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**Philanthropist and Paylocity Founder Steve Sarowitz
to Receive Race Amity Medal of Honor**

The National Center for Race Amity (NCRA) has announced that Steve Sarowitz, founder of Wayfarer Foundation and Paylocity, and co-founder of Wayfarer Studios, will be honored this fall with the National Center for Race Amity's Medal of Honor. NCRA cited Sarowitz's commitment and work in advancing racial justice, equity, and access through his entrepreneurship and philanthropy.

"Steve Sarowitz is a servant to the underserved in the mold of the legendary Julius Rosenwald," said Dr. William "Smitty" Smith, Founding Executive Director of NCRA. "Steve's collaboration and work with the underserved to develop organizations and programs centered on needs as defined by them places his service in a different category from other philanthropic enterprises. This is particularly evident in his focus and support of Native American communities."

Mr. Sarowitz, Founder and Chairman of Paylocity, a human capital management software company, has focused his philanthropic work on promoting unity and universal education and on working to eliminate racism, sexism, and religious prejudice. He served as executive producer for the award-winning documentaries "Maya Angelou: And Still, I Rise" and "The Gate: Dawn of the Baha'i Faith." He will join a roster of notable past recipients of the Race Amity Medal of Honor, which includes civil rights leader Dolores Huerta; documentary filmmaker Ken Burns; President Michael Higgins of Ireland; renowned philosopher and activist Cornel West; and recently deceased law professor and attorney Charles Ogletree.

The National Center for Race Amity created the Race Amity Medal of Honor awards program in 2013 to recognize and honor individuals who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to advancing access and equity in society through interracial partnerships. The awards are generally presented at a banquet held annually on the eve of the National Race Amity Conference each November.

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This year's Race Amity Medal of Honor awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, November 9 at 6:30 PM at Atlanta's historic Mary Mac's Tea Room, 224 Ponce De Leon Ave NE.

Along with Sarowitz, this year's recipients are Debby Irving, best-selling author of *Waking Up White*; John Calipari, University of Kentucky men's basketball coach and advisor/mentor to NBA players of color; and Robert C. Henderson, Ed.D., a Fortune 500 diversity consultant.

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