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## **Three Women-led Organizations Named as Honorees for 2017 Lipman Family Prize** *Winning Honoree to be announced April 28*

Philadelphia, PA - [Seeding Labs](#), [We Care Solar](#), and [Women Against Abuse](#) have been named as honorees for the 2017 [Barry & Marie Lipman Family Prize](#). All three organizations are led by women with MDs or PhDs who are spearheading social change in the fields of medicine, science, and domestic abuse. The honorees are vying for the chance to become the 2017 Lipman Family Prize Grand Prize Winner. The Lipman Family Prize also awards \$50,000 to each of the remaining honorees. The Grand Prize winning organization will receive \$250,000 in unrestricted funds, as well as executive training and support from the Wharton School and the University of Pennsylvania. The grand prize winner will be announced at the official awards ceremony on April 28 in Philadelphia.

"The Lipman Family Prize identifies and promotes game-changing ideas that solve social problems. Of the hundreds of organizations we analyzed for this year's prize, these three rose to the top because of their innovative approaches and their potential for social impact," said Umi Howard, Director of The Lipman Family Prize.

In addition to a chance at the \$250,000 financial prize, the Lipman Family Prize honorees gain access to a growing network of change-makers and thought-leaders to accelerate cutting-edge change worldwide. The Prize connects those on the cusp of great change with resources, skills and people-power to expand the impact and influence of their ideas. Benefits include an executive education program, an exclusive opportunity to apply for the [Lipman Nonprofit Leadership Scholarship](#), pro-bono consultation from University faculty and staff, peer learning events, as well as expert- and student-driven research to inform and guide their work.

### **About the 2017 Honorees**

[Seeding Labs](#) helps talented scientists in developing countries conduct life-changing research by equipping them with the tools, training and connections they need to be on the cutting edge of global discovery. The Boston-based nonprofit was formally launched in 2007 by Nina Dudnik, PhD, who serves as Chief Executive Officer.

[We Care Solar](#) makes portable, cost-effective solar suitcases that power critical lighting, mobile communication devices and medical devices in low-resource areas without reliable electricity. The Berkeley-based organization was co-founded in 2010 by Laura Stachel, MD, MPH, who serves as Executive Director.

[Women Against Abuse](#) is Philadelphia's leading domestic violence provider, touching the lives of nearly 15,000 people each year through its comprehensive services. Women Against Abuse is being recognized for pioneering Shared Safety: Philadelphia's response to relational violence, which is revolutionizing the way city systems and service providers address this public health epidemic. Through Shared Safety, Philadelphia is forging a first of its kind collaborative approach to preventing domestic and sexual violence, human trafficking and reproductive coercion.

#### **About the Lipman Family Prize**

First awarded in 2012, the Lipman Family Prize at the University of Pennsylvania is an annual global prize that advances creative solutions by inspiring people to think together in new ways. Administered by the Wharton School on behalf of the University of Pennsylvania, the Prize is committed to resourcing and connecting change-makers to bring innovative ideas to new places and problems around the world. Previous winners include [iDE](#), [READ Global](#), [Breakthrough](#), [Riders for Health](#) and [Soccer without Borders](#).

#### **About the Wharton School**

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