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PRIORITIZING OUR COMMUNITY'S VOICES THROUGH VOLUNTEERISM.

2020 was a year filled with uncertainty, fear, loss, and grief as COVID-19 ravaged the globe. It changed how we could gather together, increased the need for support for our most vulnerable neighbors, and challenged us to create new ways of solving even the simplest of problems. We saw racial injustice escalate on a national level, calling us to take a firmer stand in prioritizing equity and equality for all our neighbors.

And yet in a myriad of ways we rose together and stood firm as a community to support one another. We made sure that food continued to reach those who needed it. We navigated virtual platforms to continue to connect with one another and to learn new skills. We showed up for those enduring crises and living with illness, those looking for new opportunities, and those looking for someone to say, "I'm here and I see you. You are important and you matter to this world."

With all this in mind, the Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards in its 29th year looks a bit different than previous events. No early alarm to get us to the venue on time. No catching up with old friends or making new connections as we wait for the ballroom doors to open. Not so much pageantry and definitely no gathering together over a meal while wearing our finest attire without a single face mask to be seen.

Instead, Volunteer Fairfax and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors prioritized the voices of our winners through our virtual event, created Kudoboards for the community to connect with one another while celebrating these inspiring leaders, and published this virtual program to amplify the ways we can support our neighbors.

Through these digital platforms, we highlight the many ways each and every one of us continued to say we shall not be overcome. We are proud to share the stories of over 180 nominees across the Community Champion, Competitive, and #StrongerTogether categories. While we are inspired by the individuals within these pages, we know that it takes each and every one of us doing our part to show that good connects us even in the darkest of times.

Volunteer Fairfax PRESENTS

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

LEADING VOICES
WORKING TO ERADICATE
SYSTEMIC RACISM AND
INJUSTICE.

THE INVISIBILITY OF RACISM: I, WE AND US

WEDNESDAY - MAY 26, 2021 - 10:00AM

Panelists

- TAMARA LUCAS COPELAND AUTHOR
- LUISA BOYARSKI GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
- KIM JONES THE NONPOFIT VILLAGE

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NO "ONE RIGHT WAY": CREATING NEW SYSTEMS FOR VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 16,2021 - 10:00AM

Presenter:

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MARK R. WARNER VIRGINIA



Dear Friends,

I am pleased to extend my warmest congratulations to the nominees and winners of the 2021 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards.

The last few months have been extraordinarily difficult, and so many Virginians have experienced great hardship. In the face of this suffering, you made the choice to volunteer to improve the lives of your neighbors. I am a firm believer that anything can be accomplished if individuals come together with a willingness to help and a can-do spirit. I commend you for your compassion and generosity.

Since the outbreak began, my top priority has been to provide our Commonwealth with the tools we need to fight this pandemic and help individuals, non-profits, and businesses make it through these tough times. I will continue this work for you in the United States Senate just as I know you will continue to help your fellow Virginians by volunteering. Thank you, again, for all that you are doing to help us get through this crisis together.

Sincerely,

MARK R. WARNER United States Senator

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April 20, 2021

Volunteer Fairfax 10700 Page Ave #101 Fairfax, VA 22030

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the residents of Virginia's 8th Congressional District, I am pleased to offer my sincere congratulations to this year's Volunteer Service Award recipients and nominees. Your devotion to serving Northern Virginia is evident through your continued dedication to community service. I want to thank Volunteer Fairfax and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for making this event possible.

Today's recipients and nominees have not let the pandemic stop their selfless compassion and determination for the public good. The work that these volunteers have accomplished over the past year to address Northern Virginia's growing needs that have been exacerbated by COVID-19 pandemic has saved countless lives. I am proud to represent such altruistic constituents.

Again, congratulations on today's honor and happy National Volunteer Appreciation Week!

Sincerely,

Member of Congress

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JENNIFER WEXTON

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April 8, 2021

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to recognize the remarkable volunteers nominated and awarded today at the 29th Annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards during this year's National Volunteer Appreciation Week. I would like to thank Volunteer Fairfax and the Fairfax Board of Supervisors for hosting this awards event and allowing me to express my gratitude to those who go above and beyond to contribute to our community needs.

These individuals, groups, and organizations in Fairfax County have contributed outstanding volunteer service to the community over the past year. The COVID-19 pandemic has created unprecedented levels of need, and the continued strength and selflessness of the volunteers in our local communities provides crucial support during these difficult times.

While today we are honoring the select few who will be recognized, I want to thank all the volunteers who are generous with their time and serve as a positive impact on our community. Your service does not go unnoticed and is worthy of our highest praise and respect.

I congratulate each of today's honorees and thank them, along with all the Fairfax volunteers, for their dedication to our community.

Sincerely,

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Dear Friends,

It is my honor to recognize the Volunteer Service Award nominees and winners at the 29th Annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards. This year we celebrate the strength and dedication of the countless volunteers that have found ways to mobilize during this pandemic and meet the changing needs of our community.

