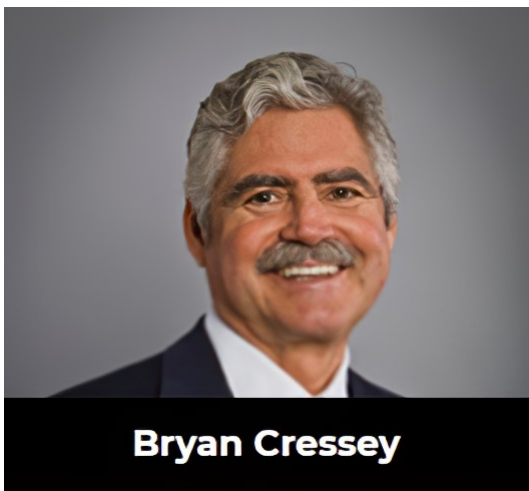




StreetWise is pleased to announce this year's 20 Most Inspiring Chicagoans who are making the city a better place to live and work. The honorees, selected by a committee of Streetwise Board of Directors and affiliated partners, will be celebrated throughout the month of September leading up to a virtual annual celebration of empowerment, inspiration.

"The 20 Most Inspiring Chicagoans Award celebrates those who champion and empower our neighbors each day, many of whom are disenfranchised and without hope," says Julie Youngquist, Executive Director. *"We found true catalysts for change during this process, much like StreetWise Magazine has been a catalyst for change for more 28 years. We look forward to recognizing these individuals at our virtual StreetWise Gala Celebration and appreciate the positive difference they are making in our city and surrounding communities."*

BRYAN CRESSEY



Bryan Cressey

Bryan Cressey, founder of Above and Beyond Recovery Center, an innovative addiction treatment facility in Chicago providing transformative services to the homeless and uninsured who would otherwise have no access to treatment. Above and Beyond employs evidence-based techniques, encouraging its clients to see the consequences of their behavior as something they can change by changing their beliefs about their lives-often complicated with challenging circumstances of poverty, homelessness, abuse, and addiction. Only 4 years old, Above and Beyond has

been named as one of the best three addiction treatment centers in Chicago. He is also the co-founder of Golder, Thoma, Cressey, Rauner, and Thoma Cressey Bravo in 1997, and Cressey & Company in 2008, along with co-founding Frist Cressey Ventures in 2015 with longtime friend and business partner, Senator Bill Frist.



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