

Betsy and George Sherman named AFP Maryland Outstanding Philanthropists

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Freeman Hrabrowski didn't mince words at the National Philanthropy Day Maryland luncheon on Wednesday in downtown Baltimore.

"Get over yourself," he told about 700 people at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel.

"Think about what you can do for others," he added.

Doing for others is exactly what the gathering by the Association of Fundraising Professionals celebrates each year. This year's event honored companies and individuals for giving back to the community.

The day's biggest honor — the AFP Maryland 2018 Outstanding Philanthropists — went to George and Betsy Sherman and the work they do through their Sherman Family Foundation. The couple supports a range of local causes including Teach for America; University of Maryland, Baltimore County; the Center for Urban Families and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's OrchKids program.

Betsy Sherman called on the audience of philanthropists, nonprofits and fundraisers to never think they can't effect change in the community.

"We have kids in this community that need us to stand up for them because they can't stand for themselves," she said.

Hrabrowski, who presented the award to the Shermans, said teachers touch students lives for an eternity. He said by funding programs to develop new teachers, their reach is even greater.

"It's amazing how they have touched so many lives," he said of the couple. "The Shermans are touching eternity through thousands of people."

Other awardees at the AFP luncheon were:

2018 Unsung Hero Awards:

Michelle Green, BARCS

Hunter McKissock, LifeBridge Health



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Jayne Miller, WBAL-TV reporter, stands with Betsy and George Sherman, the AFP Maryland 2018 Outstanding Philanthropists.

Dan Campbell, Mission of Mercy

Covenant Guild, University of Maryland Children's Hospital

Paul and Vivian Schafer, University of Maryland School of Medicine and Johns Hopkins Medicine

2018 Outstanding Youth Fundraiser Award Winners

Love for Lungs/ Abigail Mackenzie Plylar (Worcester Preparatory High School, Salisbury)

Arthritis Foundation/ Bede Marciari (Bryn Mawr Upper School, Baltimore)

Baltimore Ceasefire/ Gracie Pendell Jones, Ruya Erickson, and Blake Fisher (Thomas Johnson Elementary School No. 84, Baltimore)

Business Philanthropy Awards by the Baltimore Business Journal and Maryland Chamber of Commerce

Edwards Performance Solutions

Potomac Edison

Johns Hopkins

2018 Community Impact Award

James "Winky" and Florine "Peaches" Camphor for supporting more than 200 students at Coppin State University.

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