

2023 Impact Award Nominees

SUPERSTAR VOLUNTEER NOMINEES

Olesya & Stanly Jaganathan, Nimbus Therapeutics & Takeda

Giving back is all in the family for the Jaganathans. Olesya, Stanly, Maxim and Marco have stepped up as guest speakers on STEM careers, fundraising event registration attendants, delivery drivers for critical supplies, people power to assemble cleaning kits for families moving into shelter and chaperones for a field trip of students taking their very first field trip post-COVID. This family has shown consistent dedication to giving back in a multitude of ways.

Christy Kahana, Claria Partners

In 2022, LSC asked industry professionals to make a New Years' resolution—to pledge a number of hours they or their families would commit giving back. The Kahana family was the FIRST group to complete their pledge—and have DOUBLED their hours pledged for 2023!

Christy has also brought her professional family into the mix. Claria became LSC Corporate Partners last fall and kicked off their commitment building care packages. [PAUSE]

Dr. Ann-Marie La Ronde-Richard, Pfizer

Finally, Dr. Ann-Marie La Ronde-Richard has been a regular, friendly and encouraging face for Project Onramp students throughout the last few summers. One of our go-to's as a keynote speaker and student mentor, Ann-Marie is open, honest and engaging when she shares her personal story and advice. Behind the scenes, Ann-Marie has been a thought partner for the Onramp staff as the program grows and is an advocate within Pfizer for continued commitment to the program.

COMMUNITY CHANGEMAKER HONOREES

Danielle Andrews, Boston Urban Farm Manager at The Food Project

Danielle manages a 10,000-square-foot greenhouse, leading residents and community groups to grow produce for the benefit of the Dudley Square neighborhood. Her colleagues describe her as a community organizer, urban farmer, youth development specialist, visionary, and a collaborator. Wow.

John Wang, Deputy Director at The Food Project said, "Danielle is the embodiment of The Food Project. Her leadership, vision, and dedication to the community are unparalleled. She is a true changemaker and an unsung hero. We are proud to have her on our team and grateful for all that she has done and continues to do for our organization."

Nurit Adem, Supportive Housing Case Manager at Victory Programs

On paper, Nurit's job is to keep the residents of Ruah House—Victory Programs' permanent housing program for women who are homeless and living with HIV/AIDS—safe, healthy, and in the community.

But Nurit believes her job is to do whatever it takes to protect and fight for her tenants. She is a fierce advocate and a crucial voice for underserved communities.

Her supervisor Danisha Williams shares that Nurit's long-term loyalty is quite rare in the human services field. She said "A lot of workers get burned out and tired, but not Nurit. She has been the same since day one. This is her passion and why she is really effective in this work."

TRANSFORMATIVE PARTNERSHIP AWARD NOMINEES

Collegium Pharmaceutical

Collegium Pharmaceutical has taken full advantage of Life Science Cares' CSR advisory services, working closely with the team to give through LSC and beyond. On top of regular employee volunteer activity and financial support, the Collegium team has leaned in to LSC's strength in community partnerships to begin to build their own.

Last year, Collegium announced support with LSC alumni partner Science from Scientists that allowed program expansion into Brockton Public Schools and an investment in LSC partner Kids in Tech's flagship After-School Tech Clubs, bringing free STEM education to kids from low-income households throughout the Greater Boston area.

Halloran Consulting Group

Giving back comes through as a monthly recurring calendar appointment for Halloran's team in both Boston & San Diego! Fueled by the commitment from CEO Laurie Halloran and Chief Innovation Officer Katie McCarthy, volunteerism has included a hygiene products drive, bagged lunch making, laptop and book donations, care package building, the list goes on. Halloran emphasizes the importance of collective effort and has found different ways for the team to engage, based on their preferences—giving time, sharing their talents, or donating dollars or necessities.

Flagship Pioneering

When Flagship Pioneering launched their community engagement initiative, they went big! The inaugural Flagship Day of Service engaged 150 team members at eight different nonprofit organizations across Greater Boston, and led to lasting connections to LSC and our community partners.

At the end of 2022, Flagship employees donated over 150 toys through a winter toy drive and made additional donations to all of the nonprofits they volunteered with during the Day of Service as a thank you and holiday contribution. Flagship is actively planning for Day of Service 2023 including recruiting up to 400 volunteers to give back to the LSC community this June.

Kiniksa

The Kiniksa team has come through over and over by fulfilling care package needs. In just one year, Kiniksa employees showed up to put together 100 baby bags for FamilyAid Boston, 400 backpacks for children experiencing homelessness served by School on Wheels Massachusetts and 100 sensory learning kits for Horizons for Homeless Children. Every time we set a goal, the Kiniksa team pushes us to think even bigger about the impact we can have.

THE LUKE TIMMERMAN IMPACT AWARD NOMINEES

Third Rock Ventures

Continuing their strong support to increase opportunity for diverse talent in the life sciences, Third Rock Ventures signed on as a Founding Partner to expand Project Onramp to serve 1,000 students across the

country each summer by 2027. The contribution is already being put to work, as later this month students in all five LSC affiliates will begin their paid summer internships.

Beyond the financial investment, Third Rock aims to hire Project Onramp interns for company creation as well as firm operations and continues to promote Project Onramp opportunities across its portfolio. Partner Reid Huber explained that Third Rock is committed to cultivating the next generation of innovators in biotech and ensuring that they are doing all that they can to help under-represented communities find a way to our industry. TRV sees Project Onramp as an important component of how they can increase exposure and access to that talent today and into the future.

Xilio Therapeutics

In its short history, Xilio has embedded philanthropy and CSR into every level of the organization. Fueled by CEO Rene Russo's leadership, the company first got involved by assembling activity bags for children in hospitals and participating in the holiday gift drive. Today, the team engages in the gamut of LSC programs—hosting Project Onramp interns, sponsoring and attending LSC events, engaging employees in fundraising challenges and adding give-back activities to all-company meetings.

And in 2021, with the support of management and the board, Xilio wrote a contribution to LSC into their IPO documents, leveraging one of our industry's most unique avenues to give back. Russo describes LSC as a unique platform for emerging biotechs to build strong employee engagement and an early foundation in ESG by giving back, a true win-win partnership, particularly for smaller companies, to join the much larger collective impact of the life science industry and see tangible results of their efforts.

The Viney Wallach Foundation

Jo Viney & Larry Wallach have been lifelong philanthropists and roll-up-your-sleeves volunteers long before Life Science Cares. Jo, CEO of Seismic Therapeutic, does not let a week go by without volunteering to speak with and mentor students or young scientists and entrepreneurs. Larry, a Silver Lining Mentoring mentor and board member and partner at Social Venture Partners, lists "serial volunteer" in his LinkedIn profile.

But it's their partnership as funders, through the Viney Wallach Foundation, that has allowed for great things. VWF & LSC co-invested in Enroot and are piloting a new model of collaborative support that allows for more funding with less bureaucracy, encouraging the Enroot team to focus on their work supporting immigrant students to envision their future in new roles they otherwise might not have imagined.