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VCIC Announces Recipients of 56th Annual Richmond Humanitarian Awards

*2018 Richmond Humanitarian Awards Dinner Presented by the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities
October 22, 2018 – Hilton Hotel & Spa/Short Pump.*

(Richmond, VA) - The Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2018 Humanitarian Awards. This 56th presentation of the awards by the Richmond Chapter of VCIC will be held on Monday, October 22, 2018, at the Hilton Hotel & Spa in Short Pump. The awards celebration honors individuals and organizations for making significant humanitarian contributions to the Richmond community.

The 2018 Richmond Humanitarian Awards Recipients

Carol D. Adams

Carol Adams leads the Community Care Unit with the Richmond Police Department. She grew up in a household dominated by domestic violence and, as a 17 year old, witnessed her mother's murder at the hands of her father. Her adolescent experiences with the police department were not positive, and she became an officer to change the way that domestic violence victims and their families were treated. Carol has received recognition from the Governor of Virginia and has been to the White House twice to share her experience and wisdom on domestic violence issues. The Carol Adams Foundation was created to support her endeavors and she has organized numerous drives and programs from collecting used cell phones to "The Walk a Mile in My Shoes" campaign.

Earl M. Ferguson

Earl Ferguson is Chief Executive Officer of Artcraft Management, Inc., an organization he established in 1993. Prior to that, he worked with Weinstein Management Co., Inc. as well as Gumenick Properties. Earl has devoted much of his time to community organizations, including Virginia Holocaust Museum (Treasurer); Union for Reform Judaism (Board of Trustees); North American Camping and Israel Programs for Union for Reform Judaism (Chairman); Hospital Hospitality House (Former Board Member); 6 Points Sports Academy (Founding Chairperson); Central Virginia Boys and Girls Club (Former Board Member); Weinstein JCC (Past President), and Congregation Beth Ahabah (Past President). He enjoys singing with the Very Off Broadway Richmond Singers.

Tanya M. González

Tanya González is the Executive Director of the Sacred Heart Center and has over 15 years' experience in working with and for Richmond's Latino community, previously as the Manager of Richmond's Office of Multicultural Affairs. Tanya is a graduate of Leadership Metro Richmond, the Connecting Communities Fellowship Program, and the Minority Political Leadership Institute. She received the Ohtli award, given by the Mexican government to recognize individuals for their service to the Mexican community in the United States. Tanya coordinates a dance group at the Sacred Heart Center that performs traditional Latin American and Spanish dance and recently has dedicated some of her time to volunteering with Virginia Emergency Services Assistance Program (VESAP), assisting the country of Belize in furthering its national fire service.

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Kym D. Grinnage

Kym Grinnage has been VP/General Manager of NBC12 since 2011. Prior to his appointment as General Manager, he was named Station Manager/General Sales Manager in 2009. Kym joined the station in 1990 as an account executive. He is affiliated with the following organizations: ChamberRVA, Board of Directors (Immediate Past Chair); Venture Richmond, Board of Directors (Executive Committee); Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia, Board of Directors; Richard T. Robertson School of Media and Culture at VCU, Advisory Board; The Virginia Association of Broadcasters, Board of Directors; The Central Virginia African American Chamber of Commerce, Charter Corporate Member; Mega Mentors Inc., Supporter; The Virginia Mentoring Partnership, Past Board Chair; as well as other organizations and associations.

John G. Stallings

John Stallings is Senior Executive Vice President at Union Bank & Trust, serving as a key advisor to Union's CEO and assisting Union's leadership team with business development and talent acquisition. An active participant in the community, John serves as the President of the Regirer Foundation, as an executive committee member of the boards of the Virginia Bankers Association (past Chairman, 2016-2017) and Venture Richmond, and as a trustee of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges. He also chaired the 2016 and 2017 Annual Campaigns for the YMCA of Greater Richmond. His prior board affiliations in Virginia include Collegiate School, the Virginia Chamber of Commerce and the Science Museum of Virginia.

The 2018 Richmond Distinguished Merit Award Recipient***The Faison Center***

The Faison Center provides children and adults with autism and related challenges the best opportunity to improve their life's journey through evidence-based practice. Their mission across the lifespan is accomplished through specific programs designed to meet the needs of families at different points in their lives. The Faison Center also looks for individuals and/or organizations that need guidance and support with education and care while navigating autism. Their specially educated staff members often go on to serve Virginians in many capacities including positions in the community and school systems, and they forge partnerships in sectors spanning business, education, and fellow non-profits.

Fifty-six years ago, the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities - then called the National Conference of Christians and Jews - began a tradition in Richmond, "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 educators and students in the region through the Connections Institute, Prejudice Awareness Summit, Diversity Dialogue Day, and the Educational Equity Initiative. VCIC also provides professional development for many local businesses and nonprofit organizations, leveraging diversity and inclusion to achieve success. In the last year, VCIC trained over 22,000 people across Virginia.

The 2018 VCIC Humanitarian Awards Dinner is sponsored by several organizations and individuals. Humanitarian-level sponsors include Bon Secours, Genworth, SunTrust Banks, Inc., and Wells Fargo.

For more information about the organization or about reservations for the Awards Dinner on October 22, go to www.inclusiveVA.org.

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