Over the past 45 years, Volunteer Fairfax has worked tirelessly to provide for our community and has instilled a passion for volunteerism in thousands of people all over the county. As our region has experienced the detrimental effects of the coronavirus pandemic, that passion for service has been critical in maintaining and creating programs that are changing lives. For example, volunteers have provided thousands of handmade masks to help stop the spread of the virus, wrote cards and letters to our vulnerable communities that have had to stay isolated from loved ones, and have distributed food through the "Stuff the Bus" program that has been vital as many people are out of work and children are without traditional school meals. When this county desperately needed assistance, Volunteer Fairfax went above and beyond that call to action, and for that I am so proud to have this incredible organization in my district.

While we recognize all volunteers, who worked to serve others during these difficult times, there are individuals who went the extra mile when serving others, and those people are being honored at this year's program. I have always spoken about the importance of serving and supporting our communities, especially those in need, and the nominees and winners of this year's awards exemplify that service perfectly. These dedicated volunteers have impacted thousands of lives and have shown us the value of selflessness and service.

I commend Volunteer Fairfax for its decades of service to the community and those in need, and for striving to fulfill its mission of enhancing the quality of life for individuals through the support of our community. I look forward to our continued partnership and wish you further success in all that you do for the residents of Fairfax County.

With Warmest regards,

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Gerald E. Connolly, Member of Congress 11th District, Virginia

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Ralph S. Northam Governor

April 20, 2021

Dear Friends:

I would like to take a moment to personally thank Volunteer Fairfax, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and the Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards winners and nominees for the incredible work you have performed over the past year.

As a doctor, veteran, and public servant, I know firsthand how vital it is to have the essential personnel on the front lines. Over the past year, the success of our COVID-19 response has relied on the numerous Virginians who have stepped up to lend a hand. Having met with your organization last year, I know that the organization is comprised of brave, dedicated, and hard-working individuals.

As a volunteer, you sacrificed your personal wellbeing, time, and resources to help some of Virginia's most vulnerable citizens. I commend you for your selfless service in accepting a very this mission on such short notice. You stepped into this role knowing the potential health risks to yourself and you still answered the call to service. Your efforts assisted in providing quality care to those in need – helping us mitigate potential further spread of the virus during this critical time.

Individuals such as yourself are the reason the Commonwealth is a wonderful place to call home. During these unprecedented times, your generosity, selflessness and the willingness to help others is nothing short of incredible. Your actions had a significant impact on providing care to Virginians. I am inspired by your bravery and dedication to your community.

I commend you for your willingness to serve and make a difference in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Thank you for answering the call for help.

Sincerely,

Ralph S. Northam

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April 6, 2021

Dear Fairfax County Volunteer Service Award Nominees & Honorees:

Congratulations! And thank you for all your tireless efforts to improve our community and support our neighbors. The importance of your contributions can never be overstated.

As volunteers, you consistently exemplify a mission to build, shape and strengthen the world we all share. While your work has always carried tremendous value, the importance of your service has become even clearer over this past year. We have all heard incredible stories of community support during this ongoing public health crisis and period of economic hardship. From the families supporting the critical services of their local food bank, to the HOAs conducting fundraisers and supply drives to provide frontline workers with necessary protective equipment, you have stepped up and met this moment. You have shown that the spirit of volunteerism is alive every day in our community.

My deepest gratitude goes to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for their continuing support of all our communities' selfless philanthropists; for understanding and supporting the value of volunteers; and for taking the time to highlight those who help our community thrive. I also want to thank Volunteer Fairfax for providing countless opportunities for service in our community – your efforts help make all this essential work possible.

I encourage everyone in our county and our commonwealth to heed the example that has been set by this year's nominees and honorees. If we all continue to rise to the challenges we face, we will get through this together.

Sincerely yours,

Eileen Filler-Corn

Speaker, Virginia House of Delegates

Delegate, 41st District

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2021 VSA PEER REVIEW JUDGES

E VERY YEAR, WE RECEIVE DOZENS OF NOMINATIONS FOR THE FAIRFAX COUNTY VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS, AND EVERY YEAR WE ASK A SELECT GROUP OF COMMUNITY LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS TO SELECT JUST ONE WINNER FOR EACH OF THE COMPETITIVE AWARDS.

B ECAUSE OF THE CALIBER OF THE NOMINATIONS WE RECEIVE, WE INVITE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE VARIOUS SECTORS IN THE VOLUNTEERING WORLD TO BE POTENTIAL JUDGES. HISTORICALLY, WE ASK A NONPROFIT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, A VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, A PAST VOLUNTEER

WINNER, A CORPORATE PARTNER, AND AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER IN THE COMMUNITY. BY BRINGING THESE INDIVIDUALS TOGETHER, WE ATTEMPT TO CREATE A BALANCED MIX OF PERSPECTIVES OF THOSE WHO UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEERISM IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WE WERE HONORED THAT THIS YEAR'S JUDGES ACCEPTED THE HEAVY AND SOLEMN DUTY OF SELECTING WINNERS BECAUSE OF THEIR OWN EXPERIENCE AND EXPERT KNOWLEDGE ON THE SACRIFICES AND COMMITMENTS VOLUNTEERS MAKE EVERY DAY.



