



Nominations Open for Nation's Top Honor in Public Interest Computing

The 2020 Tides Pizzigati Prize will award \$10,000 to an open source software developer whose work is helping nonprofit groups and activists survive and thrive.

November 1, 2019, San Francisco, Calif. – Nominations are now being accepted for the **13th annual Antonio Pizzigati Prize for Software in the Public Interest**, the nation's highest honor for software developers committed to the struggle for innovative social change.

Tides will be accepting nominations for this year's \$10,000 prize through December 15. The 2020 winner will be announced next March at the Nonprofit Technology Network annual conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

The Pizzigati Prize honors talented and creative computer programmers who develop open source software products that add significant value to the nonprofit sector. Tides welcomes nominations from both developers and the nonprofits who work with them.

Past Pizzigati Prize winners have made important contributions on a variety of fronts. Bob Russell, the 2019 winner, has worked with the Silicon Valley-based Community Technology Alliance to develop software that helps housing activists and their organizations get the right resources to the right people at the right time.

The LEAP Encryption Access Project led by the 2018 Pizzigati Prize winner, Andre Bianchi, is giving nonprofits and journalists and human rights activists easy access to secure communications. Thanks to the work of the 2017 Pizzigati Prize winner, Taylor Downs, nonprofits that used to waste countless hours manually moving data from one application to another can now shift information about on a time-effective basis.

The 2016 Pizzigati Prize recipient, Cristina Lopes, has been the moving force behind OpenSimulator, the non-commercial software that has opened the 3D virtual world to nonprofits all across the globe. "Pizzigati Prize winners are showing us all just how much programmers can contribute to social change efforts," notes Sonya Watson, coordinator of this year's prize competition. "Our winners are also inspiring young software talents the world over."

The Pizzigati Prize honors the brief life of Tony Pizzigati, an early champion of open source computing. Born in 1971, Tony spent his college years at MIT, where he helped work digital magic at the world-famous MIT Media Lab. Tony died in a 1995 auto accident on his way to work in Silicon Valley.

Full details on the Tides Pizzigati Prize, the nation's largest annual award in public interest computing, appear online at www.pizzigatiprize.org.

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