

Nonprofit News Awards 2023 FINALISTS

Finalists in the 2023 Nonprofit News Awards were determined by more than 50 professional journalists using the rubrics found [here](#).

Out of these finalists, one winner per category/division will be named at the 2023 Nonprofit News Awards and INN Reception @ ONA on Aug. 23.

Best Investigative Journalism Award

Micro Division

- **Arizona Luminaria**, *"Unconstitutional hole:" Crisis in the Pima County jail*, John Washington, Dianna M. Náñez, Irene McKisson and Becky Pallack
- **Asheville Watchdog**, *Asheville's Watchdog's Down Town*, Andrew R. Jones, John Boyle, Sally Kestin and Tom Fiedler
- **Florida Trident**, *The Ghost District*, Bob Norman
- **Shasta Scout**, *Holding Gateway Accountable*

Small Division

- **The Appeal**, *Den of Despair*, Silja J.A. Talvi
- **New Mexico In Depth**, *Blind Drunk, a series about alcohol Harm in New Mexico*, Ted Alcorn

Medium Division

- **Adirondack Explorer**, *The cost of conservation*, Gwendolyn Craig
- **inewssource**, *Veterans Village San Diego*, Jill Castellano
- **Injustice Watch**, *Cook County's use of SCRAM devices*, Maya Dukmasova
- **Wisconsin Watch**, *Chinese prisoners: We were forced to make Milwaukee Tool gloves for cents each day*, Zhen Wang

Large Division

- **CalMatters**, *California Toxics: Out of State, Out of Mind*, Robert Lewis
- **International Consortium of Investigative Journalists** (in partnership with The Guardian, The Washington Post and more than 40 media partners from around the world), *The Uber Files*

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- **Texas Tribune** and **ProPublica** (in partnership with Military Times), *Military Injustice*

Insight Award for Explanatory Journalism

Micro Division

- **Boulder Reporting Lab**, *Climate disaster dollars and sense: Marshall Fire Fund up close*, Tim Drugan, Claire Cleveland and Ali Branscombe
- **Feet in 2 Worlds**, *Immigrants in a Divided Country*, Boen Wang, Rong Xiaoqing, Danya AbdelHameid, Virginia Lora, John Rudolph, Quincy Surasmith
- **Limestone Post Magazine**, *The Long Goodbye: Living with Alzheimer's Disease*, Rebecca Hill
- **The Record North Shore**, *Lakefront confusion*, Joe Coughlin and Peter Kaspari

Small Division

- **Circle of Blue**, *Danger Looms Where Algae Blooms*, Keith Schneider and Laura Gersony
- **Flatwater Free Press**, *Nebraska's Dirty Water*, Yanqi Xu

Medium Division

- **The Connecticut Mirror**, *Notice to Quit*, Ginny Monk
- **The Imprint**, *Juvenile Justice Reimagined*, Nell Bernstein
- **MuckRock**, *Dangers in Our Air: Mapping Chicago's Air Pollution Hotspots*, Dillon Bergin
- **Next City** and **El Paso Matters**, *How Credit Unions Have Served Communities of Color*, Oscar Perry Abello and Christian Betancourt
- **Prism**, *How the LANDBACK Movement Drives Climate Justice*, Ray Levy Uyeda, Lara Witt, Michi Trota and Kimberly Rooney 高小荣

Large Division

- **Center for Public Integrity**, *Who Counts?*
- **Center for Public Integrity** and **ICT**, *Unequal Burden*
- **EdSource**, *A Town's Library Fight Spotlights Inequities*, Emma Gallegos, Zaidee Stavely and Coby McDonald

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- **The Hechinger Report**, *College degree gaps: Getting worse*, Meredith Kolodner, Jon Marcus and Fazil Khan
- **WHYY News**, *Philly water source debacle during a chemical spill explained*, Sophia Schmidt