BETH BARNES RETIRED Beth Barns has been involved in volunteer activities with Fairfax County for more than 20 years. Before the pandemic, she focused most of her energy on leading monthly bingo games with residents of Leewood Home as part of Volunteer Fairfax's Volunteers for Change program, and in helping as a gardener with Greenspring Gardens. Now fully retired, she hopes to become involved with more volunteer activities in her community and region.



JORGE E. FIGUERDO EDU-FUTURO Mr. Figueredo has extensive experience leading organizations and programs committed to advancing social justice and empowering immigrant communities.

Mr. Figueredo was the Executive Director of the Hispanic Committee of Virginia, and the director of the ACLU of Virginia's Racial Justice and Immigrant Rights Project.

Since Mr. Figueredo became Executive Director in May 2015, Edu-Futuro has grown six times in revenue and this growth has allowed Edu-Futuro to greatly increase its capacity and service to the community.

2021 VSA PEER REVIEW JUDGES



SUZANNE HOUGH
FACETS

Suzanne Hough is the Volunteer Manager for FACETS, a nonprofit that supports families and individuals in Fairfax County struggling with homelessness and poverty. Suzanne has more than ten years professional experience managing volunteers, and before joining the FACETS team she worked for Friends of the National Zoo as the Senior Volunteer Program Supervisor. She was delighted to be part of the team reviewing candidates and getting to see the amazing service provided to the Fairfax community! She is always on the lookout for great volunteers so please contact her to learn more about helping FACETS open doors for people in need!



DARR JENKINS LEIDOS Darr Jenkins is a Corporate Responsibility Specialist at Leidos, a Fortune 500° science and technology leader headquartered in Reston, VA. Darr is specifically focused on inclusion and equity at Leidos, believing that to achieve real success in creating a sustainable future we must meet people where they are and include all voices in the conversation. His role allows him to work side-by-side with colleagues and community organizations providing critically important services and opportunities to those in most need.



LISA JONESFAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Lisa Jones is a dedicated professional currently working with the Fairfax County
Government as a Benefits Program Specialist. She is also a dedicated volunteer and in
2020 was Chairman McKay's At Large Community Champion selection. She volunteers
in many roles including as a Fairfax County Elections Officer ensuring voters have
a safe and efficient experience at the voting booth on Election Day. She is also a
Neighborhood Ambassador and Member of the Board of Directors for United Community.
Lisa acknowledges community concerns, identifies problems, promotes improvements, and
informs community members about programs and services.



EDUCATION & LITERACY

Honors volunteers dedicated to education and literacy through activities including, but not limited to, tutoring, adult literacy, library-based initiatives, early childhood education, and intergenerational programs.



HUNGER HERO

Recognizes those who advocate for and support the issue of food insecurity by making food available to feed those in need, organizing food drives, and raising funds to support agencies/nonprofits who work within this mission area.



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Honors volunteers who work to protect and beautify our environment and natural surroundings, advocate for the preservation of our planet and strive to instill these values for our community.



QUALITY OF LIFE

Given to those working to improve lives by enhancing outcomes, providing care and support for the disabled, elderly, veterans and those facing substance abuse problems, mental disabilities, homelessness, poverty and animal welfare issues.



SOCIAL ADVOCACY

Honors volunteers who advocate for and support the righting of injustice for our community in areas such as, but not limited to, human rights, minority rights, domestic violence, housing, and job preparedness.



CORPORATE VOLUNTEER GROUP

Acknowledges a private, non-charitable business or employee volunteer group who demonstrated exceptional service to Fairfax County and/or the Washington, D.C., Metro region community in 2020.



RSVP NORTHERN VIRGINIA

Honors the efforts of volunteers age 55+ who make a valuable, lasting impact in and around Fairfax County. The RSVP Northern Virginia program unleashes the potential of volunteers ages 55 and older.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Honors a volunteer (age 21 years or under) for their outstanding service for a cause or to a nonprofit.



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

Honors an individual who, over the course of at least 15 years, has made significant contributions to Fairfax County through volunteer efforts.



#STRONGERTOGETHER HONORABLE MENTION

Honors volunteers who have risen to the unique challenges presented by the COVID 19 pandemic and who demonstrated a unique and exemplary response to the crisis through advocacy or volunteer service. This is a noncompetitive category, and is meant to honor all of the helpers during this crisis.









