

Memo:

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Re:

The Joe W. and Dorothy Dorsett Brown Foundation
Excellence Award

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On August 5, 2019 the Joe W. & Dorothy Dorsett Brown Foundation launched the Excellence Award Program. This three year program is designed to recognize individuals who have given a substantial part of their life to make this world a better place through either founding or leading a charity that has had a longstanding and recognizable impact. Winners of this award will receive a framed medal and a grant check for \$10,000 made out to the charity they have tirelessly served. <https://www.bizneworleans.com/biz-minute-8-26-19/>

The Foundation is deeply honored to have Dan and Jackie Silverman as the first winners of the Excellence Award. Their relentless work from 2006 through the present day at the New Orleans Women and Children's Shelter is an inspiration to everyone. To meet the needs of vulnerable people in our community, the New Orleans Women & Children's Shelter is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and consistently operates at 90% capacity or higher. Two-thirds of all homeless people helped by the shelter are children that have nowhere else to go. In 2015, the shelter helped 191 women and children in escaping the streets and starting on their journey to independence. In 2016 that number rose to 227 women and children. From 2013-2018 the shelter had an 86% success rate of transitioning former residents into a home and keeping them in their new home. Keeping families together and providing vulnerable women and children a place to begin a fresh start has been the tireless passion of Dan and Jackie. Innovation, dedication, perseverance, and sophistication are all words that can describe the management and leadership style of Dan and Jackie.

New Orleans is so blessed to have Dan and Jackie. Dan and Jackie have helped keep families together and given hope to not just those specific families they serve but all of us in this community. For more information on the New Orleans Women and Children's Shelter and the relentless efforts of Dan and Jackie, please visit their website at: <https://nowcs.org>