

# VCIC to honor William L. Nusbaum with Humanitarian Award

Thursday, March 22, 5:45 pm  
The Westin, Virginia Beach Town Center

The Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities has selected William L. Nusbaum to receive a prestigious Humanitarian Award at their 54th annual dinner this month.

The Tidewater chapter of VCIC will recognize Nusbaum for his longstanding commitment to promoting respect and understanding among people of all racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds. He is the third generation (and fourth member) of his family to receive this award.

"I am really humbled to receive such a meaningful recognition, and it wouldn't be possible without the dedicated colleagues and in many cases, staff, of the various organizations that I've been privileged to work with over the years," says Nusbaum. "I've just been fortunate to lead some really good teams at these organizations, and their work is what enabled the organizations to flourish and prosper."

"Personally, it's gratifying to learn that my community involvements are viewed on a par with the great accomplishments of my grandmother, Justine and my uncle, Pooch (honored jointly with this award in 1968), and my father, Bob (honored in 2013). But I find it particularly humbling to read the inspiring achievements of the others being honored with me at the dinner, and yet to find myself privileged to share the evening's recognition with them," he says.

"We are very proud that Bill is being recognized by VCIC for his dedicated humanitarian work in both the Jewish and general communities," says Harry Gruber, executive vice president, UJFT.

"He is certainly deserving of the honor and his work as co-chair of the UJFT Community Relations Council was indicative of the values and leadership skills uniquely possessed by all the honorees."

A partner at Williams Mullen, Nusbaum has held prominent positions with many civic and religious organizations in Tidewater, including serving

as past president, honorary director, and trustee of Ohef Sholom Temple, past co-chair of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater's Community Relations Council's legislative committee, past vice chair of the Virginia regional board of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, past board member of The Norfolk Forum, past president and honorary life director of the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia, past chair (2 terms) of the Harvard Schools Committee for Southeastern Virginia, past chair (2 terms) of the Norfolk City Democratic Committee, past vice-chair of the Third Congressional District Democratic Committee and member of the Democratic Party of Virginia State Central Committee. In addition, he 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.

Other Tidewater Humanitarian Award recipients this year are Kim W. & Valerie K. Brown, Cathy M. Lewis, Lemuel E. Lewis, and Angela D. Reddix. Eggleston will be presented with the Distinguished Merit Citation.



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*To attend the dinner or purchase a table for a business or organization, visit [www.inclusiveva.org](http://www.inclusiveva.org), or call 804-515-7950.*

*To purchase a seat at the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater/Tidewater Jewish Foundation table, contact Tammy Mujica at [tmujica@ujft.org](mailto:tmujica@ujft.org) or 757-965-6124.*