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# NORMAN VINCENT PEALE AWARDS FOR POSITIVE THINKING

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It has been one heck of a year since we were last together to celebrate Norman Vincent Peale honorees. As we come together in the virtual world, we'll celebrate under the theme "People Who Need People."

It's a key learning for many of us during the pandemic: None of us can escape needing each other. It's part of being human. We are "people who need people." We may have understood this before the pandemic, but we feel it even more deeply now.

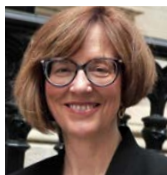
Through the isolation and the masks, the politics and the differences, the inequities and racial disparities, it has been so hard to find our way to each other, but we know we must. We're wired for connection - connection to those who will celebrate the joys with us and support us through the struggles.

Blanton-Peale is a place where New Yorkers can find someone to support them in the difficult times and help them become their best selves. Before the pandemic, that meant they made their way to our office at 30th Street, but for nearly 20 months now, it's meant telehealth. Telehealth has made Blanton-Peale both affordable (like it's always been) and accessible. There have been months when we've provided 1,000 MORE sessions per month than just a year before.

The need is huge, and it has only accelerated the urgency Blanton-Peale feels to train the next generation of mental health professionals – ready to serve those most affected by the emotional and economic fallout of these tumultuous times.

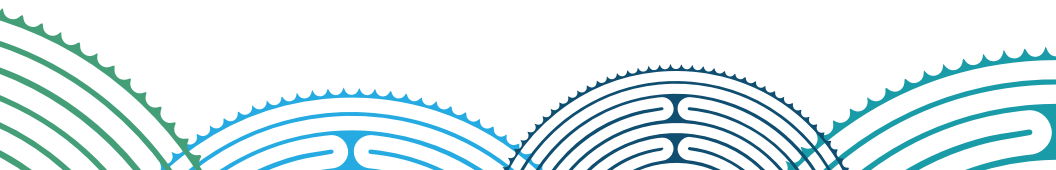
So, we are people who need people. Sometimes it's joyful, sometimes it's painful and sometimes it's a mixture of the two. And in the midst of all that, we are delighted to celebrate 3 honorees, each of whom needs or is needed by others, in a unique way.

Thank you for celebrating with us,



A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shari K. Brink".

Dr. Shari K. Brink  
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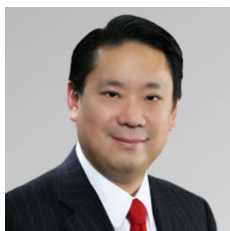
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## HONOREE

# KAAGNY, CHARLES YOON, ESQ.

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As President, Charles Yoon focuses on uplifting the Korean American community economically, socially, and culturally. He places a special emphasis on the need to address food insecurity to support emotional and mental wellbeing. Mr. Yoon is the first “1.5 generation” Korean American to lead the organization and takes special pride in continuing the work of the first generation while paving the way for future second and third generations.



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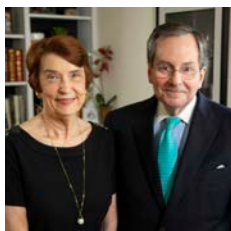
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## HONOREES

# ELEANOR AND JOHN RORER

*Nonprofit Executives, Board Members, Philanthropists*



John and Eleanor Rorer have crisscrossed New York City with positions at the city's most cherished institutions. John's career, spanning 4 decades, includes tenures at Polytechnic University, American Museum of Natural History, and New York Botanical Garden. At each of these institutions, John played a key role in executive level operations and management including strategic planning, government relations and financial planning.

Eleanor's career as a communications, PR, and media relations executive, includes some of the city's most highly regarded educational and healthcare institutions: Columbia University, The New York Public Library, and United Hospital Fund. Both John and Eleanor's careers have made lasting impacts on New York City's nonprofit landscape.

John served on the Board of Blanton-Peale from 2015-2020 and as Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee of the Board, where he championed Blanton-Peale's growth and development. Both John and Eleanor have Co-Chaired the Gala Committee which plays a pivotal role in Blanton-Peale's annual fundraising efforts through the Norman Vincent Peale Awards Event.

# Congratulations **Eleanor & John Rorer**

for this well-deserved recognition of your  
faithful service to Blanton-Peale from your friends at  
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**“Well done, good and faithful servants!”**



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**Meg Armstrong and Greg Lozier**  
congratulate

**Eleanor and John Rorer**

as recipients of the  
2021 Norman Vincent Peale Award for Positive Thinking  
and salute their many contributions and service to  
New York's non-profit philanthropies

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## HONOREES

# FDNY EMS CHIEF LILLIAN BONSIGNORE CAPTAIN RENAE MASCOL



FDNY EMS is one the country's largest, most admired, and highly skilled emergency response units. They respond to thousands of emergencies each day and provide life-saving medical and mental health first aid to anyone in need. They are on the frontlines – whether pandemic or tropical storm or personal event – of addressing the many challenges New Yorkers face.