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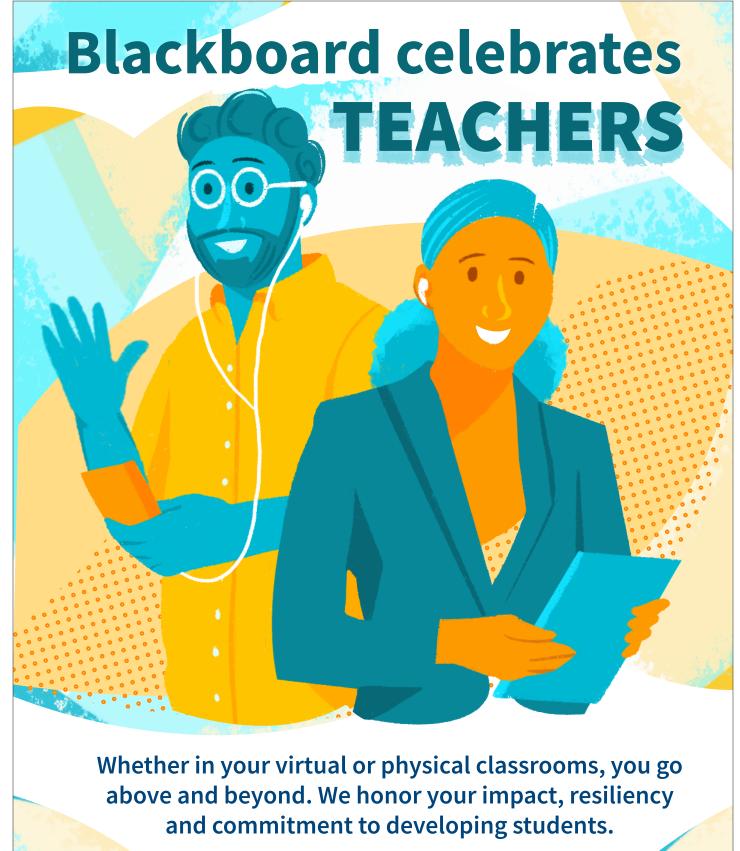
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EDUCATION & LITERACY AWARD WINNER



MIKE MULREANY

"WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO MIKE AND FOR HIS ONLINE CAPABILITIES. HE COMPLETELY PIVOTED OUR ORGANIZATION DURING A DIFFICULT PERIOD AT THE START OF THE COVID PANDEMIC AND SAVED OUR ENRICHMENT CLASSES BY CONVERTING EVERYTHING TO ZOOM FOR OUR SENIOR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE HAD 3 SEMESTERS OF ADVENTURES IN LEARNING (AIL), GOING INTO OUR 4TH IN THE YEAR 2021 AND OUR SENIORS HAVE ENJOYED CONTINUING TO EDUCATE THEMSELVES AND SOCIALIZE WITH THEIR SHEPHERD'S CENTER COMMUNITY DUE TO HIS INGENUITY AND RESOURCEFUL ZOOM TRAINING. HE IS A TOP-NOTCH PERSON AND VOLUNTEER, AND WE CANNOT THANK HIM ENOUGH FOR HELPING US CONTINUE TO ENGAGE OUR SENIOR COMMUNITY.

- JAYNE YOUNG, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

of fostering community and enrichment for Seniors. When the pandemic hit, he ensured that Seniors stayed connected to the Adventures in Learning (AIL) program that he leads. This program fosters learning for Seniors connecting them to each other and current topics. AIL has a host of benefits for Seniors, as lifelong learning aids in cognitive functioning as well as reminding us that when things seem bleak, exploration of the Arts, World Events and Science has the power to remind us of the beauty and mystery in our great world.

Mike is proactive, caring, and deeply committed to the Shepherd's Center mission

Mike took it upon himself to train Seniors on Zoom so they could continue to meet during lock-down providing an important connection to isolated Seniors during these difficult times. Moreover, he didn't stop there, seeing the increased need for support, Mike volunteered in the front office answering phones, scheduling appointments for Seniors and also became a volunteer driver. He stepped-up to answer the call again and again and was instrumental in keeping the Shepherd's Center programs on track to support vulnerable Seniors.

EDUCATION & LITERACY AWARD GROUP WINNER



GRANDINVOLVE

I'M THRILLED WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH GRANDINVOLVE IN MY CLASS-ROOM. THIS IS LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE."

- MANJULA GANESH, 2ND GRADE TEACHER

Public schools faced incredible challenges in 2020 into 2021. Online school brought unique problems for children already facing the challenges of poverty, the digital divide and often language barriers. GrandInvolve, an organization established in supporting these issues in the classroom, pivoted to support teachers and students in all new ways. First, Senior Leadership had to quickly ramp up new systems

and define new guidelines to allow tutors access to students in their virtual classrooms and beyond. Once systems were in place, they turned to recruiting and training volunteers to bend outside of their own comfort zone to learn new skills and techniques for engaging with kids online.

Leadership also formed key partnerships with Cornerstones, a local nonprofit, and Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) to find vulnerable children in need of support. Overall, GrandInvolve was able, in an extremely challenging environment, to engage seniors and to support youth in the classroom and to foster genuine relationships between them.