Breaking Barriers Award

Micro Division

- **Center for Collaborative Investigative Journalism (CCIJ)**, *Not the kind of life a human being should live*, Frederick Clayton, Sonja Smith, Margaret Courtney-Clarke and CCIJ Staff
- **Conecta Arizona**, *Cruzando Líneas - A podcast con acento y con talento to reclaim our border narratives*, Maritza L. Félix, Daniel Robles and Ruben Tapia
- **The Kansas City Defender**, *The Real Story of Ralph Yarl: A Community's Call to Action*, Ryan Sorrell, JT Taylor and Nasir Montalvo
- **Voices of Monterey Bay**, *AFTER LIFE: The untold story of how a group of incarcerated men reshaped rehabilitation in California*, Julie Reynolds Martínez, Gilbert Bao and Mara J. Reynolds

Small Division

- **The Appeal**, *A Vital Voice from Behind the Razor Wire*, Christopher Blackwell
- **Borderless Magazine**, *West Chicago Is Cleaning Up The Last Of Its Nuclear Contamination. Residents Exposed To Radiation Say 'It's Not Over'*, Luan Huska and Jonathan Aguilar
- **Flatwater Free Press**, *Nebraska's parole board didn't show up – until we did.*, Yanqi Xu
- **El Tímpano**, *Undocumented and Unhoused*, Marta Martinez and Madeleine Bair

Medium Division

- **The Fuller Project**, *'This War Made Him a Monster.' Ukrainian Women Fear the Return of Their Partners*, Jessie Williams
- **Searchlight New Mexico**, *Nowhere to go*
- **Spotlight PA** and **Pittsburgh Institute for Nonprofit Journalism**, *A Criminal Solution*, Danielle Ohl and Brittany Hailer

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- **The 74**, *They Said Letting Transgender Girls Play Would Drive Athletes Away from HS and College Sports. It Didn't*, Beth Hawkins
- **Center for Public Integrity** (in partnership with The Seattle Times, **Street Sense Media** and WAMU/DCist), *Unhoused and Undercounted*
- **Economic Hardship Reporting Project** (in partnership with the Guardian), *I was given a house for free – but it already belonged to someone else*, Anne Elizabeth Moore
- **Texas Tribune**, *Texas' Reproductive Health*, Pooja Salhotra, Sneha Dey, Eleanor Klibanoff and Jinitzail Hernández

Community Champion Award

Micro Division

- **Conecta Arizona**, *La Hora del Cafecito*, Maritza L. Félix
- **The Mendocino Voice**, *Public records fees in Mendocino County*, Kate Maxwell, David Brooksher, and Lucy Peterson
- **Open Vallejo**, *Senior officials ordered destruction of Vallejo police shooting evidence*, Laurence Du Sault and Geoffrey King

Small Division

- **Borderless Magazine**, *Using Field Canvassers to Better Reach Audiences*
- **Mission Local**, *Killer Robots U-Turn*
- **NonDoc Media**, *Edmond Community Reporting Project*, Joe Tomlinson

Medium Division

- **Centro de Periodismo Investigativo (CPI)**, *Caribe Fest*, Carla Minet, Omayra Sosa-Pascual and Víctor L. Rodríguez Velázquez
- **El Paso Matters**, *El Paso District Attorney Coverage*
- **Spotlight PA**, *Spotlight PA State College*, Sarah Rafacz, Min Xian, Wyatt Massey and Ashad Hajela

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- **Global Press Journal**, *Push for Gold Leaves a Toxic Legacy*, Linda Mujuru
- **The Oaklandside**, *When anti-democratic election denialism came to Oakland, The Oaklandside stepped up for the public good*, Tasneem Raja, Darwin BondGraham, Jacob Simas, Natalie Orenstein, Azucena Rasilla, Amir Aziz, Ricky Rodas, Ashley McBride and Jose Feroso

INNovator Award

Micro Division

- **Boulder Reporting Lab**, *Pop-up community newsroom, born out of Colorado's devastating fire*, Anthony Albidrez, Ali Branscombe, Amber Carlson, Josh Couture, Helen Driesen, Elise Ertl, Zain Iqbal, Hillary Rosner and Stacy Feldman
- **Cicero Independiente**, *Expanding journalism opportunities for organizational sustainability*
- **Conecta Arizona**, *Conecta Arizona - More than news on WhatsApp*, Maritza L. Félix

