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Volunteer Fairfax and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will Honor Local Volunteers

Fairfax, VA – Volunteer Fairfax, along with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, will honor more than 130 local volunteers on Friday, April 24, 2009, during the seventeenth annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards. The Service Awards is one of the largest community-wide recognition events for volunteers. More than 500 guests are expected to be in attendance at the early morning ceremony.

This year, the Fairfax County Volunteer Service Award theme is “Gone Volunteering.” Kathleen Matthews, Executive Vice President of Global Communications and Public Affairs with Marriott International, will serve as the ceremony’s keynote speaker, and Doug McKelway Morning co-anchor at ABC7, will emcee the early morning event. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, who serve as honorary chairs for the event, will present the Awards to the winners during the ceremony.

In addition to the nominees, Volunteer Fairfax will recognize local Community Champions appointed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. These individuals are dedicated to improving life in Fairfax County by bringing together volunteers, employees and interested citizens to address needs and issues in the County. Each district will have one Community Champion honored at the event.

Established in 1993, the Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards serve as a community-wide celebration of volunteerism around national volunteer recognition week. The Awards honor

individual volunteers, groups, families, civic associations, volunteer programs and corporate employee groups that have given outstanding volunteer service through a broad range of activities and programs. Over the past 16 years, Volunteer Fairfax has honored more than 1,600 individuals for their commitment to the community.

Winners will be announced during the breakfast ceremony starting at 8 a.m, on Friday, April 24, 2009, at the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church. For more information about the nominees, the Awards or to purchase a ticket, visit www.volunteerfairfax.org or call 703-246-3460. Tickets can be purchased online for a cost of \$35 for individuals.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

WHERE: Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042

WHEN: Doors open at 7:30 a.m. and the ceremony will begin at 8:00 a.m.

VISUALS: Volunteers from all over Fairfax County will be honored by Volunteer Fairfax, the Board of Supervisors and community members.

Volunteer Fairfax is building a better community through service. As a respected leader of community volunteerism for more than 34 years, Volunteer Fairfax connects individuals, youth, seniors, families and corporations to volunteer opportunities at more than 700 organizations in the Fairfax County area. The Center has worked with more than 50,000 volunteers since its inception and has helped give more than 500,000 hours of volunteer service back to the community through its programs such as the Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards, Volunteers for Change, VolunteerFest[®], A Celebration of Giving and Sharing[®], the emergency response program, and business services for corporate volunteers.

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