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# The Hopscotch Foundation Named Outstanding Philanthropic Foundation 2020



**Nominated by Arnerich Massena, The Hopscotch Foundation has been named the *Outstanding Philanthropic Foundation* for the 2020 Philanthropy Day Awards by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), Oregon & SW Washington Chapter.**

“National Philanthropy Day is a special day set aside each November 15 to celebrate philanthropy and recognize the many contributions of donors, volunteers, and professional fundraisers,” notes the website of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP). They have celebrated National Philanthropy Day since 1986 by honoring local philanthropists with a special event. This year, we are pleased to report that Arnerich Massena’s nonprofit nominee, The Hopscotch Foundation, was named Outstanding Philanthropic Foundation for 2020.

The Outstanding Philanthropic Foundation Award “recognizes a private or community foundation or community grantmaking organization that supports not only nonprofit organizational goals but also offers encouragement and motivation to nonprofits and grantmakers alike – a grantmaker providing innovative approaches to philanthropy.” This is the 34th year the AFP has been presenting these Philanthropy Day honors to individuals and organizations in the local community.

Most years, the AFP celebrates award honorees at an Annual Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon, but this year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, they are partnering with *The Portland Business Journal* to present the awards digitally. You can visit the AFP’s awards web-

site [here](#) for links to the latest news and to learn more about the award honorees; check out the short video with introductions for each honoree in which you’ll hear Christine Arnerich, executive administrator of Arnerich Massena’s *I AM Learning Partnership*, introduce The Hopscotch Foundation and talk about why we chose to nominate that organization for this honor. The *Portland Business Journal* issue of November 20 will also feature a special section about the Philanthropy Day Awards.



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The Hopscotch Foundation, founded by Dave Gunderson, was launched to help improve the nutrition for at-risk youth in low-income areas of Portland. But during the COVID-19 pandemic, the organization has become a critical source of food for local students and families suffering from food insecurity. The all-volunteer team went to work and used its existing infrastructure to begin delivering food to more than 18 local schools, serving thousands of students and their families weekly. Not only do they provide food, but it is fresh, nutritious, and much of it locally sourced.

During the spring of 2020, Arnerich Massena partnered with The Hopscotch Foundation to help provide much-needed nourishment to the students of the company's *I AM Learning Partnership*, many of whom previously relied on school-provided lunches for nutrition. Working with Dave and Hopscotch and recognizing the incredible need they were facing due to the pandemic's impact on food insecurity, the firm launched FEED PDX, a fundraising drive to help expand the reach of The Hopscotch Foundation. Together, we raised more than \$50,000, making it possible for Hopscotch to feed thousands more children.

