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VCIC Announces Recipients of 61st Annual Richmond Humanitarian Awards

*2023 Richmond Humanitarian Awards Dinner will be presented on October 24, 2023
by the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities.*

(Richmond, VA) - The Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2023 Richmond Humanitarian Awards. This 61st presentation of the awards by VCIC's Richmond Chapter will be held Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at the Hilton Hotel & Spa in Short Pump. The awards celebration honors individuals and organizations making significant humanitarian contributions to the Richmond community.

The 2023 Richmond Humanitarian Awards Recipients

Victor K. Branch is the Market President of Bank of America, connecting businesses, families, and individuals to the banking and investment teams that will help improve their financial lives. In addition to that role, Victor also serves as the Market Executive for Richmond. Victor has been active in civic and community affairs throughout his career at Bank of America. He is a Governor appointee to the Board of Visitors at Virginia State University, and was a previous appointee to the Board of Visitors at William & Mary. Victor is a trustee of several nonprofit organizations and foundations, including the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges, Virginia Museum of History & Culture, ChamberRVA, the Community Foundation for a greater Richmond, and Venture Richmond. He is also a founding trustee of the Virginia Funders Network.

Angela H. Chiang retired from the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity in 2015. A first-generation Asian immigrant, Angela is a long-term community advocate and has served in leadership roles on several boards. She served as a two-term gubernatorial appointee on the Virginia Asian Advisory Board. Angela is a founding member and treasurer of the Asian & Latino Solidarity Alliance of Central Virginia. She has also served as a member and officer on several boards and committees of many nonprofit organizations, such as Bon Secours Virginia HealthSource, Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth, Chesterfield Education Foundation, Dominion Energy Community Advisory Board, Children of the Commonwealth Benevolent Fund, Asian American Society of Central Virginia, and Organization of Chinese Americans (Central Virginia Chapter and Eastern Virginia Chapter).

Susan J. Meyers is a co-founder of Impact 100, a women's volunteer collective giving circle that has donated over \$2,000,000 in grants since 2009. As an executive vice president of VAPARK for 25 years, Susan became very involved in the Richmond community, serving on boards of organizations like Ride Finders, Richmond First Club, YWCA, Visual Art Center, CHIP of Virginia, Family Lifeline, and Families Forward. She has also been an active volunteer in the Jewish community and serves on the board of the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond. She was previously the president of Jewish Family Service, and has served on the boards of Beth Shalom Life Care Community and the Richmond Jewish Foundation. Susan has been a mentor with the Richmond Jewish Coalition for Literacy for over 23 years. Her family recently honored her by creating the Susan J. Meyers Scholarship Fund for underserved youth at the Visual Arts Center.

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Robert A. Winn is director of VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center, where he is leading the nation in establishing a 21st-century model of equity in cancer care. In particular, he is developing programs to bring a high level of science to health disparities research and cancer survivorship. Robert co-founded Facts & Faith Fridays, an initiative that creates a dialogue between science and faith leaders to combat medical mistrust within the Black community. He currently serves as Association of American Cancer Institutes President and sits on the Boards of the American Cancer Society and LUNGeivity Foundation. He is also a member of the NASEM National Cancer Policy Forum, the AACR Think Tank on Cancer Health Disparities, and the AACR Science Policy and Government Affairs Committee. Since its inception in 2020, Robert has served as Chair of the National Advisory Committee for the Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation Diversity in Clinical Trials Career Development Program.

The 2023 Richmond Distinguished Merit Awards Recipient

The Bob and Anna Lou Schaberg Foundation was founded in the early 1990s as the Virginia Nonprofit Housing Coalition and transitioned to the current name in 2019. The mission of the Schaberg Foundation today is to enable vulnerable populations to thrive. Funding priorities include affordable housing, adult stabilization, workforce development, and services that enable children to become successful learners. The Foundation works with a systemic view. Grant recipients can include organizations providing direct services, collaborations between nonprofits, and nonprofits providing education and policy advocacy. Over time the Foundation has become a thought partner in the nonprofit community and has encouraged collaboration around critical issues. It has established initiatives in affordable housing, workforce development, refugee services, and older adult services. In 2022, the Schaberg Foundation awarded gifts, grants, and capacity-building support to over eighty-five area nonprofits..

Sixty-one 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 88-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 delivered over 650 programs and trained more than 20,000 people across Virginia.

The 2023 VCIC Humanitarian Awards Dinner is sponsored by several organizations and individuals. Bon Secours and Bank of America are Humanitarian sponsors of the event.

For more information about the organization or to make reservations for the Awards Dinner on October 24, go to www.inclusiveVA.org.