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NONPROFIT CENTER
OF THE BERKSHIRES

We fit a lot into one happy morning!

- We acknowledged a record number of event sponsors. Hooray!
- New Executive Director Samantha Anderson shared her vision for NPC
- Rapper Jackson Whalan performed "So Nonprofit" with audience call & response
- All three Berkshire County State Reps bestowed citations upon the honorees
- Associate Director McCaela Donovan shared "FUN FACT FILLERS!"
- Honoree videos provided intimate portraits of nonprofit leadership
- Liana Toscanini presented the inaugural "Founder's Choice" award to former State Rep. Smitty Pignatelli
- NPC Board Chair Emily Schiavoni paid tribute to Liana's legacy
- Pryma Petals provided pretty posies

Thanks to everyone who participated in this annual celebration!

See event photos at:
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See event video at:
BNA Awards Video

> **The award ceremony was wonderful. It was so well put together and entertaining. I really enjoyed it and I learned about other local nonprofits!**
> **—Jennifer Golin/ Child Care of the Berkshires**

9th Annual
BERKSHIRE NONPROFIT AWARDS

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

The crowd of 190 people enjoyed breakfast, networking, entertainment, awards presentation, founder tribute and an all-around "inspiring" and "meaningful" event. All photos by Tricia McCormack Photography

2026 Honorees from left to right: Kathryn Benson, Sabrina Allard, Cathy Marchetto, Gloria Williams, Liliana Atanacio, Jennifer Golin (Not pictured: Lisa Alberti)

2026 HONOREES

Board Leadership: **Liliana Atanacio**
Latinas413

Executive Leadership: **Sabrina Allard**
Railroad Street Youth Project

Samya Rose Stumo Youth Leadership: **Gloria Williams**
R.O.P.E. & AME Zion Church

Rock Star: **Jennifer Golan**
Childcare of the Berkshires

Unsung Hero: **Kathryn Benson**
Berkshire Food Project

Volunteer: **Lisa Alberti**
Literacy Volunteers of Berkshire County

Lifetime Achievement: **Cathy Marchetto**
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Daphne Bolden of Jazz in the Berkshires, Alison LaRocca of Luminary Evaluation, and consultant Liz Albert enjoying the entertainment.

Executive Leadership Award honoree, Sabrina Allard (Center) flanked by John Bissell of Greylock Federal Credit Union and State Rep. Leigh Davis.

To the great delight of the audience, Great Barrington native son and artist-producer Jackson Whalan performed "So Nonprofit," an original rap commissioned by NPC.

L to R: Rep. Tricia Farley Bouvier, Brenda Petell of MountainOne, and Gloria Williams (Youth Award Honoree) recognized for her work with R.O.P.E. and AME Zion Church.

L to R: Rep. John Barrett, Aidan Gilligan of NBT Bank, and Unsung Hero Kathryn Benson of Berkshire Food Project

Liana Toscanini presented the first "Founder's Choice" award to former State Rep. Smitty Pignatelli honoring his nearly four decades of community service and advocacy for nonprofits.

NPC Board Chair Emily Schiavoni (left) gave a commemorative tribute to NPC's Liana Toscanini (center) pictured with new Executive Director Samantha Anderson (right)

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