HUNGER HERO AWARD WINNER



ANA PEREZ

Ana Perez is just an ordinary person. A hard-working mom of 2 children trying to stay healthy and put food on the table for her family in a difficult year. Volunteering has always shown us the strength of the individual to effect profound change. Ana, a volunteer with Comunidad, was a regular volunteer at the emergency food distribution sites set-up by the non-profit to support neighbors in 2020 dealing with food insecurity during the pandemic. She volunteered with her sons, Ricardo and Charlie, setting an example for her children of the power of individuals to

help. After months of delivering what had started as an emergency program, Comunidad leaders felt that the food distribution program might have to be stopped, but Ana stepped-in to plead the case for her neighbors in need. She asked for just a few others who might be willing to continue with the program and committed that she and her sons would keep food coming for those in need. Thanks in part to Ana's commitment to the program, Comunidad continues to provide food to over 325 people each month at their distribution program in Falls Church.

"ANA, RICARDO, AND CHARLIE HAVE A HEART AND A VISION TO SEE THEIR COMMUNITY EXCEL IN EVERY WAY. ANA WAS DILIGENT IN HER COMMITMENT TO SERVE THE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN DURING THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION EFFORTS AND VCS, AND HER SONS WERE JUST AS COMMITTED TO SUPPORT THEIR COMMUNITY AS WELL. EACH DAY THEY CAME IN WITH A HUMBLE HEART AND WILLING SPIRIT AND GAVE OF THEIR TIME AND ENERGY TO CARE FOR THEIR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS. OUR FOOD DISTRIBUTION EFFORTS, NOR WOULD VCS HAVE CONTINUED SUCCESSFULLY WITHOUT ANA AND HER BOYS!"

- LORI KREIDER, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

HUNGER HERO AWARD GROUP WINNER



FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE CERT NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR GROCERY SHOPPING & PHARMACY PICK UP PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS

In the very early days of the pandemic, we all remember the stress of shopping and trying to secure everyday needed items like milk, eggs, bread, our prescription drugs and of course, toilet paper! At this time, looking to protect vulnerable Seniors, the Health Department turned to Fairfax County Fire and Rescue for support and the result became the Neighborto-Neighbor Shopping and Pharmacy Pick-Up program. Clients would call the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Coordinator

(staffed by the Fairfax County Health checked, generous volunteer. Department) who would reach out to a 133-member volunteer list curated by Fairfax County Fire and Rescue. The ask would be simple. For example, "Hey, a neighbor in Annandale needs someone to grocery shop for them. Can you help her out today?" A "yes" changed the world of the individual. The client would provide a shopping list, payment and a hour+ later, they would have the groceries from a mask-wearing, background

May - December 2020, the Neighborto-Neighbor Program completed 296 shopping trips and pharmacy pickups. Many of the shopping requests were requested and filled within 24-hours. Firefighters would often do the shopping trips after their full day's work or on their day off. The service provided and the comfort it afforded Seniors was immeasurable.

THE NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR PROGRAM TOOK A LOT OF FEAR OUT OF ME AT A TIME WITH SO MANY UNKNOWNS, ONE VOLUNTEER SHOPPER HAS CONTINUED TO HELP ME. I AM PAINTING HER A WATERCOLOR AS A WAY TO SAY THANK YOU."

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AWARD WINNER



SARA HOLTZ IS A SITE LEADER AT DIFFICULT RUN STREAM VALLEY PARK WITH THE FAIRFAX COUNTY'S INVASIVE MANAGEMENT AREA (IMA) PROGRAM. WITH HER CONNECTION TO THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA SARA HAS INFLUENCED MANY YOUTHS TO GET INVOLVED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH THE REMOVAL OF NON-NATIVE INVASIVE PLANTS FROM PARKLAND. SARA HAS HAD QUITE THE POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON MEMBERS OF HER COMMUNITY, EVEN INSPIRING NEIGHBORS TO JOIN THE IMA PROGRAM AS SITE LEADERS. SHE HAS ALSO SPENT HOURS UPON HOURS REMOVING INVASIVE SPECIES HERSELF AND REPLACING THEM WITH NATIVE PLANTS BENEFICIAL TO THE LOCAL WILDLIFE. SARA IS DEDICATED TO HABITAT RESTORATION VIA COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND BY TAKING ON THE GROUND ACTIONS!"

- GLORIA MEDINA, FCPA IMA

SARA HOLTZ

Sara is a tireless volunteer leader who supports many important environmental issues most relevant to Fairfax County while also passing on the spirit of environmental stewardship and volunteering to the next generation.

Whether she's pulling invasive plants at Difficult Run Stream Valley Park in Oakton, labeling storm drains or training the community in how to limit, recycle and upcycle waste, she does it all with an eye towards teaching the next generation.

Last year, her work was especially important because she was able to mobilize volunteers safely outdoors forming needed community events that got kids away from the computer screens and working together in the fresh air.

She serves as an advisor and teacher to Scout Troops and individual Scouts in environmental learning and project opportunities including advising on Eagle projects and a Hornaday Badge project.





