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2018 Lipman Family Prize Honorees Named

Winning Honoree will be announced April 20

Philadelphia, PA - [myAgro](#), [Operation ASHA](#), and [Ubuntu Pathways](#) have been named as honorees for the 2018 [Barry & Marie Lipman Family Prize](#). Chosen from an applicant pool of more than one hundred organizations, all three honorees are guaranteed an unrestricted financial award of \$50,000 as well as executive training and support from the Wharton School and the University of Pennsylvania. One grand prize winner will receive \$250,000 in unrestricted funds. The winner is announced at the official awards ceremony on April 20, 2018 in Philadelphia.

"In our seventh year, we analyzed over one hundred organizations from around the globe. The three change-making organizations chosen for this year's prize season each have unique business models and the dedicated leadership needed to transform and inspire real change in the social impact sector," said Umi Howard, Director of the Lipman Family Prize.

Founder Barry Lipman said, "With each passing year we continue to be amazed at the work of not only our three honorees but the work of organizations from our application pool in general. It's a validation of the importance of our work and we look forward to welcoming these three important honorees into our growing community."

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 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 2018 Honorees

[MyAgro](#) is a nonprofit social enterprise that enables smallholder farmers in Africa to finance themselves by using their mobile phones to purchase high-quality seeds and fertilizer and receive agricultural training so they may increase their incomes and move out of poverty.

[Operation ASHA](#) expands access to high-quality and affordable healthcare, particularly in regards to the treatment of tuberculosis, to disadvantaged communities by providing the last mile connectivity, i.e. service delivery to the underserved in India, Cambodia, and South America.

[Ubuntu Pathways](#) is a global model for breaking the cycle of poverty that provides South Africa's most vulnerable children with an integrated support system of health, education, and household stability, from cradle to career.

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](#), [Soccer without Borders](#), and [Women Against Abuse](#).

About the Wharton School

Founded in 1881 as the first collegiate business school, the [Wharton School](#) of the University of Pennsylvania is recognized globally for intellectual leadership and ongoing innovation across every major discipline of business education. With a broad global community and one of the most published business school faculties, Wharton creates economic and social value around the world. The School has 5,000 [undergraduate](#), [MBA](#), [executive MBA](#), and [doctoral](#) students; more than 9,200 participants in [executive education programs](#) annually and a powerful [alumni network](#) of 96,000 graduates and 77 Alumni Clubs spread across 153 countries.