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## **Graham Windham Raises \$2M at Annual Leadership Council Dinner**

On Tuesday, April 8th Graham Windham honored Edward Skyler Citi's Executive Vice President for Global Public Affairs at its annual Leadership Council Celebration Dinner at The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

"Graham Windham enters the lives of the children and families it serves in their toughest hour, when all can feel hopeless," said President and CEO, Jess Dannhauser. "We restore hope by teaching and supporting families as they heal and grow stronger, and we change the odds by sticking with their children into adulthood, providing them the preparation and opportunities they need to reach their fullest potential. We are able to do all of this because of our incredible supporters. We are especially grateful for our long-term partnership with Citi and for Ed Skyler's incredible generosity this year, raising over \$400 thousand dollars and propelling us to our \$2M goal. These resources will help us bring opportunity where it is needed most and change the lives of thousands of children and their families."

Graham Windham's Chairman of the Board Georgia Wall and Board Members Fran Eigendorff, André Koester, Heather McVeigh, Jennifer Mackesy, and Jennifer Russo served as co-chairs of the event that was underwritten by members of The Leadership Council. The Leadership Council is comprised of distinguished leaders in the philanthropic and business worlds, who are committed to shaping and securing Graham Windham's future for its third century of service.

The evening began with a reception in The Great Hall showcasing the positive work Graham Windham is doing with youth from their Harlem Beacon After-school Center. The program also featured a demonstration by their award winning robotics club, the mighty Medabots and a celebratory dance piece



Jess Dannhauser, President and CEO of Graham Windham; Edward Skyler Citi's Executive Vice President for Global Public Affairs; and Georgia Wall, Graham Windham's Chairman of the Board.

inspired by The Temple of Dendur performed by the agency's Vintage Quality Dance Crew.

Chairman Georgia Wall announced the establishment of The Andrew Francis Makk Youth Opportunity Scholarship in memory of dedicated and compassionate Board Member, Andrew Makk, and introduced the five inaugural winners. "My life's journey has taught me that if you have a network of caring and committed adults you can overcome any obstacle," said LaTanya Smitherman, one of the winners.

Jess Dannhauser then presented Ed Skyler with the Champion for New York City's Children Award in recognition of his significant contributions to improving the lives of New York City's children. "Citi and Graham Windham share a mission and a 200-year history of strengthening communities. It's an honor to be recognized by an organization which is so dedicated to improving the lives of New York City's children," said Skyler.