SOUTH RUN LANDSCAPING TEAM

Stewards to the 195-acre South Run Park, the South Run Landscaping team, led by Sally Berman, created a master plan of what needed to be done, divided the plan into manageable parts and started working! They wisely enlisted the help of NOVA Natives, Earth Sangha and local garden experts to come up with plant lists that work well in various areas of the park

big improvement is using the plants that bloom in different seasons or bloom multiple times each year so there is always something to admire. They found inexpensive sources for plants and mulch including their own gardens, visitors' own gardens, Earth Sangha and the I-95 recycle center and the secured donations for plants. The team's resourcefulness and skills has

THERE IS NOTHING THAT MAKES ME FEEL BETTER COMING TO WORK THAN TO BE GREETED BY THE BEAUTIFUL GARDENS AT OUR ENTRANCE AND THROUGHOUT THE PARK AND WORKING WITH THE WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS THAT MADE THAT POSSIBLE."

- KURT LAUER, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, SOUTH RUN REC CENTER

and by favoring perennials were able to constantly improve the park's appearance rather than starting from scratch each year with annuals. They also maximized the results of their volunteer hours by using local native plants which require less maintenance and survive well even in low rain periods. Another allowed these plants to grow and flourish at South Run. In addition, the team recruited and trained new volunteers and harnessed their help to expand what the team alone could have accomplished.



LESLIE ANN WERTZ

LESLIE IS A VOLUNTEER WITH RECOVERY PROGRAM SOLUTIONS OF VIRGINIA (RPSV) WHICH IS A PEER-RUN ORGANIZATION, WHOSE TAGLINE IS "WE ARE WHO WE SERVE". THIS MEANS THAT RPSV IS STAFFED BY INDIVIDUALS WHO THEMSELVES LIVE WITH AND ARE IN SUSTAINED RECOVERY FROM MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE AND/OR HOMELESSNESS CHALLENGES.

LESLIE IS 22 YEARS SOBER AND DEDICATES HER TIME GIVING BACK TO THOSE WHO ARE ON THE PATH TO RECOVERY THEMSELVES. AS A WARM LINE OPERATOR FOR RPSV, LESLIE PROVIDES ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT TO COUNTLESS INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING LONELINESS, ISOLATION, EMOTIONAL DISTRESS, NEEDING SUPPORT WITH RESOURCES, AND A MYRIAD OF OTHER NEEDS OR CHALLENGES OVER THE PHONE.

AT SOUTH COUNTY SHE RUNS GROUPS, WORKS ONE-ON-ONE WITH INDIVIDUALS, SERVES FOOD AND MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE INDIVIDUALS RPSV SERVES. IN ADDITION, LESLIE ALSO SERVES AS AN RPSV BOARD MEMBER. WHATEVER HAT LESLIE IS WEARING SHE SHINES. SHE IS GENEROUS WITH HER TIME AND SPIRIT.



"LESLIE TREATS EVERYONE AS EQUALS, YET SHE MAKES EVERYONE FEEL SPECIAL AND IMPORTANT AT THE SAME TIME. THIS IS TRUE OF HER TEAMMATES AND PARTICIPANTS AS WELL. HER ENERGY IS INFECTIOUS"

- MRS. MICHELLE HURRELL

QUALITY OF LIFE AWARD GROUP WINNER









FAIRFAX COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER **CUSTODY FOSTERS**

This group includes four foster volunteers who provide an invaluable service to the shelter and the pets. When shelter animals are in a foster home the shelter staff is able to leverage resources including those needed for feeding, cleaning, walking afforded the ability to live in a home environment, just like they did before

coming to the shelter. These dogs and cats are living a great life with love, snuggles on the couch, sleeping in front of fireplaces and looking out the window. Without these foster volunteers the dogs and cats would have spent the last year in a cage. and socializing other animals. Pets are Also, because of the circumstances of the animals being with the shelter, these foster volunteers cannot let

people know they have these animals. They cannot share pictures or stories on social media (unlike all of the other fosters who are encouraged to share). These foster volunteers have taken these pets into their home and made them part of their family, knowing they may leave at a moment's notice. They give of their hearts.

THESE FOSTER VOLUNTEERS ARE UNSUNG HEROES WHO CONTINUE TO LONG TERM FOSTER, WAITING TO HEAR OF AN OUTCOME WHILE AT THE SAME TIME BONDING WITH THE PETS AND TREATING THEM LIKE FAMILY." - KAT LOPEZ, FCAS VOLUNTEER



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- DR MENETTA MYERS

Nancy is an interpreter and a strong support to the families. She has been with the Volunteer Interpreter Program (VIP) working with officers in the Fairfax County Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court since 2018 as an interpreter and advocate for families navigating the system.

On multiple occasions she agreed to be the only interpreter serving juveniles placed in County residential facilities, and she commits to working with the families throughout the whole process, rather than just on days that work for her. This has had a profound impact on the families served.

This volunteer work is so important to Nancy that once she commits to working with a juvenile and their family, she will rearrange her schedule, even putting family events to the side, to ensure she is present for every appointment. After the Covid-19 crisis hit and the detention center had to put on lockdown, she was the first person to suggest providing services virtually. In this way, she continued to support the juveniles in very stressful times going above and beyond her duties with the court to even support her charges in translating schoolwork.

