DIFFERENCE MAKERS AWARDS 2023

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ABOUT

The SANS Difference Makers Awards shine a light on the cybersecurity practitioners who are leading innovative developments in the industry, who've made outstanding security achievements, and who are contributing back to the InfoSec community in ways that deserve recognition.

DATE AND LOCATION

Wednesday, December 13th - starting at 6:00pm
A part of SANS Cyber Defense Initiative at The Washington Hilton.

Washington Hilton
1919 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20009

WHY PARTICIPATE?

As a sponsor of the Difference Maker Awards, you’re given a unique opportunity to simultaneously elevate your brand and demonstrate your company’s commitment to community support. The event is much more than just an awards ceremony—it’s a platform for your brand to shine amidst a diverse and highly-engaged audience. This isn’t just about logo representation—it’s about connecting, engaging, and making a tangible difference in cybersecurity.

Don’t just reach this audience, resonate with them.
Last year was the first time we opened voting to the general public. We anticipate even greater participation this year! We saw excellent social engagement from nominees and winners, who were provided with graphics to share throughout the nomination and voting process.

As a sponsor, we encourage you to leverage your social network to promote this event too.
## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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| Presenting Sponsor                               | $20,000 | **Before the Awards**  
Your logo on Website, Signage, and Program Guide  
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**At the Awards**  
Host a table of 10 clients at the Awards dinner  
Onscreen branding and recognition during the reception and awards ceremony (logo on stage)  
An invitation on stage to present the award to the category winner  
**After the Awards**  
Your logo in an email announcing the winners  
Continuing presence on the Awards website offering coverage of the winners. |
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