



Welcome to

KINDFEST

2026
KindCon



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EVP Market Insights

See You Tonight At Brooklyn Bowl!

Nashville
Hot Chicken
Challenge
starts at 8pm!

Bus shuttle
starts at 6:15 in
the lobby

Bring your badge
and photo ID!



Other Reminders



Breakfast tomorrow—meeting level 1



Checking out tomorrow?

Please leave luggage at the concierge desk



KindCon²⁰²⁶

2026 Kindness Awards





Marie Yatco

VP, Customer Experience



George Wu

Chief Community Officer





The Kindness Awards honor our customers who **lead** with heart, **inspire** change, and **uplift** communities through their extraordinary efforts.



Fundraising Innovator

Recognizes organizations that embrace creativity, leverage new technologies, and reimagine fundraising strategies to inspire progress in the nonprofit sector.



Fundraising Innovator Finalists

CALGARY
PHILHARMONIC
ORCHESTRA

Tufts
UNIVERSITY

 University of
Pittsburgh


PURDUE FOR LIFE
FOUNDATION

UF UNIVERSITY of
FLORIDA

The Winner is ...



PURDUE FOR LIFE
FOUNDATION



Cheer Captain

Highlights individuals who energize and motivate their teams through challenging moments, providing support, enthusiasm, and encouragement that makes every challenge feel achievable.

Cheer Captain Finalists



Jose De La Colina Horta
Texas A&M Foundation



Emily Baroody
Rochester Institute of
Technology



Joe Meister
University of Rochester



Liz Clark
Creighton University



Megan McShane
The Aga Khan Museum

The Winner is ...



**Jose De La Colina
Horta**

Data Engineer
Texas A&M Foundation



Community Catalyst

Honors organizations or individuals who lead with dedication and generosity, uplifting the broader Kindsight Community and setting a standard for collective growth and inspiration.

Community Catalyst Finalists



Adam Compton
North Carolina State
University



Mandy Ray
Washington University
in St. Louis



Josh LaBorde
Emory University



Yoon Van Hout
University of Florida



Heather Thorwald
University of Colorado

The Winner is ...



Heather Thorwald

Data Quality Analyst
Advancement University Colorado



Growth Leader

Recognizes organizations demonstrating exceptional growth, determination, and innovation—achieving remarkable results while inspiring and rallying others toward ambitious goals.

Growth Leader Finalists



Wisconsin Foundation
& Alumni Association
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON



Pomona
College



Northwestern
University



CENTER FOR
Advancement

IOWA STATE
UNIVERSITY
FOUNDATION

The Winner is ...



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Impact Award

**Celebrates organizations whose projects, campaigns,
or initiatives have profoundly supported their
communities or advanced their mission,
demonstrating what is possible when vision meets
commitment.**

Impact Award Finalists

Make-A-Wish

unicef 

 **DBG**
EST. DETROIT 2007

Kettering
HEALTH 

hoag.
Hospital
Foundation



The Winner is ...

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Hospital
Foundation

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