SOCIAL ADVOCACY AWARD GROUP WINNER



















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LEADERS EVERYTHING. WE HAD TO ABANDON
MANY OF OUR VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS DUE
TO COVID-19. IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE START
THAT THE ONLY WAY TO SAFELY DELIVER
CRITICAL HOME REPAIRS WAS THROUGH
SMALL TEAMS OF TRUSTED VOLUNTEERS.
WITH CAREFUL THOUGHT, GREAT CARE AND
TRAINING THESE SIX HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
LEAD A CORE GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS TO
IMPROVE THE HOMES OF 42 LOW-INCOME
HOUSEHOLDS THIS YEAR."

- PATTI KLEIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REBUILDING TOGETHER EXPRESS TEAM LEADERS OF ARLINGTON, FAIRFAX & FALLS CHURCH

Rebuilding Together's work supports seniors ability to live safely and comfortably in their own homes. The pandemic directly affected both Rebuilding Together's clients, who were home around the clock, and their volunteers, most of whom are seniors themselves. A good deal of the teams' work goes toward Fall Safety with installation of grab bars, double stair rails, comfort-height toilets, and wheelchair ramps leading the list of repairs. These Fall Safety measures helped keep seniors out of hospitals during the Covid 19 pandemic. The team also address fire safety, security, moisture and ventilation problems, and energy upgrades. These dedicated leaders work closely with the homeowner, assemble the

tools and materials, and manage every aspect of the project. RT Express volunteer team leaders were able to safely and effectively develop new Worksite Safety Protocols on home repair work sites to include mandatory trainings to keep both our homeowners and volunteers safe from COVID-19. These dedicated team leaders not only pilot tested these protocols on projects, but they also provided essential feedback and guidance to ensure they worked in the field. RT Express volunteer team leaders filled the all- important role as RT Express team leader to ensure that low-income homeowners can live in safe and healthy homes.





SOPHIA BROWN

Sophia began working with Wheels to Africa in the 2nd Grade. She has grown into many roles since her early years including collecting bikes and repairing them, raising funds and awareness of how poverty negatively effects young people. She is passionate about helping all children in America and in Africa living in poverty. She helped increase Wheels to Africa's reach by raising awareness of the nonprofit's mission in her community of Vienna. Sophia also demonstrated initiative in fostering a partnership between Wheels to Africa and the Girl Scouts of America. She designed her Gold Award "Books and Bikes"

to include sending bikes and books to Africa to address the lack of transportation and reading materials. Sophia has been awarded a seat on the Board of Directors for the Girl Scouts for her Books and Bikes project. Sophia has created positive change by raising awareness about the many issues facing children in poverty and the challenges of education and infrastructure in third world countries. By focusing on a cause special to Sophia's heart - helping children in need - Sophia has changed thousands of lives.





NORTHWEST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Northwest Federal Credit Union has been a leader in responding to the COVID-19 crisis by redeploying resources to support several local food pantries and social service organizations who are on the front-line of serving the community. In addition, the team at Northwest actively worked with businesses and non-profits, without regard to membership with Northwest, to secure vital federal relief funds from the Cares Act. Their swift efforts secured \$100 million in relief grants locally, providing critical funding in tenuous times.

Northwest Federal Credit Union supports many local nonprofits and community initiatives every year including community and education programs like those at the Children's Science Center, future leader development, programs for critically ill children, partnership with local schools, scholarships, and drives for school supplies, food, coats, and diapers. Today, over 50% of Northwest's 500+ employees are active volunteers, donating over 5,000 hours annually.



MARY BETH HAS A TRUE GIFT OF BEING ABLE TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE FROM A PLACE OF EMPATHY. AS A VOLUNTEER WHO MAKES BEREAVEMENT CALLS, SHE HAS A GENTLE WAY OF BEING ABLE TO SIT WITH THE FAMILY'S SADNESS, NORMALIZE THEIR GRIEF REACTIONS, ENCOURAGES THEM TO UTILIZE CCH'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT AND GIVES THEM HOPE THAT THE SADNESS OF LOSING THEIR LOVED ONE WILL NOT ALWAYS HURT AS ACUTELY AS IT DOES IN THE BEGINNING. SHE KNOWS THIS FROM HER OWN LOSSES AND THAT CONNECTION WITH OTHERS CAN EASE THE PAIN OF GRIEF. SHE HAS TURNED HER OWN TRAGEDY INTO A GIFT THAT SHE GRACIOUSLY GIVES TO OTHERS. SHE AMAZES ME AND I AM GRATEFUL TO HAVE HER AS PART OF OUR BEREAVEMENT TEAM.

