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VCIC Announces Recipients of 54th Annual Tidewater Humanitarian Awards

2018 Tidewater Humanitarian Awards Dinner is presented by the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities March 22, 2018 – The Westin Virginia Beach Town Center.

(Norfolk, VA) - The Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities (VCIC) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 54th annual Tidewater Humanitarian Awards. The awards honor individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions to the promotion of respect and understanding among people of diverse racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds in the South Hampton Roads community. The 2018 awards will be presented by the Tidewater Chapter of VCIC at their annual dinner on Thursday, March 22, 2018, at The Westin Virginia Beach Town Center.

The 2018 Tidewater Humanitarian Awards Recipients

Kim W. & Valerie K. Brown – Kim Brown is the Presiding Prelate of The Mount Global Fellowship of Churches and Senior Site Pastor of the Chesapeake location. Valerie Brown serves as the Executive Pastor. Since their tenure began, the congregation has grown from 75 to over 13,000 on seven campuses in Virginia and North Carolina. Both are published authors, and founders of K.W. Brown International Ministries Inc., supporting the community in education, spiritual/religious enrichment, and community services. Their new endeavor, The Elder's House, will serve at-risk youth and provide them with a nurturing home. Kim serves on the Chesapeake Hospital Board, the ARDX Advisory Board, and is well known in the community as a philanthropist and a champion of young teens. Valerie, a CPA by training, most recently received The Women in Business Award from Inside Business Magazine and the 2018 YWCA Women of Distinction Award in the Non-Profit category.

Cathy M. Lewis – Cathy Lewis is one of Hampton Roads' most veteran media professionals, having worked in commercial and public broadcasting for more than 30 years. She is the founding host of "HearSay with Cathy Lewis" on 89.5 WHRV-FM which debuted in 1996. Cathy also serves as President and CEO of the CIVIC Leadership Institute. Today, CIVIC is recognized as a robust engine for leveraging the leadership of more than 600 executives in service to the Hampton Roads region. She is a national member of the National Speakers Association® and has served as President of the Virginia chapter. Cathy's community service includes eight years as a trustee for The Williams School, where she served two terms as president. Her humor essays about her unexpected life as a clergy spouse and sports mom have aired nationally on The Hallmark Channel.

Lemuel E. Lewis – Lem Lewis is a former Chairman of the Board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, and previously was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Landmark Communications, Inc. He currently serves on the board of directors of Markel Corporation, Dollar Tree, Inc., Owens & Minor, Inc., and previously served on the board of Landmark Communications, Inc. Lem also serves on the Board of Advisors for the Virginia Health Care Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that seeks to improve primary health care for Virginia's uninsured population. He is a Trustee Emeritus for Virginia Wesleyan University and has served on the Board of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges. Mr. Lewis also previously served a four-year term on the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia and is a current trustee of the Darden School Foundation.

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William L. Nusbaum – Bill Nusbaum is a partner at Williams Mullen. He is the third generation (and fourth member) of his family to receive this award. Bill is the immediate past Chair of Opportunity Inc. (the Hampton Roads Workforce Development Board) and its related nonprofit, the Hampton Roads Workforce Development Corporation. He also serves on the Norfolk Airport Authority Board of Commissioners and as a board member of the Rumi Forum Hampton Roads Advisory Board. Bill is also past president and honorary life director of the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia, past chair of the Harvard Schools Committee for Southeastern Virginia, past president, honorary director, and trustee of Ohel Shalom Temple, past co-chair of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater Community Relations Council Legislative Committee, past vice chair of the Virginia Regional Board of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and past Board member of The Norfolk Forum.

Angela D. Reddix – Angela Reddix is Founder, President, and CEO of ARDX. As a passionate mentor and advisor to the next generation of young girls and women, she is a leading advocate for entrepreneurship as a way of creating positive transformation. Angela founded Envision Lead Grow, an organization teaching girls the critical skills and dedication it takes to accomplish their dreams through becoming an entrepreneur. She also founded the ARDX Foundation, dedicated to shining a light on the importance that positive mental wellness can have. A trusted community leader, Angela serves as a board member and trustee to various local organizations including the United Way Tocqueville Society, United Way of South Hampton Roads Foundation Board of Trustees, YWCA Board of Directors, Junior Achievement Board of Directors, Norfolk State University School of Business Advisory Board, and the Hampton Roads Chamber Regional and Trustee Board.

The 2018 Tidewater Distinguished Merit Award Recipient

Eggleston –

For 62 years, Eggleston has provided education, training and employment for persons with disabilities. First conceived in 1955 by a group of parents who wanted to find meaningful daytime activities for their adult children with intellectual disabilities, the organization has grown to assist individuals with disabilities to gain independence, confidence, and increased feelings of self-worth through on-the-job training and stable, rewarding work opportunities. Originally known as the Tidewater Vocational Center, the organization served eight individuals at its start. Today, hundreds receive support through 33 programs and 22 locations. Eggleston continues to grow their services through partnerships with businesses and government institutions, offering participants the chance to earn a living and lead full and independent lives, benefiting participants at home, at work, and at play.

Fifty-four years ago, the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities - then called the National Conference of Christians and Jews - began a tradition in South Hampton Roads, "to honor the work of our friends, neighbors, and family members who gave to others the same rights, respect and dignity that they sought for themselves." Today, VCIC works with schools, businesses, and communities to achieve success through inclusion. The 83-year-old organization delivers programs to high school students in the region through the Connections Institute and Diversity Dialogue Day. VCIC also provides professional development for many local educators, businesses, and nonprofit organizations, leveraging diversity and inclusion to achieve success.

The 2018 VCIC Tidewater Humanitarian Awards dinner is being chaired by Dr. Scott D. Miller, President of Virginia Wesleyan University. For more information about the organization or about reservations for the Awards on March 22nd, go to www.inclusiveVA.org.

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