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Winners for Ernst & Young Metro New York Entrepreneur Of The Year 2008 Awards announced

New York, Thursday June 26, 2008 – Ernst & Young LLP is pleased to announce today the winners for the Ernst & Young Metro New York Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards. This group of exceptional entrepreneurs was selected by an independent judging panel and the winners revealed at a gala event on Thursday, June 26, 2008 at The Marriott Marquis, Times Square, NY. The evening also included a special Social Entrepreneur Of The Year Award presented to Gary E. Knell, President and CEO of Sesame Workshop.

“We heartily congratulate this year’s winners on their success,” said Joseph Capparelli, Ernst & Young Metro New York Entrepreneur Of The Year Program Director. “The Entrepreneur Of The Year award recognizes all of the hard work, ingenuity and care these leaders have put into building and improving their businesses and communities. This group of winners is truly remarkable for all that they have accomplished.” Joseph continued “We are also delighted this year to have awarded Gary Knell with a very special Social Entrepreneur of the year Award for his visionary leadership of Sesame Workshop, the non-profit educational organization best known for its renowned program *Sesame Street*.”

Gary’s tenure as President and CEO of Sesame Workshop began in 1999 and it has become a truly global organization, helping children across the world realize their full potential regardless of their background or culture. A strong leader, Gary has restructured the nonprofit educational organization to promote collaboration and innovation; diversified the company’s revenues, shaped its philanthropic efforts; and secured future distribution, co-founding a 24-hour pre-school channel PBS KIDS Sprout.

The Metro New York winners for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year award in 2008 are:

Category	Name	Last name	Company name
Social Entrepreneur Of the year Award	Gary	Knell	Sesame Workshop
Business Services	Vikram	Talwar	EXL Service
Financial Services	Seth	Merrin	Liquidnet Holdings, Inc.
Services	Marcelo	Paladini	Cynergy Data
Emerging	David S.	Kidder	Clickable
E Services	David	Liu	The Knot, Inc.
Media	Donald	Allman	Titan Worldwide
Healthcare	Jay	Higham	IntegraMed America, Inc.
Social Enterprise	Jacqueline	Novogratz	Acumen Fund
Real Estate/Hospitality/Construction	Zane	Tankel	Apple-Metro, Inc.
Retail & Consumer Services	Anthony	Corsano	Anvil Knitwear, Inc.
	Maureen	Kelly	tarte, Inc.

Regional award winners will be eligible for consideration in the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2008 national program. Winners in numerous national categories, as well as the overall national Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year award winner, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 15, 2008. The awards are the culminating event of the Ernst & Young Strategic Growth Forum, the nation's most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies.

This year, the Entrepreneur Of The Year awards program celebrates its 22nd anniversary. The program has expanded to recognize business leaders in over 135 cities in 50 countries throughout the world. Awards are given to entrepreneurs who demonstrate extraordinary success in the areas of innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

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