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### VCIC ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF 52<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL LYNCHBURG HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

*2019 Humanitarian Awards Dinner presented by the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities  
May 30, 2019 at the University of Lynchburg*

(Lynchburg, VA) - The Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities (VCIC) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 52<sup>nd</sup> annual Lynchburg 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 Lynchburg community. The 2019 awards will be presented by the Lynchburg Chapter of VCIC at their annual dinner on Thursday, May 30, 2019, at the University of Lynchburg.

#### The 2019 VCIC Humanitarian Award Recipients

**William R. & Dorothy S. Cardwell** met at the Church of the Covenant during college. They served together as counselors at the Lynchburg Covenant Fellowship (LCF) day camp (now Camp Kum-Ba-Yah) for several summers. Will's career in computer science and systems analysis spanned B&W, Ericsson, Benchmark Systems and IBM, from which he finally retired in 2008. He has been active in Toastmasters Club, E. C. Glass Band Booster Program, ministries of Church of the Covenant and LCF, where he has served on the Board for 50 years. He is also a leader in restoring the Dixon Historical Cemetery in Campbell County and is helping to open a Children's Defense Fund Freedom School in the community this summer. Dolly worked at The Macon Bookshop at Randolph-Macon Woman's College for nineteen years. She has enjoyed volunteering with Girls Scouts, Cub Scouts, the Lynchburg Junior Woman's Club, Lynchburg Learning Disabilities Association, Bedford Hills PTA, and The Gateway. She currently works with the young children and with the retreat center of the Church of the Covenant.

**Delores E. Fowler** is a community volunteer, and is retired from the State of Virginia after over forty-five years working at the former Lynchburg Training School and Hospital. She has worked with various organizations dedicated to the development of the community and to the empowerment of its people including Zeta Amicae, the Lynchburg Voter's League, and the Lynchburg Branch of NAACP. She has been active on the Boards of such non-profit organizations as the Central Branch YWCA, the Hunton Branch YMCA, and as Treasurer of the Legacy Museum Project. She currently serves as Executive Treasurer of the Lynchburg Community Action Group, as the Chief Officer of Elections for the Electoral Board in the City of Lynchburg-Ward II, Precinct 2, and as Treasurer of the Hunton-Randolph Community Center. Delores is a proud member of the Historic Diamond Hill Baptist Church family.

**Frances J. Giles** has been a community volunteer for decades. She held positions as an Assistant Librarian, a French teacher, and was the co-owner of Shop of John Simmons. She has been heavily involved in the community including with the Junior League of Lynchburg, United Way of Central Virginia, Awareness Garden, Point of Honor, The Opera on the James, and Lynchburg Garden Club. Frances is a Trustee Emerita of Randolph College, where she established the Helen and Ruffin Jones Global Studies Scholarship for students or faculty members to study abroad. She is an active member of First Presbyterian Church, and is a founding and current Board member of Amazement Square Children's Museum. Frances is an avid gardener, traveler, and golfer, and a proud mother and grandmother.

**L. Kimball Payne** served as Lynchburg City Manager from February 2001 until his retirement at the end of June 2016, previously serving in Spotsylvania County as County Administrator and Assistant County Administrator. He currently works part-time as an Executive Manager with The Berkley Group. Kim is a retired Commander in the Naval Reserve. He is a life member of the International City-County Management Association (ICMA), an ICMA Credentialed Manager, Senior Advisor and coach. Kim is a Rotarian and serves on the Boards of the United Way of Central Virginia, Lynchburg Grows, the Lynchburg City Schools Education Foundation, the Central Virginia Community College Foundation, and the James River Association. He is an active member of Holy Cross Catholic Church, serving as a Eucharistic Minister and on the Finance and Building Committees.

**Sally C. Selden** is Provost, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Professor of Management and Leadership Studies at the University of Lynchburg. She is a fellow in the National Academy of Public Administration and author of *Human Capital: Tools and Strategies for the Public Sector*, with Congressional Quarterly Press (2009), which was named the 2010 Best Book by the Personnel and Labor Relations section of the American Society of Public Administration. Outside of work, Sally is actively engaged in her community. She has served as President of two parent teacher organizations and serves on the Boards of the Lynchburg City School Education Foundation, Lynchburg City Schools Partners in Education, Centra Health Council, and Interfaith Outreach. She has volunteered at Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, and Daily Bread. In June, she will become provost and dean of the college at The Citadel.

Fifty-two years ago, the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities - then called the Virginia Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews - began a tradition in Central Virginia, "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 84-year-old organization delivers programs to high school students in the region through the Connections Institute, Diversity Dialogue Day, and the Prejudice Awareness Summit. VCIC also provides professional development for many local educators, businesses, and nonprofit organizations, leveraging diversity and inclusion to achieve success.

The 2019 VCIC Humanitarian Awards Dinner is chaired by Hylan T. Hubbard, III.

For more information about the organization or the Awards Dinner, visit [www.inclusiveVA.org](http://www.inclusiveVA.org).

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