Small Division

- **Anthropocene Magazine**, *The Climate Parables*, Kathryn Kohm, Wayt Gibbs and McArdle Hankin
- **Cardinal News**, *Cardinal News Speaker Series*, Luanne Rife and Dwayne Yancey
- **El Tímpano**, *El Tímpano's Civic Partnerships*, Madeleine Bair, Deana Balinton and Maye Primera

Medium Division

- **Montana Free Press**, *Montana Free Press 2023 Capitol Tracker*, Eric Dietrich and staff
- **Sahan Journal**, *"Tani waa su'aashayda" (or "Here's my question"): A voice-note newsletter for Somalis living in Minnesota*, Aala Abdullahi, Abdirizak Diis and Michael Tortorello
- **Spotlight PA**, *One Vote, Two Pennsylvanias*

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Insight Award for Visual Journalism

Micro Division

- **Eden Prairie Local News**, *Photo gallery: Ethiopian Fest of Minnesota*, Gillian Holte
- **The Oglethorpe Echo**, *On front line for pets: Oglethorpe Animal Clinic fights battle against rising costs, vet shortages*
- **The Oglethorpe Echo**, *The Highs and Lows of Oglethorpe County Schools*
- **Planet Detroit**, *Claiming Connections*, Nina Ignaczak, Thaad & Eden Sabolboro and Amanda Tingley

Small Division

- **Civil Eats**, *Civil Eats TV: Women Brewing Change at Sequoia Sake*, Civil Eats Editors
- **San Francisco Public Press**, *'Everything Is Gone, and You Become More Lost': 12 Hours of Chaos as Berkeley Clears Encampment*, Yesica Prado

Medium Division

- **Columbia Missourian**, *Homelessness in Columbia*, Clayton Steward, Caroline McCone, Hope Davis, Brian Kratzer, Zachary Linhares, Michelle Gutierrez, Emma Flannery, Namratha Prasad and Fred Anklam
- **The New Bedford Light**, *Voices of New Bedford Video Series*, Eleanora Bianchi and Gerardo Beltran Salinas
- **San Antonio Report**, *Down to four students, Sam Houston High's marching band rebuilds to 'wow' again*, Nick Wagner

Large Division

- **The 74**, *Weaving a Stronger Society Beginning With Our Schools*, James Fields, Emmeline Zhao, Laura Fay and Meghan Gallagher
- **Grist** and **Economic Hardship Reporting Project** (in partnership with The Bitter Southerner), *Washed Away: How disaster relief leaves Kentucky's landslide victims behind*, Austyn Gaffney and Martha Park
- **Texas Tribune** and **ProPublica**, *Uvalde shooting and its aftermath*, The Texas Tribune, with ProPublica and The Washington Post's Visual Forensics Team

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Startup of the Year

- **Cardinal News**
- **Fort Worth Report**
- **The Kansas City Defender**

Journalism Collaboration of the Year

- **Limestone Post Magazine** (in partnership with WFHB), *Deep Dive: WFHB & Limestone Post Investigate*, Steve Hinnefeld, Rebecca Hill, Benedict Jones, Jim Krause, Laurie D. Borman, Jeremy Hogan, Kade Young and Noelle Herhusky-Schneider
- **Prism** (in partnership with Futuro Investigates and Latino USA), *H2A Visa Worker Exploitation*, Tina Vásquez, Patricia Sulbarán, Roxana Aguirre, Fernanda Echavarri, Andrea López-Cruzado, Peniley Ramírez, Lara Witt and Kimberly Rooney 高小菜
- **Springfield Daily Citizen**, *Child Care Crisis*, Jackie Rehwald, Cory Matteson and Jym Wilson

Nonprofit Newcomer of the Year

- **Ashley Clarke**, Engagement Editor, **Center for Public Integrity**
- **Sarah Rafacz**, State College Editor, **Spotlight PA**

Emerging Leader of the Year

- **Madeleine Bair**, Founding Director, **El Tímpano**
- **Nicolas Rios**, Audience and Community Director, **Documented**
- **Ryan Sorrell**, Founder and Publisher, **The Kansas City Defender**
- **Nikhil Swaminathan**, CEO, **Grist**

The 2023 INN Service to Nonprofit News Award winner will be announced at the [awards ceremony](#) on Aug. 23, 2023.