



Winners of 2013 Annual Global Volunteer Awards Announced

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Today, Moody's announced the three winners of this year's Global Volunteer Awards (GVAs). The GVAs recognize individuals for their exceptional dedication to volunteerism and involvement in their communities. Their actions not only strengthen local societies, but also build goodwill for Moody's in the communities where we work and live. In appreciation, each of the winners' nonprofit partners will receive a US \$2,500 donation from Moody's. Read more about the winners and their volunteer work below.

2013 Moody's Global Volunteer Award Winners

- » **Frederic Jean-Baptiste**, Assistant Director-Product Specialist, Sales and Customer Service, Moody's Analytics in London, has been a committed member of 100 Black Men of London since 2009. 100 Black Men of London is a nonprofit dedicated to the education, development and uplifting of youth and the wider community. Their key focus areas are education, economic development, health & wellbeing, leadership and mentoring.

Donating more than 300 hours of service each year, Frederic volunteers his time and talents in a variety of ways: He participates in a mentoring/tutoring program every other week on Saturday mornings for 4 hours; he is also an active member of the Fundraising Committee, which includes weekly team meetings and on-going fundraising activities, and the Social Media & Web Committee, which is a daily online update; and Frederic serves as Events Team Leader for the State of the Black Men Conference and the Health & Wellness Fair. The commitment he demonstrated in organizing the 10th Anniversary State of the Black Men Conference in October of 2011 led to his recognition as Member of the Year 2011.

100 Black Men of London senior leader, Kolarelle Sonaïke, said, "Frederic's impact has been transformative. He has introduced an innovative new committee structure that divides up the work of the entire organization into much more manageable and distinctive chunks and then ensured that each area is allocated to a fully briefed team."

As a result of his devotion and focus to 100 Black Men, Sonaïke said, "we are far better able to achieve our objectives as an organization. Our members and volunteers feel much more enthused and involved and morale of the whole organization has dramatically improved."

- » **Thomas Pirone**, Assistant Vice President-Business Analysis, Moody's Information Technology, Moody's Shared Services in New York, has been involved with Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad since 2009. The Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad has served the community of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey since 1942. Staffed 100% by volunteers who live and work in the town, they provide ambulance and emergency medical services to all residents of Berkeley Heights. Squad crews respond to emergency calls 24 hours per day, seven days a week. In addition, the Squad responds to calls for assistance to surrounding towns when needed.

Tom provides emergency medical services every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to Thursday at 7 a.m. In addition, he volunteers 12 hours of his time one weekend a month. To volunteer, he had to be certified as an emergency medical technician (EMT). The volunteer organization sponsored Thomas's training, which consisted of 105 hours of classroom and practical training, followed by a state administered examination.

EMS Chief William Schulz notes, "Tom's commitment to the volunteer squad in Berkeley Heights helps to provide a vital free service to our community. Without Tom's support, we would not be able to provide this service."

Thomas has volunteered more than 750 hours each year with the Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad. He also serves as the Squad's liaison to the township governing body of which he is an elected member of the Squad's township council.



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- » **Jaleni Thompson**, Associate Analyst 2, Public Finance Healthcare, Global Public, Project & Infrastructure Finance, Moody's Investors Service in New York, co-founded D.R.E.A.M. (Developing Responsible Economically Advanced Model-citizens, Inc.) in 2009. D.R.E.A.M. is a financial education and advocacy nonprofit committed to empowering underrepresented, urban youth. Founded in 2009 D.R.E.A.M. aims to provide youth with financial skills that will eventually lead to the eradication of the current wealth gap between low-income, urban citizens and the broader American population. Jaleni co-founded the organization with Femi Faoye.

Jaleni worked to develop and implement a business and growth strategy for D.R.E.A.M. In addition to serving as a founder and member of the Board of Directors, he helps structure and lead many Saturday sessions on credit management, introduction to stocks and equity and the importance of savings. Jaleni has been recognized by Carnegie Mellon University for his involvement in the organization, and was asked to be the keynote speaker at the University's Celebration of Diversity Weekend in November of 2011.

Calvin Saunders, Chief Compliance Officer and Officer on the Board of Directors of D.R.E.A.M. stated, "Jaleni, above all, is one of the most hard-working, passionate, and unselfish individuals I know. He always puts the interests of the organization above everything else, which is one of the main reasons D.R.E.A.M. has experienced such success in such a short period of time."

More Information About Moody's Global Volunteer Awards

Established in 2004, the GVAs honor employees for their exceptional dedication to volunteerism and involvement in their communities. Employees can self-nominate or be nominated by their peers. The finalists are then selected by the Charitable Giving Committee, which includes Mark Almeida, President, Moody's Analytics; Linda Huber, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; and Fran Laserson, President, The Moody's Foundation. Finalists will be presented with an award and the nonprofits they serve will receive a US \$2,500 donation.

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