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## FOUNDER EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR PHILANTHROPY Stephen Plain is a Finalist in the 2018 Invest in Others Awards



Circleville, NY (August 6, 2018) – Town of Wallkill Boys & Girls Club Founder Stephen Plain has been selected as one of three national finalists for the Lifetime Achievement Award as part of the twelfth annual Invest in Others Awards. Plain is being honored for his work with the Town of Wallkill Boys & Girls Club, which will receive a \$5,000 donation from the Invest in Others Charitable Foundation. If Plain wins his category, the donation will increase to \$25,000.

The Invest in Others Awards program recognizes the charitable work of financial advisors and financial services firms in communities across the country and around the world. Advisors are nominated by their peers for actively giving back to non-profits to improve their communities and make a difference in the lives of others. There are five award categories for advisors and two for financial services companies.

Invest in Others received hundreds of nominations this year. Individual finalists were selected based

on their leadership, dedication, contribution, inspiration, and impact on a non-profit and the community it serves.

Stephen Plain envisioned creating a children's recreation program where all kids could access recreational services, hang out with friends and have a safe place to go where people cared about them, regardless of their ability to pay for these services. After two years of working with community stakeholders, Stephen helped found the Town of Wallkill Boys & Girls Club in 1993. At that early point in time, the organization lacked money, paid staff and facilities -- it rented school gym space on Saturday mornings. Since then, however, the organization has grown



to serve 300 youth daily in before and after school programming, and 600 youth daily in two summer camp programs.





As the founding Board Chair, Stephen has volunteered thousands of hours to the club, providing fiscal oversight and strategic planning guidance. He oversaw the agency's efforts to become financially sound and worked with staff to develop an investment strategy, as well as a resource development plan. Stephen's energy and commitment to youth recreation in his community helped transform the Town of Wallkill Boys & Girls Club from a fledgling startup into a reputable nonprofit organization.

Awards will be presented at the twelfth annual Invest in Others Awards Gala, a premier event attended by nearly 800 financial advisors and financial services executives, on September 27, 2018 in Boston, MA.

## About the Invest in Others Charitable Foundation

The inspiration for the Invest in Others Charitable Foundation came directly from the financial advisors who invest in others by giving back to their communities with overwhelming generosity and dedication. Since its founding in 2006, Invest in Others has amplified these efforts by providing a platform for advisors to increase awareness, visibility, and funding to their favorite non-profits. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.investinothers.org">www.investinothers.org</a>.