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WELLS FARGO ANNOUNCES \$50,000 CONTRIBUTION TO VIRGINIA CENTER FOR INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

Richmond, VA – The Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities (“VCIC”) and Wells Fargo Bank (“Wells Fargo”) announce a new partnership to advance understanding and respect across Virginia. Wells Fargo’s contribution of \$50,000 will support VCIC’s program work with schools and communities, which have been requested in increasing numbers in the aftermath of the tragic events in Charlottesville, Virginia in August 2017.

“At Wells Fargo, the spirit of diversity and inclusion lives in our hearts and minds and, most importantly, in our behaviors – the way we interact with each other and conduct our business,” said Ravi Chandra, Virginia West Region Bank President. “We are proud to partner and work with nonprofits like VCIC to engage the community with healthy conversations and help with healing and moving forward.”

The contribution will ensure that VCIC staff are able to expand educational programs in Virginia schools that address bullying, stereotypes, and achievement gaps. It will also help VCIC more deeply engage in proactive coalition-building and community-centered work that will respond to and prevent incidents of bias and discrimination in the future.

“At a time when Virginia is in the national spotlight, we must demonstrate a commitment to diversity and inclusion clearly and consistently,” states VCIC President & CEO Jonathan C. Zur. “All of us at the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities are grateful for Wells Fargo’s tremendous investment that will make a tangible difference for schools and communities across our Commonwealth.”

The Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities works with schools, businesses, and communities to achieve success by addressing prejudices, in all forms, in order to improve academic achievement, increase workplace productivity, and enhance local trust. Through workshops, retreats, and customized programs that raise knowledge, motivation, and skills, VCIC develops leaders who work together to achieve success throughout the Commonwealth.

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