

FNIH Wins Gold Stevie Award for Organization of the Year; FNIH President and Executive Director Dr. Maria C. Freire Wins Gold for Woman of the Year

New York, NY, November 20, 2017— The Foundation for the National Institutes of Health (FNIH) is proud to announce that it received the **Gold Stevie Award for Organization of the Year** in the government/nonprofit category of the Women in Business Awards. Now in its 14th year, the Stevie Awards are considered the world’s premier business awards and one of the most coveted prizes around the globe.

The FNIH’s President and Executive Director, Maria C. Freire, Ph.D., also received a **Gold Stevie Award for Woman of the Year** in the government/non-profit category. Dr. Freire accepted both awards on behalf of the FNIH at an awards dinner in New York on Friday, November 17, 2017.

“I am truly honored and humbled to receive the Gold Stevie Awards for the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health. It is wonderful to be recognized alongside so many inspiring women entrepreneurs, executives, employees and organizations,” said Dr. Freire. “This win represents a testament to all of the hard work and dedication of our FNIH team, including the staff and the Board of Directors, working diligently to fulfill our mission of advancing breakthrough biomedical discoveries and improving people’s lives.”

More than 1,500 nominations from organizations of all sizes and in virtually every industry were submitted this year for consideration in more than 90 categories. Stevie Award winners were selected by more than 170 executives worldwide who participated in the judging process.

Details about the Stevie Awards for Women in Business and the list of winners are available at: www.StevieAwards.com/Women.

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About the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health

The Foundation for the National Institutes of Health creates and manages alliances with public and private institutions in support of the mission of the NIH, the world’s premier medical research agency. The Foundation, also known as the FNIH, works with its partners to accelerate biomedical research and strategies against diseases and health concerns in the United States and across the globe. The FNIH organizes and administers research projects; supports education and training of new researchers; organizes educational events and symposia; and administers a series of funds supporting a wide range of health issues. Established by Congress in 1990, the FNIH is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. For additional information about the FNIH, please visit fnih.org.