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2016 Lord and Lady Fairfax Honorees to be Saluted by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

[FAIRFAX, VA]—**May 31, 2016**—Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. is privileged to announce the 2016 Lords and Ladies Fairfax. The tradition of honoring Lords and Ladies Fairfax began in 1984 as a unique way to recognize exceptional citizens of Fairfax County. Each year, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors selects two people from each district who have demonstrated superior volunteer service, heroism, or other special accomplishments to receive the award. The Lords and Ladies will be honored at a special dinner hosted by Great American Restaurants, Celebrate Fairfax, Inc., and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on Tuesday, June 7, 2016. They were also be presented by the Board during their June 7th meeting at the Fairfax County Government Center.

2016 Lord and Lady Fairfax Honorees

Chairman Sharon Bulova

Ms. Shirley Ginwright

Ms. Shirley Ginwright is one of the most devoted citizens of Fairfax County. She exemplifies community service in her countless efforts to bring people together and facilitate communal growth. Ms. Ginwright is the president of the Fairfax County NAACP, and served on the Fairfax County Chief of Police's Diversity Council in 2013. Ms. Ginwright inspired and facilitated the establishment of the Communities of Trust Committee, and serves as the Committee's Chairman. In addition, Ms. Ginwright served on the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission, serving as the Chair of the Subcommittee to Review Police Practices for Recruitment, Diversity, and Vetting. Ms. Ginwright has done invaluable work to make Fairfax County a leader in community and law enforcement engagement and is very deserving of the title Lady Fairfax.

Mr. Michael J. Hershman

Mr. Michael J. Hershman is President and CEO of Fairfax Group, and is an internationally recognized leader on ethics and transparency in business and government. Mr. Hershman's extensive resume begins with his career with U.S. Military Intelligence. He is a cofounder of Transparency International, a nonprofit coalition promoting transparency and accountability in business and government. For twenty years, he gave generously of his time and talents as one of two

citizen members of the Board's Audit Committee. Mr. Hershman's dedication was on display through his impressive handling of his role as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors' seventy-person Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission. Mr. Hershman ably steered the commission and subcommittees through six months of discussions that culminated in 142 policy recommendations for the Fairfax County Police Department, many of which have already been implemented. Mr. Hershman is a proud and dedicated leader in our local and global community.

Braddock District Supervisor John C. Cook

Ms. Ellen Jean 'Nell' Hurley

Retired Navy Captain Ms. Ellen Jean 'Nell' Hurley and her family have lived in the Braddock District for twenty years. She has been very involved in school matters, ranging from elementary school Volunteer Coordinator, to appointee to the Gifted Talented Advisory Committee, to Vice President of the Fairfax County Council of PTAs. Ms. Hurley was a founder of RENEW, the coalition to renovate Woodson High School, from which her four daughters graduated and where she served as President of the PTSA/PTSO. Her many other community activities have included managing Girl Scout Cookie efforts for thirty-six troops, Uniform and Fields Director for Braddock Road Youth Soccer, and Secretary of the Fairfax Genealogical Society. Ms. Hurley earned a Masters Degree in Urban and Environmental Planning at the West Falls Church campus of the University of Virginia, a degree she has put into good use as the Braddock District Planning Commissioner, a position she has held since 2012.

Mr. George C. Klein

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Mr. George C. Klein earned a Bachelor of Science with Regular Army commissioning in 1964. In 1965 he married Linda Chase of Olean, New York and served in Europe, Korea, several US locations and ultimately the Pentagon. Mr. Klein earned an MA/HRM before leaving active duty in 1977 when he and Linda made their permanent home in the Braddock District. Completion of his military career as a reservist was paralleled by a business career working with firms managing IT contracts for numerous Government Agencies. Mr. Klein retired in 2007 as a Senior VP aiming to do more community service. Since then, he has been involved in numerous civic initiatives such as Civic Association Vice President, President, and currently as the Vice Chair of the Braddock District Council (BDC). He takes special pride in highlighting the accomplishments of others and is very involved in the annual Best of Braddock Awards.