Accepting the awards on behalf of FDNY EMS are Chief Lillian Bonsignore and Captain Renae Mascol. Chief Bonsignore started her career in 1991 as an EMT for the City of New York. In 2001 she was on the front lines of Ground Zero. Bonsignore became a Lieutenant in 2005, was promoted to Captain in 2010, served as station Commander of two EMS Stations in Brooklyn and was promoted to Deputy Chief in the EMS Academy in 2013. In 2016, she became the Chief of the EMS Academy and in May of 2019 she was promoted to highest ranking EMS Officer - Chief of the Bureau of EMS for the FDNY, the first female and openly gay person to hold the position. Chief Bonsignore now supervises 4,400 EMTs and paramedics, EMS officers, and civilian employees in the EMS Bureau and is responsible for overseeing operations, planning, strategic initiatives and logistics.

Captain Renae Mascol is an honored member of the FDNY EMS. She has served for over 26 years and has been recognized for her unyielding desire to serve the public and to fulfill her obligation, professionally and honestly, to public safety. She rose to the rank of Captain in 2020 just as the pandemic was beginning. Her service includes responding to 9/11, serving on the first responder team for Superstorm Sandy and she continued her dedicated leadership throughout the pandemic. The Captain sets a prime example for her team with a faithful commitment to the mission and values of the FDNY EMS.



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*To my FDNY EMS colleagues*

*Thank you for the difficult  
sacrifices you've made, the  
extra shifts you've pulled,  
and all that you've done  
for New Yorkers during  
this pandemic.*

*With love and appreciation,  
Ann Kansfield, FDNY Chaplain*

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**Congratulations to  
the Blanton-Peale  
2021 Awardees for  
Positive Thinking**

**In Celebration of Mental  
& Spiritual Health**

*Jodi & Michael Smart*

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**For their support of the  
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Congratulations to our fellow  
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Award Recipients!

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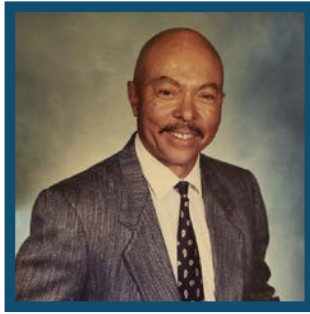
Chief Lillian Bonsignore and  
Captain Renae Mascol

**Korean American Association  
of Greater New York**

Charles Yoon

Your work ensures our city and  
fellow New Yorkers can thrive.

- John and Eleanor Rorer -



*J. Wayne Davis*

**The J. Wayne Davis Scholarship Fund** was established to help Black, Indigenous and People of Color train for professions in mental health. His family established the fund to combat the potentially dangerous impact of depression that can occur at any stage of life.

J. Wayne Davis symbolized an experience of a successful, self-employed, health-conscious individual who suddenly found himself struggling with depression. He taught us the importance of caring for both the physical and mental aspects of our health.

Thank you to contributors to the J. Wayne Davis Scholarship Fund and to Blanton-Peale Institute and Counseling Center for supporting Black, Indigenous and People of Color in their pursuit of mental health professions.

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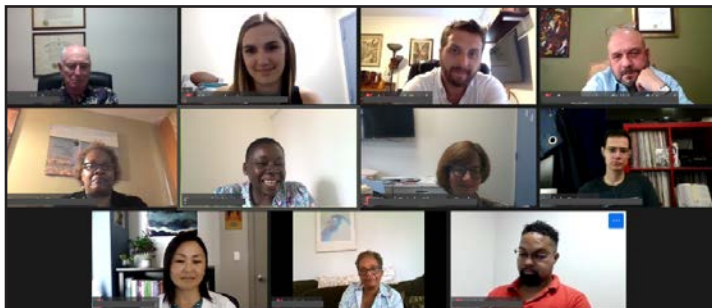
# ADDRESSING A MENTAL HEALTH PANDEMIC

We've heard of "long haulers" among those who have been sick with Covid. The emotional long haul to the pandemic is no different. It will take time for us – as individuals and as a society – to recover from the trauma, grief, and loss of the pandemic.

Blanton-Peale is here for the long haul, committed to a model that best serves New York City's vulnerable populations – one that is affordable and accessible, holistic, and culturally- responsive.

