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### VCIC Announces Recipients of 54th Annual Richmond Humanitarian Awards

*2016 Richmond Humanitarian Awards Dinner Presented by the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities  
October 20, 2016 – Hilton Hotel & Spa/Short Pump.*

(Richmond, VA) - The Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2016 Humanitarian Awards Dinner. This 54<sup>th</sup> presentation of the awards by the Richmond Chapter of VCIC will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2016, 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 2016 Richmond Humanitarian Awards Recipients

***Lisa D. Cumbey***

Lisa Cumbey is founding principal and strategic director of Propolis Design Group, which specializes in brand expression and cross-media design craft. She has won numerous design awards for identity, packaging, event and publication design. Her pro-bono work and personal causes have included many LGBT efforts, founding board of the Central Virginia Business and Professional Guild, board of directors of The Hand Workshop, and service to Fan Free Clinic and Diversity Richmond, among others. Lisa is a volunteer with the Westover Hills Neighborhood Association, and a member of the American Institute of Graphic Artists.

***Harold Fitrer***

Harold Fitrer currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Communities In Schools of Richmond and as Adjunct Faculty at Virginia Commonwealth University and University of Richmond. Dr. Fitrer enjoyed a long and varied career with Richmond Public Schools, retiring in July 2008 as Assistant Superintendent for Administrative and Support Services. His past service includes: Rotary International, Richmond Chapter, Board of Directors; advisory Task Force for Chief of Police; Richmond Residential Services Inc., Board of Directors; and North Richmond YMCA, Chairman, Board of Directors.

***Barbara Radcliffe Grey***

An educator for 33 years, Barbara Radcliffe Grey gave learning new meaning. Her first teaching assignment was in a one-room schoolhouse in Buckingham County. As principal of John B. Cary Model Elementary School, Barbara's efforts were noted by the U.S. Department of Education. Her school was selected as one of the fifteen best in the country. Barbara's innovative work at William Fox Elementary was featured in Southern Living. In 1986, she was named one of the YWCA's Outstanding Women, and she was named Richmonder of the Year in 1988. Barbara retired from Fox Elementary in 1990. Today, she is director of the campus art museum at Virginia Union University, her undergraduate alma mater.

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**Lance D. Watson**

Lance Watson serves as Senior Pastor of the Saint Paul's Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia and chief visionary for its corporate affiliates, Destiny Schools, Charisma Books and Gifts, Saint Paul's Community Foundation, NIA, Inc. of Greater Richmond and Positive Power Media Group. His achievements and recognitions are noteworthy. He has been honored as an Outstanding Contributor to Education, an Outstanding Communicator and Minister of the Year, as well as an African American Role Model by several organizations. He is listed in Who's Who in Religion and is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. This young, progressive and forward-looking congregation of Saint Paul's for "People On the Grow" serves as the spiritual home for more than 12,000 persons and supports mission and ministry causes around the globe.

**James L. Weinberg**

Jim Weinberg is a Richmond native and serves as President of the Firm at Hirschler Fleischer, practicing in the Business Section. He has been involved in a wide range of community activities. Jim was President of the Central Virginia Food Bank and was deeply involved in its merger with Meals on Wheels which resulted in FeedMore. He has also served as President of the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond and recently concluded a term as Chairman of the Richmond Jewish Foundation. Jim is a member of the boards of the Valentine, the Robert Russa Moton Museum for Civil Rights Education (that recently became affiliated with Longwood University), and Congregation Beth Ahabah, and he serves on the President's Diversity Council of Brown University.

**St. Mark's  
Episcopal Church**

Founded in 1866, St. Mark's Episcopal Church is celebrating its 150th year. From the beginning, St. Mark's has been a community-focused parish. St. Mark's has not removed itself from issues of change and conflict in the community, choosing instead to champion the rights of others and advocate for social justice. As a result of its long-standing core values, St. Mark's holds a number of historical distinctions: became the first integrated Episcopal church (1967) in the city of Richmond; helped found the Richmond AIDS Ministry and ministered to AIDS victims at a time when no one else would; among the first Episcopal churches in the nation to perform ceremonies for all couples, and in 2016, is a host for both civil and sacramental weddings for all couples.

Fifty-four 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 81-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 19,000 people across Virginia.

The 2016 VCIC Humanitarian Awards Dinner is sponsored by several organizations and individuals. Humanitarian-level sponsors include Altria, Bon Secours, and Wells Fargo.

For more information about the organization or about reservations for the Awards Dinner on October 20, go to [www.inclusiveva.org](http://www.inclusiveva.org).

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