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Outstanding Award Application

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List Program(s) that will be highlighted in application	Toys for Tots Community Service Project

☐ Has your chapter submitted your Performance Standard SEAL?

Check the box for the Outstanding Chapter Award you are submitting:

- ☐ Outstanding Chapter Operations Award
- How does your chapter excel in its operating processes, including policies and procedures, budgeting, recognition of agencies and individuals and involvement with NIGP?
- ☐ Outstanding Chapter Membership Award
- How well does your chapter market membership benefits and resources and what are your methods for membership retention and growth?
- ☒ Outstanding Chapter Advocacy and Outreach Award
- What practices and operations has your chapter demonstrated to be an effective advocate for members and our profession?
- ☐ Outstanding Chapter Professional Development Award
- How does your chapter go above and beyond providing educational resources and other opportunities to your membership?

1. **Explain the program/event/best practice**

WORTH 25 POINTS - (Choose one or 2 programs; explain the program in detail, how it runs/works)

Community Service Project - Toys For Tots
Fund raisers for the event 1. At Quarterly General Membership meetings a 50/50 drawing was held. Each member could buy tickets for a chance at a drawing for half of cash collect with ticket sales. 2. Candy sales at various agencies - LANIGP member agencies were provided candy to sell to raise additional funding.
Toy collection at the LANGIP Annual Conference in early December 2022.
The and funding collected were used to purchase toys to go with the donated toys for the Lake Charles, LA area Toys for Tots.

2. **Share Outcomes and Results**

WORTH 25 POINTS – (Share pre and post results: what you started with, where it ended, was it successful, how was it received, did it have an impact?)

LANIGP members annually support an outreach effort to help local community organizations. Being advocates for these organizations unifies LANIGP members for a service based project and strengthens members connections with each other.
The toy drive ended with over 450 toys being donated to the Lake Charles Toys for Tots program. Members and vendors supported the community event. LANIGP members and vendors attending LANIGP events loved knowing that they could support the community service event.

3. **Explain what makes your program/event/best practice unique or innovative**

WORTH 25 POINTS (Explain why this was innovative or new for your chapter, how you came up with the idea, how it shows uniqueness to your chapter or innovative to others)

LANIGP had Toys and information about Toys for Tots available at the annual conference in December 2022. Being able to show what was being donated and how the organization benefits made an impact on conference attendees.

4. **Lessons learned (so that others can adapt or replicate)**

WORTH 25 POINTS (Talk us through the process of what you learned about the program, what worked what didn't, how would you do it differently, will you continue to do it?)

The Toys for Tots event chairperson indicated that he would have changed the program by starting to collect toys earlier in the year. Also, board members think that putting details about the community service event on LANIGP social media pages would have generated more donations.

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Images from the Toys for Tots Outreach project



LA NIGP Member David Davis with Toys for Tots Representatives

