities by increasing civic participation and addressing housing and community development needs of South Asian Americans, new immigrants and their neighbors.



GENE CARROLL

is a longtime organizer and advocate in the labor, peace and social justice movements, currently Director of the Union Leadership Program at Cornell University's School of Industrial & Labor Relations (ILR) in New York City.



DEEPA FERNANDES

is an award-winning journalist, and is Executive Director and founder of People's Production House, which trains community members as professional reporters so they can tell their own stories.

**RICKKE MANANZALA**

is Executive Director of FIERCE, which develops politically conscious LGBT youth leaders invested in improving their communities through youth-led community organizing campaigns, leadership development programs, and cultural expression.

**ED OTT**

is currently the Distinguished Lecturer in Labor Studies at CUNY's Murphy Institute. He has served as a union organizer, local union officer, and most recently Executive Director of the NYC Central Labor Council.

**WILLIAM VANDEN HEUVEL**

is an attorney, former US Ambassador to the United Nations, and a director and member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute. He is a director of The Correctional Association of New York, and has been a tireless organizer and advocate for criminal justice reform.



PAST NORTH STAR AWARD AND FREDERICK DOUGLASS AWARD HONOREES

North Star Award

2009

Marsha Bonner
Nancy Meyer & Marc Weiss
David Strathairn

2008

Kanyere Eaton
Susan Butler Plum
Elizabeth Wagley & Joe Conason

2007

Toby D'Oench
Carmen Charles

Frederick Douglass Award

2009

Community Voices Heard
VAMOS Unidos

2008

Domestic Workers United

2007

Esperanza del Barrio
Girls Education and Mentoring
Services (GEMS)

2005

Anthony Romero
Barbara Winslow
Mothers on the Move
John Sayles & Maggie Renzi

2003

Betty Kapetanakis
(In Memoriam)
Coalition Against Police Brutality
Desis Rising Up and Moving
(DRUM)

2001

Democracy Now!
New Caucus of the
Professional Staff
Congress at CUNY

1999

Blackberry Productions
Chinese Staff and
Workers' Association
Betty Millard
Michael Ratner
Youth Force

1997

City Limits Magazine
Juan Gonzalez
Dr. Manning Marable
Susan Meiselas
Monthly Review Press

1996

Richard E. Green
Kids Meeting Kids
Ann Rockefeller Roberts

1994

Martha Baker
June Jackson Christmas



1994, continued

Ruby Dee
Martha Garcia
Marjorie Hill
Donna Katzin
Yuri Kochiyama
Lucy Lippard
JoAnn Lum
Grace Paley
Suki Terada Ports
Patria Rodriguez
Rosalba Rolón
Marie St. Cyr
Ingrid Washinawatok

1993

Ethel and Julius Rosenberg
(In Memoriam)
Leonard Peltier
Youth Uprising

1992

Gil Noble
Anne H. Hess
Marshall England
Committee Against Anti-Asian Violence

1989

Bishop Paul Moore

1988

Brooklyn Women's Martial Arts/
Center for Anti-Violence

Education

Legal Action Center for
the Homeless
Middle East Peace Network
Puerto Rican Committee
Against Repression

1987

New York Anti-Apartheid
Coordinating Council
New York Women Against Rape
PREGONES: The Touring
Puerto Rican Theatre Collective

1986

Center for Immigrants' Rights
Disabled in Action of
Metropolitan New York
C. Vernon Mason
Hon. Ruth Messinger

1985

Asian American Legal Defense
& Education Fund
Lower East Side Joint
Planning Council
Men of All Colors Together
NY Mobilization for Survival
Sisterhood of Black Single Mothers

1984

David R. Hunter



NORTH STAR FUND GRANTEE PROGRAMS

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Grants

When community groups are provided with money and resources, no matter how small, they invest it in generating long-lasting social, economic and political change. We fund grassroots groups that are led by the people most affected by the issue being addressed. Our Community Funding Committee, which makes our grantmaking decisions, is made up of community and donor activists.

Rapid Response Funding

North Star Fund provides on-the-spot funding for immediate action on urgent issues, when time is of the essence and the potential for impact is greatest. The commitment and ability to respond quickly and strategically to the time-critical realities of dealing with abuses of power sets North Star Fund apart among foundations supporting grassroots community organizing and activism. Grants enable community organizations to respond quickly to late-breaking political, social or economic events.

Technical Assistance

North Star Fund provides crucial skills development for activist organizations through workshops in grassroots fundraising, board development, volunteer management, and working with media. Our work strengthens leadership across many activist organizations, helping to develop the talents of grassroots leaders and providing the tools needed for effective, strategic organizing.

New Grantmaking Vision and Guidelines

At this Community Gala, we will be announcing our exciting new grantmaking vision and guidelines, which are focussed on leadership development and movement building for the next era of North Star Fund's work.

NORTH STAR FUND GRANTEES

Spring 2009

ENSURING ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Adelante Alliance

\$5,000

Organizes and develops parent leadership in the Mexican-American community to secure equal opportunities and resources for their children's education

Brandworkers International NY

\$15,000

Trains workers in the retail and food industries to organize workplace justice campaigns.

