

# Special Award

## Nomination Form

Please attach this form to your one-page nomination for a Special Award. This award will be presented to the member(s) or group(s) who/which has made an extraordinary contribution to AAPL, the land profession, the industry, or the community. May include but is not limited to:

- **Education** – may be presented to a member who has achieved a level of unusual distinction in AAPL’s continuing education program as demonstrated by his/her contribution of time and service to the betterment of land professionals.
- **AAPL Committee Member Award** – may be presented to an AAPL Committee member who has greatly exceeded expectations.
- **Community Service** – may be presented to a member who has contributed greatly toward civic improvement in his/her local community.
- **Other** – may be presented to a member who has achieved unusual distinction or contributed significantly the betterment of land professionals in any other way deemed worthy of recognition.

NAME OF NOMINEE: Professional Landmen’s Association of New Orleans (PLANO)  
Community Affairs Committee

LOCAL ASSOCIATION AFFILIATION: Professional Landmen’s Association of New Orleans (PLANO)

NOMINATED BY: Ryan Schneider (PLANO AAPL Director) on behalf of PLANO Board of Directors



## AAPL 2019 Community Service Award – PLANO Nomination

### Professional Landmen's Association of New Orleans (PLANO) Community Affairs Committee

The PLANO Community Affairs Committee, led by JoAnn Anderson, was formed years ago and is tasked with the responsibility of working with different charities throughout the Greater New Orleans area. The Community Affairs Committee was formed to enable volunteers and financial support for various charitable efforts, several of which are depicted below.

PLANO has donated more than \$26K over the past 6 years to support the opening of the new Louisiana Children's Museum (LCM) in New Orleans. On August 31, 2019 the city of New Orleans cut the ribbon for this new landmark in City Park, opening the doors of the LCM to excited children young and old. The dedication ceremony included speeches by many dignitaries and elected officials, with a procession led by a local high school marching band through the mist on the foot bridge over the lagoon. The museum is world class in scope and located within an 8.5 acre area of New Orleans City Park. The interior of the museum unfolds into 5 indoor themed areas spread over two floors. PLANO's significant contributions were specifically allocated to the building of the **Dig Into Nature** and **Exploring for Energy in the Gulf of Mexico** Exhibits. The **Exploring for Energy** exhibit has an oil platform display of a wonderful drawing of an offshore drilling rig by regular PLANO distinguished speaker Eric Zimmerman's 8 year old daughter. The wooden plaque reads: "Exploring for energy in the Gulf of Mexico is challenging. Offshore platforms explore below the seabed. They can drill deep and extract and process oil and gas. Some rigs are made of man-made islands. New ideas improve energy exploration". Additionally, there is a series of tables where the kids use their imaginations to connect multi shape clear pieces lined with magnets to build drill rigs and other structures. PLANO's contributions, and recognition of such throughout the LCM, are a testament to the Landmen's involvement in the New Orleans community to help build such a wonderful legacy for our children. This dream has become an engaging reality that we all can be proud of.

The LCM build is only the most recent example of PLANO's community support. Over the years PLANO has supported homes for battered and abused women and their children, donated supplies to the New Orleans Mission for Thanksgiving dinner, donated shirts for the Children's Hospital Juvenile Diabetes Camp and supplied uniforms for a Special Olympics basketball team. Also, PLANO has supported Catholic Charities of New Orleans Care Centers which provides emergency shelter for mothers and their children, hosted annual Christmas parties and donated back-to-school supplies and contributed Easter clothing to needy centers. PLANO made donations exceeding \$50K to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette to help jumpstart the Professional Land Management (PLM) Program, and PLANO helped fund -- through an annual fundraiser held at the Pavilion of Two Sisters in City Park -- a project to build a garden in City Park Botanical Garden. The list goes on and on, but, last, here are some other examples of PLANO's community involvement over the years: Children's Hospital, New Orleans Mission, Boys Hope Girls Hope, United Way of Southeast Louisiana, Make-A-Wish Foundation, No Kid Hungry, Hogs for the Cause, Northshore Food Bank, Children's Advocacy Center, Dress for Success, Lafayette Charter School, and The Refuge Women's Center.

Pictures of the Louisiana Children's Museum in New Orleans

