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## NPower 2014 Gala - An Evening of Powerful Connections

**New York, NY (October 9, 2014)** – A week ago today, the tech community came together to celebrate NPower’s social impact and acknowledge the outstanding support of current partners. This unprecedented network of corporate, nonprofit and educational partners gathered at Pier Sixty in New York City’s Chelsea Piers. Attendees heard from senior industry executives from NPower’s Board of Directors; which included WWT’s Matt Horner, Citi’s Richard M. Greenbaum, Morgan Stanley’s Moira Kilcoyne, NPower Board Chairman Dan Petrozzo, and Bank of America’s David Reilly.

The NPower 2014 Gala was attended by more than 650 senior technology leaders representing Fortune 500 companies and leading tech players in support of NPower’s work. The evening would not have been possible without the generous support of Cisco, EMC, VMware, KPMG (Platinum Sponsors) and Arista, Atos, Ernst and Young, HCL, NetApp, Polaris, ServiceNow, Wipro (Gold Sponsors). Such partnerships enable NPower to fulfill its mission to mobilize the tech community and provide individuals, nonprofits, and schools access and opportunity to build tech skills and achieve their potential.

Over the past five years, NPower has honored a *who’s who* of tech industry CEOs at these galas. This prestigious list includes John Chambers (Cisco), Joe Tucci (EMC), Marc Benioff (Salesforce), Bill McDermott (SAP), Tom Georgens (NetApp) and Mike Gregoire (CA Technologies). This year, NPower honored Guy Chiarello, President, First Data Corporation, and former NPower Board Member.

*“In addition to being an acknowledged leader in the tech industry, Guy is a longtime friend and supporter of NPower,”* said Stephanie Cuskley, CEO of NPower. *“Guy’s strategic leadership on the board, network of industry contacts and personal generosity has been absolutely invaluable in driving NPower’s growth. We cannot thank him enough for all he has done to advance the tech community’s focus on social good and on behalf of NPower.”*

The evening included a new [NPower video](#) featuring recent partner collaborations as well as student and volunteer testimonials. NPower’s mission and its impact on people’s lives was highlighted when Yahaira Moore, graduate of the Technology Service Corps program, addressed attendees.

*“I always believed if you set your level of professionalism and character to a quality standard all you have to do next is pair it with knowledge and you become a force to be reckoned with,”* Moore told the

audience. *“When I was accepted into NPower’s Technology Service Corps, it was the perfect timing and I knew this program was going to help change my life.”*

Bank of America’s Anne Gilroy (2014 Technology Service Corps Volunteer of the Year Award Winner) and Balaji Ganapathy, on behalf of Tata Consultancy, (2014 The Community Corps Pro Bono Team of the Year Award Winner) provided attendees with a firsthand perspective on what it means to volunteer with NPower.

Referring to the Technology Service Corps students, Gilroy said, *“They’ve inspired and humbled and motivated me. They are phenomenal young people...they just deserve an opportunity.”* She added, *“We’ve got an opportunity, we should help, we should encourage them as we do when they are going through the program to pay it forward, we need to do the same thing. It takes just a little of many of us to do a lot. So I would like to encourage all of you who are not involved to get involved...you will say that was one of the most important and significant things I ever did as an individual.”*

Speaking about his company’s experience with The Community Corps, NPower’s skills based volunteering program, Ganapathy told the audience, *“the opportunities that lie with each of us, to use what we have as individuals, as teams and as organizations - to create an impact on those who can benefit from what we have. This could not have been possible before, without the model that NPower has put together.”*

NPower ended the evening with a call to action to everyone in the audience and provided the following ways to get involved:

- REFER your favorite nonprofit or school to The Community Corps
- VOLUNTEER your or your team’s expertise on The Community Corps
- HOST a Technology Service Corps intern
- MENTOR a student or group of students
- JOIN an NPower Advisory Council or Board
- BECOME a Corporate Sponsor

Search [#NPowerGala](#) across social media to view photos and more.

## About NPower

NPower mobilizes the tech community and provides individuals, nonprofits, and schools access and opportunity to build tech skills and achieve their potential. We pursue this mission via our two signature programs:

**Technology Service Corps** builds brighter futures for underserved young adults and veterans through free technology and professional skills training. The program includes technical classes, mentoring from business leaders, internships and career development workshops at leading corporations and nonprofits, industry-recognized certifications as well as employment and alumni services. More than 80% of our alumni are employed or pursuing higher education within one year of graduation.

**The Community Corps** is a skills-based volunteering program connecting technology professionals with high impact nonprofits and innovative education partners. Our tech volunteers enable schools and nonprofits across the country to use technology more effectively and inspire the next generation to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

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