Eye Openers: Youth Against Violence Organization

\$5,000

Organizes immigrant youth to work for racial justice and develop educational and employment opportunities.

Flanbwayan Haitian

Literacy Project

\$10,000

Develops the leadership of Haitian immigrant youth to advocate for educational programs that better meet their community's needs.

Greater New York

Labor-Religion Coalition

\$10,000

Educates and mobilizes interfaith religious communities on issues affecting low-wage and immigrant workers.

Green Worker Cooperatives

\$5,000

Creates worker-owned cooperatives in the South Bronx to improve environmental conditions and foster local economic development.

Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association

\$5,000

Organizes Bronx neighborhood residents to create affordable and adequate housing and to reduce school overcrowding.

La Union

\$15,000

Works to end unsafe housing conditions and unlawful evictions, end exploitation in the workplace, and improve neglected schools in Sunset Park, Brooklyn.



New Immigrant Community Empowerment (NICE)

\$15,000

Works with recent immigrants from Central and South America living in Queens to prevent hate crimes, improve language access, and increase civic engagement.

Public Housing Residents of the Lower East Side (PHROLES)

\$10,000

Organizes to ensure stability and affordability of public housing in the Lower East Side.

Queens Congregations United for Action

\$10,000

Connects congregations in efforts to create and preserve more affordable housing, expand educational opportunities for youth and enhance access to employment.

Street Vendor Project

\$10,000

Organizes vendors to stand up for their rights and develop the skills to increase limits on vending licenses and to end police harassment.

Teachers Unite

\$10,000

Gets teachers involved in social justice campaigns that affect the schools where they teach, and to fight for a more democratic union.

Transnational Institute for Grassroots Research and Action (TIGRA)

\$5,000

Works to reform the remittance industry through financial justice trainings and organize a transnational network of immigrants and their relatives to use remittances as a source of social change.

VAMOS Unidos

\$15,000

Works to expand the economic opportunities of immigrant Latino street vendors through increased access to permits, education, and immigration reform.

PROTECTING CIVIL LIBERTIES AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

Families for Freedom

\$15,000

Organizes families with members at risk for deportation to roll back laws that lead to abrupt, unconstitutional detention and deportation.

ENDING INSTITUTIONAL RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION

**Critical Resistance —
New York City
\$10,000**

Organizes to end society's reliance on prisons and policing, and stop the building and expansion of new correctional facilities.

**Families Rally for Emancipation
and Empowerment (FREE!)
\$10,000**

Organizes people directly impacted by mass incarceration to change conditions inside prisons and challenge the inequalities that lead to high rates of imprisonment in communities of color.

**Justice Committee
\$10,000**

Organizes to end systemic forms of racial violence through organizing and training communities affected by endemic police violence.

**Northeast 2-Spirit Society
\$5,000**

Increases the visibility of the two spirit community and advocates to provide social, traditional and recreational opportunities that are culturally appropriate.

**Transgender Legal Defense and
Education Fund (TLDEF)
\$5,000**

Organizes to improve access to healthcare for transgendered people in New York.

SECURING PEACE AND JUSTICE

**Biko Transformation Center
\$5,000**

Nurtures local leadership through educational and cultural programs that bring together community members across racial and ethnic lines.

**Mass Transit Street
Theater & Video
\$10,000**

Engages youth through political theater to address violence in their everyday lives and to advocate against over-policing in schools.



NORTH STAR FUND DONOR PROGRAMS

North Star Fund donor programs provide people at all giving levels the opportunity to learn about and support cutting edge community work across New York City’s diverse neighborhoods.

Through networking, special events, seminars, workshops, and visits with grantees, donors engage with their peers and neighbors to explore how grassroots leadership and organizing is creating a more just, democratic and sustainable world. In the process, people with resources to give—but often limited time—feel more a part of the community fabric that makes us all proud to call New York home.

Donor Diversity

Our Donor Diversity program engages professionals of color and LGBT professionals in strategic discussions about the work of North Star Fund’s grantees. Since the launch of our donor diversification project in 2006, over 250 supporters have participated in community discussions, workshops, and volunteer opportunities with North Star Fund, with the goal of growing and diversifying our donor community.

Emerging Donors

Thirty years after North Star Fund was founded, a new generation of young people with wealth is emerging, who share the values of equality, economic justice, and peace. Our Emerging Donor program is engaging these rising philanthropists in strategic dialogues on how to use their resources conscientiously and effectively.

We continue to partner with Resource Generation on workshops ranging from unpacking the pitfalls of privilege, to connecting with other donors and developing “A Change Beyond Charity Giving Plan,” in which participants are guided through the process focusing their giving to contribute to long-term change for social, economic, and/or environmental justice.

Donor Advised Services

A donor advised fund offers a simple, low-cost, flexible way to do charitable giving. Our donor advised partners include individuals, family foundations, tribute funds and private foundations. By establishing a fund at North Star Fund, donors use our 30 years of experience to amplify their personal or institutional philanthropy.

