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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

#### **BARRIER FREE LIVING NAMED AS FINALIST IN 4th ANNUAL NYC IMAGINE AWARDS**

*NYC Imagine Awards Winners to Be Announced on  
Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at Guastavino's*

**NEW YORK, NY – AUGUST 1, 2024 – BARRIER FREE LIVING** NEW YORK, NY was named a Finalist in the JP Morgan Chase Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility (DEIA) category in the 4th Annual NYC Imagine Awards. The NYC Imagine Awards was created to offer formal acknowledgment to some of NYC metro's most effective and innovative nonprofit organizations. The 4th Annual NYC Imagine Awards nonprofit competition will take place on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at Guastavino's, 409 E. 59th St., NY, NY.

With over 230 applications submitted for consideration in 6 categories, including Innovation, Leadership Excellence, Rising Star, Social Impact, Arts & Culture and DEIA. BARRIER FREE LIVING is one of four finalists in the JP Morgan Chase Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility (DEIA) category. The winners receive \$5,000 and will be announced LIVE at the event. A special thanks to Webster Bank who will be providing each finalist with \$1,000.

"Barrier Free Living is honored to be nominated for this amazing award and in particular in the DEIA category," said Cynthia Amodeo, CEO at Barrier Free Living. "For over 40 years, we have been committed to advocating for people with disabilities and survivors of domestic violence and we are fully committed to DEIA in all that we do."

Finalists were chosen by NYC business and nonprofit professionals during preliminary judging. Members of the Awards' Distinguished Judging Panel selected the NYC Imagine Awards winners from among the Finalists during final judging.

"The Imagine Awards honors the best of the best, so being named an Imagine Award finalist is a big deal," said NYC Imagine Awards founder Ken Cerini of Cerini & Associates, LLP. "All of the finalists are incredible with extremely effective, innovative, and impactful operations ... they are truly making a difference for all of us."

Details about NYC Imagine Awards and the list of Finalists in all categories are available at <https://nycimagineawards.com/>

### **About Barrier Free Living**

Barrier Free Living (BFL) began its ground-breaking work with people with disabilities in 1978 as a Federally funded Research and Demonstration Project first known as "Project Outward Bound". Since then, BFL has gone on to work with thousands of people with disabilities, has launched several successful award-winning programs and has become a leader in working with survivors of domestic violence with disabilities. [www.bflnyc.org](http://www.bflnyc.org)

### **About The Imagine Awards**

The Imagine Awards was created in 2012 on Long Island by Ken Cerini, Managing Partner of Cerini & Associates, LLP. Honoring organizations of all types and sizes and the people behind them, the Imagine Awards recognize outstanding performances in the Community. 2024 will represent the 4th Annual event in NYC. To learn more about the NYC Imagine Awards, visit [www.NYCimagineawards.com](http://www.NYCimagineawards.com).

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