At Blanton-Peale, we've taken the pandemic as an opportunity to experiment with new possibilities:

- Our quick pivot to telehealth and online learning has been an experiment in making mental health care both affordable and accessible. Telehealth has been a huge gift.
- Our therapists are expanding their skills and ensuring they are well-equipped to serve frontline workers, Black, Brown and Asian people, and those with intersectional identities – and, in general, those who are economically challenged.
- We've examined our scholarship structure, looking at how we can raise up more mental health professionals. It's clear there's a need, especially for more therapists of color.



# LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

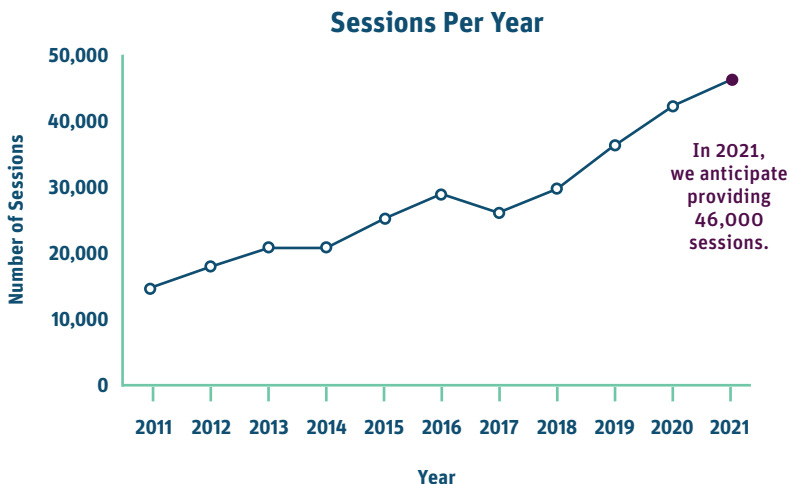
As we plan for “post-pandemic” mode, Blanton-Peale will incorporate our newly developed telehealth capacity alongside in-person approaches.

A new strategic plan, forged in the pandemic and these times of heightened tension, sets our trajectory for the future. It makes clear our intention to

- expand services for vulnerable populations
- expand the pipeline of mental health professionals prepared to serve people of color, LGBTQ people, and young adults
- align our training around Blanton-Peale’s unique approach
- reach further into communities through partnerships

The plan also undergirds our extreme growth – we’ve tripled our impact in 10 years – by building internal capacity.

And we’ve put a focus on financial sustainability with a financial plan that is agile, allowing us to navigate the unknowns of a post-pandemic world.





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*The Peale Foundation congratulates and thanks  
Blanton-Peale Institute & Counseling Center  
for its committment to being bold and positive  
about addressing mental and spiritual health.*

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OF GREATER NEW YORK  
Charles Yoon, Esq., President



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**Congratulations Charles Yoon for receiving  
a 2021 Norman Vincent Peale Award.**

It is a well-deserved honor, and I am proud of you.  
Thank you for your leadership in the  
Korean American Community.

**Dr. Yung Duk Kim**

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**KACE, KAFSC, KCS, and MinKwon congratulate  
Charles Yoon and KAAGNY for its recognition at the  
2021 Norman Vincent Peale Virtual Awards. Thank you  
for your leadership in the Korean American community.**





# CONGRATULATIONS TO

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of Greater New York  
Charles Yoon**

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*“There is a real magic in enthusiasm. It spells the difference between mediocrity and accomplishment.”*

*- Norman Vincent Peale -*

We enthusiastically want to thank the honorees who have devoted their lives to making New York City a better, more welcoming and safe place for all New Yorkers. We also wish to thank the clinicians and staff at Blanton-Peale for their commitment to serving New Yorkers through a most challenging year and what you have all accomplished together.



# **Congratulations to the 2021 Norman Vincent Peale Honorees**

**We salute your achievements  
and celebrate your success!**



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*Lisa Topham and  
Marty Ludwin  
Congratulate the  
2021 Honorees*

**Thank you  
Blanton-Peale Team!**

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**Sending love and  
celebrating you,  
John and Eleanor.**

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# THANK YOU

A huge thank you to each and every Blanton-Peale therapist, psychiatrist, resident, fellow and intern for the ways you support and care for your clients!

Deep gratitude to our faculty and supervisors for training the next generation of mental health professionals – ready to serve those most affected in these tumultuous times.

Heartfelt thanks to our receptionists, billing and finance staff, intake coordinators, clinic managers, and program directors for your incredible dedication and tenacity.

Together, we are a creative force helping New Yorkers to heal, to grow and to flourish.

With gratitude,



**DR. SHARI BRINK**

# THANK YOU

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