



Community Teamwork Receives Candid's Platinum Seal of Transparency

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Lowell, MA, March 6, 2023 – Community Teamwork (CTI) announced that it has received the Platinum Seal of Transparency Rating on Candid (formerly Guidestar) for 2022. This rating puts Community Teamwork in the top 0.1% of charities nationally in terms of transparency.

Candid is the world's largest source of nonprofit data and this designation demonstrates that CTI is an organization focused on measuring its progress and results in order to provide current and potential Funders accurate and detailed information. This designation is only awarded to charities illustrating the highest level of responsible fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency.

"It is with great pride that we accept this important recognition from Candid," said Karen Frederick, CEO of Community Teamwork. "Our Board of Directors and staff work tirelessly to maintain a transparent and efficient organization while ensuring the highest possible portion of CTI's budget is directed to the programs and services we provide to individuals and families in our community."

Community Teamwork was established in 1965 as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty and the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. Its mission is to be a catalyst for social change by leveraging programs, partnerships, and collective voice to foster equity, compassion and community engagement by creating housing, education and economic opportunities. CTI provides its programs and services to more than 55,000 individuals in 71 communities in Middlesex and Essex Counties.

Community Teamwork's CEO, Karen Frederick added, "I am proud of our ongoing efforts for full financial transparency. "It is crucial for all of our funders and our community that we are a financially trustworthy and responsible non-profit."

In today's ever-changing philanthropic environment, donors seek transparency and accountability from organizations they choose to support. The Candid Platinum Seal of Transparency reconfirms that Community Teamwork is worthy of its donors' confidence and generosity.

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About Community Teamwork

Established in 1965, Community Teamwork is a non-profit Community Action Agency (CAA) serving more than 55,000 individuals and families in the City of Lowell and the seven surrounding towns of Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Dunstable, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro, and Westford.

Community Teamwork also serves as a Community Development Corporation and as the Regional Housing Agency for the Merrimack Valley and the rest of the Northeastern Massachusetts, including 71 cities and towns inclusive of the North Shore and Cape Ann. Community Teamwork is a catalyst for social change. We strengthen communities and reduce poverty by delivering vital services and collaborating with key stakeholders to create housing, education and economic opportunities. Our vision is a community whose institutions, systems, and people support everyone's opportunity to thrive. www.commteam.org