- CHESLEY SIMPSON, LCSW

MARY BETH COCKERHAM

Mary Beth is an all-around valued volunteer working with many local organizations including Capital Caring Health, Food Rescue DC, Alexandria Community Alliance, Alexandria Toy Drive, Senior Olympics, Food & Friends, Green Spring Gardens and Virginia Medical Corps. In her work with Capital Caring Health, she is both an advocate and a volunteer. Hospice can be misunderstood and even scary, but Mary Beth helps those in the community understand the work of hospice and this creates a virtuous cycle. If you understand it's value, you are more likely to access these important services when needed.

Also, Mary Beth is a lead volunteer who helped develop Capital Caring Health's "Tuck-In" program which provides regular touchpoint calls to parents and caregivers. Mary Beth is making about a hundred calls a month and then follows up with a clinical team to meet the care needs of patients. Her work greatly supports those on their grief journey. In addition to the Tuck-In program, Mary Beth supports many additional Capital Caring Health programs including deliveries, friendly calls, staff support, elf squad, cupid crew and pediatric programs.



GERALD KIRWIN

Gerry is an experienced and highly valued volunteer with the Fairfax County Court Service Unit. He serves many important roles including lead volunteer for the expungement process, supporting interns so they can learn about the advisement process and many other special projects for the Clerk of Courts. Gerry is a dedicated volunteer who has continued his volunteer work throughout the pandemic and helped the Court continue to safely engage interns and volunteers throughout 2020 by continually evaluating schedules and workspaces. He stepped in to bring in additional supplies when needed to ensure spaces were well functioning and comfortable.

THE QUALITY OF GERRY'S WORK WITH THE COURT IS EXCEPTIONAL. HE NOT ONLY DOES HIS ASSIGNED TASKS IN AN EXEMPLARY MANNER BUT HE IS OFTEN CALLED UPON BY SUPERVISORS TO TRAIN OTHER VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS IN THE PROGRAM. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR HIS DEPENDABILITY AND ENTHUSIASM."

- JOHANA BALASCIO



FAIRFAX COUNTY COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

The many challenges brought on by COVID 19 pandemic presented a series of unprecedented and unforeseen opportunities for the FC CERT program to deliver a substantial and diverse range of services to County residents. Volunteer Leadership quickly acted to ensure volunteers continued to be trained with enhanced COVID guidelines on Personal Protective Equipment and social distancing requirements. CERT answered the call to support Fairfax County Supervisors with emergency food

distribution for residents. With a team led by Frank Pappas focused solely on this issue, CERT was able to coordinate 31 distribution events that delivered 1,557,200 pounds of food to residents in need. CERT answered the call in a number of other ways as well including sewing, collecting and distributing masks, organizing grocery and pharmacy pick-up for seniors and arranging for countless clothing, cleaning supplies and food drives for residents in need across the County.

"I OFFER MY SINCEREST THANKS TO THE ENTIRE CERT VOLUNTEER TEAM FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND EXCEPTIONAL COMMITMENT TO SERVICE AND COMMUNITY. YOU HAVE PROVIDED YOUR EXPERTISE, SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE WHERE NEEDED MOST. YOUR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN EXEMPLARY AND EACH ONE OF YOU HAVE RISEN TO HELP BRING LIGHT TO ONE OF OUR DARKEST TIMES. WITHOUT YOU (MORE THAN 300 CERT VOLUNTEERS) AND THE FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT, ASSISTING OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE. YOUR SERVICE HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING AND THE POSITIVE IMPACT YOU HAVE CONTRIBUTED IS IMMEASURABLE."

- RODNEY LUSK, LEE DISTRICT SUPERVISOR





DOUG DAVIDSON ESQ

For 36 years, Doug has proved a dedicated, understanding, and generous volunteer for Capital Caring Health. He provides professional legal services, free of charge, to those facing life limiting illness. He does it with a friendly, easy-going manner that provides clarity and guidance to patients and their families who are often trying to make sense of complex legal concerns while navigating an emotional and stressful time of life. All too often, people do not have end of life legal planning in place when an unexpected illness develops. Doug provides a compassionate approach to helping those in

need of wills, power of attorney documents, and other legal needs. This professional service is brought right to the patient's home, via phone and in person. Social Workers at Capital Caring Health have witnessed first-hand the impact of Doug's work for patients and families. Linda Malone, Capital Caring Health Social Worker describes Doug as generous with time, talents, and availability as well as someone who patiently listens to each concern of the hospice team members, patients and families; a true advocate.

DOUG IS NOT ONLY A TALENTED ATTORNEY BUT A DEEPLY COMPASSIONATE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS PROVIDED FREE LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE LAST 36 YEARS TO THOSE FACING ADVANCED ILLNESS. FAMILIES ARE OFTEN IN CRITICAL NEED OF QUICK SUPPORT WHEN THEY ARE FACED WITH A TERMINAL ILLNESS. DOUG IS TALENTED AND COMPASSIONATE. HE SHARES HIS SKILLS WITH THE VULNERABLE DURING THEIR TIME OF NEED. DOUG IS AN INSPIRATION TO ALL!

- KATHERINE KNOBLE, MANAGER - VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



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