Dranesville District Supervisor John W. Foust

Ms. Barbara A. Glakas

A lifelong resident of Fairfax County and a retired teacher and coach in the County's public school system, it is difficult to find an organization to which Ms. Barbara A. Glakas has not lent her talents and expertise. She is a member of Herndon's Cultivating Community Initiative, which undertakes The Herndon Garden Tour and the Good Neighbor Award. She is a member of the Herndon Historical Society, serving as docent at the Herndon Depot museum, as well as the County's Barbara Varon Volunteer Award Selection Committee. She also volunteers at ArtSpace Herndon. Ms. Glakas is a member of the Dranesville District Budget Task Force, a former umpire for Youth Optimist baseball and former member of the Fairfax County Athletic Council. She is the recipient of the 2008 Exemplary Citizen Planner Award from the Town of Herndon's Planning Commission and the Mayor's Distinguished Service Award for Volunteerism in 2011.

Col. William Glenn Yarborough, Jr.

Col. William Glenn Yarborough, Jr. is a consummate volunteer within McLean. He has served for six years as the Commander of American Legion Post 270, and is Vice Commander of the 17th District with 7100 members. Col. Yarborough organizes the Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies. A former president of the McLean Rotary Club, Col. Yarborough is currently its Foundation Chair. He was the Rotarian of the Year in 2013.

He is President of the Friends of the McLean Community Center and the George Washington Chapter, Association of the United States Army. Along with its 4500 members, Col. Yarborough actively supports wounded warriors and veterans. Col. Yarborough served as the audit and finance chair of the Easter Seals Maryland, DC and Northern Virginia chapter and raises funds for many organizations, such as SPARC and the McLean-Falls Church Children's Center.

Hunter Mill District Supervisor Catherine Hudgins

Ms. Michele Hymer Blitz

Ms. Michele Hymer Blitz, or Cookie as she is affectionately known, serves as the Hunter Mill District appointee to the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board and past Board Chair, a position she has held since 2006. Over her tenure, Ms. Hymer Blitz has proved to be a champion for County residents with disabilities, especially in employment and housing issues and is a member of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. Along with her advocacy for individuals with disabilities, Cookie is completing a two year term as President of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington, and is also a long time member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington. Additionally, she is a Trustee of the Jewish Federations of North America and serves as National co-chair of the Aging and Family Caregiving Committee. Ms. Hymer Blitz also enjoys volunteering at the Closet in Herndon and is a supporter of Cornerstones in Reston. In 2014, she was named one of "30 Social Justice Makers in VA" by the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy.

Mr. James G. Lewis, Jr.

Mr. James G. Lewis, Jr. is the ultimate storyteller. He shares his expertise, talents, extensive knowledge, and enthusiasm for local history with all. In fact, in most conversations with Mr. Lewis, you can count on hearing, "I have a story about that." As an avid historian with an interest in the Hunter Mill Road corridor, Mr. Lewis not only reports the history, he discovers it. His explorations have uncovered sites of skirmishes, encampments, graves and structures from the Civil War era and before. He shares this history with the community through his popular lectures; bus, walking, and cemetery tours; and numerous books and publications. He helped produce the documentary, "Danger Between the Lines", shown on public television and winner of the County's historical award. He was instrumental with the research, applications and installation of several roadside markers that denote important historical events. Recently, Mr. Lewis expanded his repertoire of lectures to include talks on WWII milestones and events, which he shares around the County at no charge. With his enthusiasm and wealth of knowledge, he connects residents across generations to our rich local history.

Lee District
Supervisor Jeffrey C. McKay

Ms. Burnette G. Scarboro

Ms. Burnette G. Scarboro has been an integral part of the Fairfax County volunteer community. She has dedicated her life to creating an active and healthy learning environment for her children and taken her skillset far. Ms. Scarboro has been extremely involved and active in Lee District, Fairfax County and throughout Virginia. She is a member of Virginia State PTA Board, is the Northern Virginia District PTS Director, and a member of the Lt. Governors Commonwealth Council for Childhood success. Locally, she is the Coordinator of the West Potomac-Mount Vernon School-Community Coalition, a member of the Ad Hoc Police Review Committee, cofounder of the South County Youth Network, a non-profit youth organization, an African Heritage Early Literacy Project Leader, as well as the Family Engagement Representative for our schools. The contributions she has made to our community are innumerable. Ms. Scarboro makes Lee District a better place for people of all ages.

