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Kentucky Nonprofit Network Executive Director Recognized as Finalist for National Excellence in Advocacy Award

Danielle Clore Named by the Professional Women in Advocacy Conference as Finalist for its Excellence in Advocacy Award

LEXINGTON – <u>Kentucky Nonprofit Network</u> announces that Executive Director, Danielle Clore has been named as a finalist for the Excellence in Advocacy Award by the Professional Women in Advocacy Conference. As one of three finalists selected in the State Issue Campaign category, Clore was among 130 nominees and will travel to Washington, DC on November 16 for the awards ceremony.

"I am humbled to have been nominated and thrilled to be a finalist for this award," said Clore. She was selected as a finalist for "raising the consciousness of legislative and executive branch policymakers on the economic importance of Kentucky's nonprofit sector, including passage of legislation creating a Government Nonprofit Contracting Task Force to streamline processes, enhance accountability and save nonprofits and state government time and money." The Task Force is the result of House Concurrent Resolution 89, sponsored by Representative Addia Wuchner (R), Florence, which was passed unanimously by the House and Senate in the 2015 Kentucky General Assembly before being signed by Governor Steve Beshear.

"HCR 89 was Kentucky Nonprofit Network's first legislative effort on behalf of our members," continued Clore. "The most important thing I did to ensure its unanimous and successful passage was build an incredible team of experts to advise me and actively engage our nonprofit members statewide – a true team effort and I am grateful for the recognition of our work," Clore concluded.

Clore was nominated for the award by David L. Thompson, Vice President of Public Policy with the <u>National Council of Nonprofits</u>. "Danielle's selection as a finalist is a reflection of her strategy of building on the work of KNN's colleague state associations and tailoring the KNN advocacy efforts to provide meaningful solutitions for the Commonwealth, its residents and the nonprofits providing vital services in every Kentucky community everyday," said Thompson.

Stu Silberman, chair of the Kentucky Nonprofit Network board of directors added, "The KNN Board is extremely proud of Danielle for being selected as a finalist for this national award. Danielle cares deeply

about advocating the critical work of our nonprofit organizations and strategically engages our members in advocacy efforts that position them to best serve Kentucky communities."

The Awards are hosted and produced in conjunction with the Professional Women in Advocacy Conference which will take place November 16-17 in Washington, DC.

Clore is the executive director and CEO of Kentucky Nonprofit Network, Kentucky's state association of nonprofit organizations. Prior to founding KNN in 2002, Danielle held leadership positions at the Commonwealth Fund for KET, Eastern Kentucky University, Special Olympics Kentucky and Christian Care Communities. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Transylvania University and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Kentucky Martin School of Public Administration. She is a 2012 graduate of Leadership Kentucky. Her community service work includes public policy committee member, National Council of Nonprofits; advisory council member, Murray State University Nonprofit Leadership Studies program; finance committee member, St. Michael's Episcopal Church; and volunteer, Girl Scouts of Kentucky's Wilderness Road Council.

Kentucky Nonprofit Network is the state association of nonprofits, existing to strengthen and advance Kentucky's nonprofit community. The association serves as a resource for nonprofit leaders, board members and other volunteers, an information center on effective nonprofit organizational practices, and an advocate for the nonprofit sector. For more information about the Kentucky Nonprofit Network, visit http://www.kynonprofits.org.