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VCIC Announces Recipients of 58th Annual Richmond Humanitarian Awards

*2020 Richmond Humanitarian Awards Presented by the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities
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(Richmond, VA) - The Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2020 Richmond Humanitarian Awards. This 58th presentation of the awards by VCIC's Richmond Chapter will be held virtually on Monday, October 26, 2020. The awards celebration honors individuals and organizations for making significant humanitarian contributions to the Richmond community.

The 2020 Richmond Humanitarian Awards Recipients

Damon S. Jiggetts

Damon Jiggetts serves as Executive Director of Peter Paul. Under his leadership, the organization has tripled the number of youth served. Damon is also the founder and principal consultant of Resource Partners, LLC, which supports nonprofit and small business operations, organizational development, strategic planning and provides executive coaching. Prior to joining Peter Paul, Damon was Vice President of Operations at Communities in Schools of Richmond. His professional career in youth development and advocacy began with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Richmond and Roanoke Valley. Damon served as a 2017 Health & Equity Fellow with the Richmond Memorial Health Foundation. His proudest accomplishments are the creation of the Ujima Legacy Fund and the African American Nonprofit Leaders coalition.

Enjoli J. Moon

Enjoli Moon is the founder and creative director of the Afrikana Independent Film Festival, a festival dedicated to showcasing the cinematic works of people of color from around the world, placing a special focus of the global Black narrative. She is also the Assistant Curator of Film & Special Programs at the Institute for Contemporary Art at VCU where she is dedicated to using film as a catalyst for conversation and authentic connection. Outside of film, Enjoli serves on the Board of Directors for Oakwood Arts/P35 and 1708 Gallery, as well as the advisory board for the Department of African American Studies at VCU. She is also a member of the Public Awareness Committee at The Valentine and serves as chair of the Richmond Region Tourism BLK RVA initiative.

Jacquelyn E. Stone

Jackie Stone is a Partner at McGuireWoods, where she began as a summer associate in 1984. She has decades of experience advising clients on government relations, regulatory and immigration matters. Jackie has served on multiple organizations' boards, including Just the Beginning – A Pipeline Organization, The Richmond Forum, Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership, Richmond CenterStage Foundation, Venture Richmond, Arts Council of Richmond, Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Junior Achievement, Leadership Metro Richmond, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Richmond Eye and Ear Hospital, Richmond Retirement System, Valentine Museum, United Way, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, and Partnership for the Future, where she was a co-founder.

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Robert L. Thalhimer Bobby Thalhimer is a Senior Consultant at The Monument Group, supporting the region's philanthropic and non-profit community through strategic fund development. Prior to this position, Bobby served for 16 years as Senior Vice President for Philanthropic Services at The Community Foundation. He has also served as Executive Director of the Science Museum of Virginia Foundation and Deputy Director of the Science Museum of Virginia. Bobby has broad experience on nonprofit boards, beginning with serving as President of the William B. Thalhimer, Jr. & Family Foundation. He has served as President of the Richmond Memorial Hospital Foundation and now serves as Chair of the Investment Committee of their successor, the Richmond Memorial Health Foundation. Bobby also serves on the Board and Executive Committee of The Richmond Forum.

The 2020 Richmond Distinguished Merit Award Recipient

Bon Air Interfaith Trialogue Over fifteen years ago, leaders from Congregation Or Ami, the Islamic Center of Virginia, and Bon Air Presbyterian Church began meeting together. Out of those meetings, the Bon Air Trialogue was founded. Since that time, the partnership has grown to include additional actively participating faith communities. Currently, faith leaders of twelve different congregations regularly meet over a meal to strengthen interfaith relationships, plan the annual trialogue series, and explore opportunities for additional interfaith engagement. In addition, the group arranged community service projects and more recently worked with Crestwood Elementary School on service projects and PTA support. Throughout the years, the interfaith trialogue topics and format have changed to meet the needs and desires of the participating communities as well as current community and national issues.

Fifty-eight 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 85-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 20,000 people across Virginia.

For more information about the organization or about reservations for the event on October 26, go to www.inclusiveVA.org.

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