

## news release



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### **LUMITY ANNOUNCES 2008 TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNERS, PRESENTED BY ACCENTURE**

*Chicago nonprofits recognized, receive grants from Accenture, Lumity*

**CHICAGO, April 30, 2008** – Four innovative Chicago-area nonprofits received recognition for their commitment and creativity this March when Lumity, a nonprofit organization that helps other nonprofits improve programmatic outcomes and deepen their community impact, announced the winners of the third annual Technology Leadership Award, presented by Accenture's Chief Information Officer Frank Modruson, at the Lumity Gala 2008. The March 8<sup>th</sup> black-tie gala, emceed by FOX-TV's Jan Jeffcoat, raised more than \$200,000 to help Lumity's provide services to nonprofits throughout Chicagoland.

The Technology Leadership Award recognizes innovative uses of technology in the nonprofit sector. Chicago Foundation for Education won the 2008 Award for its web-based lesson plan database, which supports teachers through an easy-to-search database of ready-made curricular projects. Curricula and plans on the site are aligned with state standards and enable teachers to immediately replicate innovative, award-winning instruction in classrooms around the world. "The Chicago Foundation for Education's new Lesson Plan Database is a tremendously beneficial resource for both educators and parents looking for fresh, innovative approaches for actively engaging students in the learning process," said CFE Executive Director Kris Reichmann.

The Victor C. Neumann Association, which provides services for adults with developmental disabilities and mental illness, received runner-up honors, and Community Media Workshop and Howard Brown Health Center were also finalists.

Awardees were selected in a competitive application process; finalists made presentations to a panel of judges at a session hosted by Accenture. 2008 judges included Chicago business and nonprofit sectors leaders such as William Farrow, F.C. Partners Group, LLC; Daniel Hill, Exelon Corporation; Kevin Lutz, America's Second Harvest (winner of the 2007 Award); Robert Kress, Accenture; Richard Kurtz, Lumity; Patricia Morrison, Motorola; and Michael Wons, Federal Signal Corporation.

"This year's awardees have exhibited consistent high performance in the nonprofit sector, and are a model for other organizations," noted Lumity Executive Director Rick Kurtz. "These organizations are wonderful examples of how applying innovative technology creates measurable, sustainable impact in the community."

2008 award winner Chicago Foundation for Education will receive a grant of \$7,500 from Accenture; runner up Victor C. Neumann Association will receive a grant of \$2,500; and as finalists Community Media Workshop and Howard Brown Health Center each will receive grants of \$1,000. All awardees also receive an operational assessment from Lumity supported by a software donation from Microsoft Corporation.

### **About Lumity**

Lumity helps to "illuminate the community" by enabling the development of high-performing nonprofits that operate effectively and have a deeper impact in our community, by providing consulting, training, and other tools to the nonprofit sector. Lumity is also the home of NPO.net, an online information service for the philanthropic sector that includes Chicago's premiere nonprofit job posting site, and of the Community Centers of Excellence Program, which addresses the digital divide by providing assistance to community technology centers

throughout the Chicago region. For more information, please visit [www.lumity.org](http://www.lumity.org).

### **2008 Lumity Technology Leadership Awardees**

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Runner Up: Victor C. Neumann Association  
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Finalist: Community Media Workshop  
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Finalist: Howard Brown Health Center  
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