Our 20 donor-advised partners have funds ranging from \$1000 to several million dollars. Current institutional donor-advised funds partners include the Greening Western Queens Fund, a \$7.9 million, three year effort to create a model green neighborhood in the neighborhoods of western Queens most badly affected by the 2006 blackout. And in the South Bronx, North Star Fund administers the CITGO Petroleum Corporation's program to distribute \$1 million annually to groups making a difference in the fields of education, healthcare, the environment, and social development.

At every level, North Star Fund's donor-advised partners all receive the same expertise and care from our professional staff to make sure donor dollars go to groups that reflect their values and priorities.

Beyond Giving

Our Beyond Giving workshop series enables our donor community to learn about managing money and investments to meet personal needs, while also building knowledge of socially responsible investing and progressive estate planning to create a more just, equitable and compassionate world.

For information on any of these programs, please contact Isabelle Leighton, North Star Fund Development Officer, at (212) 620-9110, or email isabelle@northstarfund.org.

NORTH STAR NEWS PRIZE



The North Star News Prize recognizes people of color who have made outstanding contributions to journalism, media and communications, and who have taken Frederick Douglass' words to heart: "In order for justice to be done, we must not be silent."

2009 North Star News Prize Winners



ELLIS COE

Contributing Editor, *Newsweek*



RINKU SEN

Executive Director, Applied Research Center

This year, the North Star News Prize featured a frank conversation among journalists and guests on the inside stories of the recession coverage.

The panel was moderated by Deepa Fernandes, journalist and Executive Director of Peoples' Production House. Participants included Farai Chideya, novelist, multimedia journalist and radio host; Roland Martin, Host of *Washington Watch with Roland Martin*; and Kai Wright, Editorial Director of Applied Research Center and *ColorLines*, and frequent contributor to CNN and *The Nation* magazine.

2008 North Star News Prize Winners

JEFF CHANG

Author, journalist and lecturer

DEEPA FERNANDES

Co-Founder and Executive Director of People's Production House

CAROL JENKINS

Former President of the Women's Media Center

2007 North Star News Prize Winners

ROSSANA ROSADO

Publisher and CEO, *El Diario/La Prensa*

GARY FIELDS

Staff Reporter, *The Wall Street Journal*

2006 North Star News Prize Winners

MARIA HINOJOSA

Senior Correspondent, PBS's *NOW* and
Anchor, National Public Radio's *Latino USA*

FARAI CHIDEYA

Multimedia journalist and author of
Trust: Reaching the 100 Million Missing Voters

ERROL LOUIS

Columnist for the *New York Daily News* and
co-founder of the Central Brooklyn Federal Credit Union

BETTY MILLARD

Founding leader and donor



Betty Millard, feminist, political activist, writer, photographer, and philanthropist, died in her home in New York City on March 6, 2010.

As an early North Star Fund Board member and a longtime donor to the organization, Betty provided leadership that inspired founding staff members and other donors whose support has grown over decades.

In 1997 she established

the Betty Millard Trust and named North Star the primary beneficiary, leaving as her legacy the enduring support of grassroots organizing for equality, economic justice, and peace in New York City.

Born Elizabeth Boynton to a conservative wealthy family in Highland Park, Illinois, Betty found her true home when she moved to New York to attend Barnard College in 1932 and began her lifelong commitment to activism. Passionately devoted to the ideals of equality and fairness, Betty joined the Communist Party in the 1940s and 50s, hoping the movement could realize the values she held dear. She served as editor for *The New Masses* and *Latin America Today*. She marched against fascism in Spain and for an end to the Viet Nam War.

An early feminist, she was the American Secretary of the Paris directorate of the Women's International Democratic Federation, and was active in the Congress of American Women. She authored a pamphlet examining the history of the women's movement in the U.S. and the former Soviet Union (*Women Against Myth*). In her later years Betty came out as a lesbian and joined the fight for lesbian and gay rights. She bought a farm

in upstate New York and became a philanthropist, supporting progressive, LGBT, and environmental organizations.

In a lifetime spanning presidencies from William Howard Taft to Barack Obama, Betty Millard made a difference. We are deeply grateful not only for her generosity and leadership to North Star Fund, but for the contributions she made over a lifetime to help create a more just and equitable world for all of us.

C. EDWIN BAKER

Longtime North Star Donor and Law Professor

The North Star Fund community remembers C. Edwin Baker (Ed), who passed away unexpectedly in December 2009. He was a devoted supporter of North Star Fund's mission and activities, especially our annual News Prize for journalists of color. Ed was a professor at University of Pennsylvania Law School, and a leading scholar of constitutional and communications law, and free speech.

Congratulations to
2010 North Star Fund Honoree

MARIA CASTANEDA

for your extraordinary and tireless efforts
to protect and improve the lives
of healthcare workers throughout the Northeast.

Jonathan R. Serko



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Abrazos Music
Aligraphics
Massandje Bamba
Botanica
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