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**Good Shepherd Receives Nonprofit Excellence Award;
CUCS, FUREE and Witness Also Honored**

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Good Shepherd Services was selected yesterday as winner of the first New York Times Company Nonprofit Excellence Award. Good Shepherd and three other finalists – Center for Urban Community Services (CUCS), Families United for Racial and Economic Equality (FUREE) and Witness – were selected from among 144 qualified applications. The awards were jointly presented by The New York Times Community Affairs Department, the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York, and the New York Regional Association of Grantmakers.

Good Shepherd was honored for “overall management excellence”. The organization was cited for they ways in which it ensures that the entire staff are focused on the organization’s mission, its extraordinary growth from \$15 million to \$50 million including the successful completion of two mergers and its sound financial management practices.

“We are tremendously honored to receive this award which reflects the dedication of our staff and Board,” said Sr. Paulette LoMonaco, Good Shepherd’s Executive Director. “The strength of our mission- driven culture and our pursuit of excellence in all of our program and management practices has helped us achieve this extraordinary recognition.”

CUCS received the Award for Excellence in Sustained Impact. CUCS was cited for its use of research data and performance tracking, its sharing of best practice service models with other homeless services providers and its strong focus on diversity and cultural competence.

FUREE received the Award for Excellence in Meeting Emerging Issues and Serving Emerging Communities. It was cited for its strong leadership development system for members, its people-to-people communications strategies and its effective and persistent advocacy.

Witness won the Award for Excellence in Communications. It was honored for its use of open source technology to involve partners around the world in fighting human rights abuses, its “Performance Dashboard” to monitor its own organizational performance and a diverse and participatory management process involving staff, board, buders and partners.

Good Shepherd received a \$25,000 grant and the other finalists each received a \$5,000 grant.