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***Minnesota Business* magazine opens nominations for its 2017 Community Impact Awards**

Award finalists will be announced on December 12, 2016, and all are invited to the celebration held in February.

MINNEAPOLIS, September 15, 2016—*Minnesota Business* magazine is pleased to announce the opening of its 2017 Community Impact Award nominations.

“This year marks a turning point in the Community Impact Awards,” says *Minnesota Business* Editor in Chief Steve LeBeau, “because we are including the nonprofit sector in many of the competitive categories. We cannot ignore the great impact they are making on the community.”

The nomination process will consist of a period of two months where nominations are solicited and submitted through a system linked to the *Minnesota Business* website. Once nominations close, they will be collected and reviewed internally. The nominees will be narrowed down to the top nominations in each category. Those chosen are then submitted to an external judging panel, which consists of industry experts across all professional platforms.

Finalists for the awards will be announced on Monday, December 12, 2016. A celebration will be held in February to recognize the winners and present them with their awards.

To nominate a company for an award category or to find more information about the 2017 Community Impact Awards, visit minnesotabusiness.com/2017-community-impact-awards.