Mr. Jack Pitzer

Mr. Jack Pitzer exemplifies what it means to be an active part of a community. He has volunteered more than 100 hours per year at Flying Pan Farm Park and has served on their board for more than twenty-five years. He also serves as the Hayfield Farm Garden Club President, promoting civic beauty and conservation of natural resources. He has been committed to volunteering since his sons were in 4-H, the nation's largest positive youth development and youth mentoring organization, and became heavily involved after an annual fair at the Park. In addition to all his service at Flying Pan, Mr. Pitzer serves on the strategic board for his church and sings with the Alexandria Harmonizers barbershop chorus. He is a fundamental member of the Lee District and Fairfax County communities. Mr. Pitzer contributes to many different aspects of our County and uses his talents to make our community a better place.

Mason District
Supervisor Penelope A. Gross

Ms. Deborah 'Debo' Burk

Ms. Deborah 'Debo' Burk is one of those premier volunteers who helps maintain and improve the quality of life in Mason District and Fairfax County. For more than twenty-five years, Ms. Burk has been a leader in both the Broyhill Crest Community Association and the Broyhill Crest Recreation Club. She is a Master Gardner, an Adapted Aquatics volunteer for children with special needs, and an election officer. More recently, she has assisted with fundraising and scholarship selection for the Team Joyner Foundation, created in memory of young Clayton Joyner, Falls Church High School swimming coach. Ms. Burk also created the RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) Pack, coordinating local volunteer activities with those in search of community service projects. Whether serving homeless persons, wrapping presents, or removing invasive species from a local park, Ms. Burk brings amazing talents to her community as the 2016 Mason District Lady Fairfax.

Dr. Charles de Seve

Dr. Charles de Seve is the longtime chair of the Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District (WID) Board of Trustees. Under his leadership, the WID developed a closer working relationship with Fairfax County, the City of Alexandria, and the Virginia Division of Dam Safety, and secured funding for an emergency warning system and backup equipment for dam operations in the event of severe storms. As part of the maintenance of the lake and the needs of more than 1000 WID members, Dr. de Seve negotiated, with the help of Supervisor Gross, a no-cost disposal of dredge soils at the Lorton construction debris landfill. He also established a million dollar reserve and ten-year plan for needed repairs and restoration to keep the massive Lake Barcroft dam functioning as designed. His commitment to the environment, good financial practices, and his neighborhood is why he is deserving of his selection as Mason District's 2016 Lord Fairfax.

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Daniel G. Storck

Ms. Marcia Hanson

For three decades, Ms. Marcia Hanson has been a tireless champion for the Lorton Community. As a community advocate, she worked to ensure the County's mass burn facility had the best environmental safeguards, and she pushed to close the I-95 debris landfill. In 1984, she established the Federation of Lorton Communities, which evolved into the South County Federation.

For over 20 years, Ms. Hanson served as the chief aide and environmental representative for the former Mount Vernon Supervisor. She has been instrumental in transforming the Lorton Community into a vibrant, exciting, and more livable community by advocating for the closing of the prison, the addition of new schools, and the Workhouse Arts Center. Ms. Hanson's continuous and nurturing efforts have left an indelible mark on the Lorton landscape. That is why Ms. Hanson is 2016 Mount Vernon District Lady Fairfax.

Mr. Larry Clark

Mr. Larry Clark moved to Spring Hill in January 2010, where he immediately reached out to find ways to contribute to the quality of life in the community. As Chair of the community's Transition Committee, tasked with ensuring a smooth transfer of responsibility between the community and the Developer, Mr. Clark was tremendously successful at building positive relationships for all stakeholders. He spent countless hours as Chair of the Community Relations Committee in support of the process to transform Lorton Prison into the present-day project known as Liberty Crest. While still serving as Chair for the Transition Committee, Mr. Clark also served as Vice President of the South County Federation and as President of the Spring Hill Board of Directors. In his service to the Federation and community at large he was instrumental in halting further expansion of the ESI Landfill. The commitment, dedication and outstanding leadership displayed by Mr. Larry Clark make him especially deserving of the 2016 Mount Vernon District Lord Fairfax award.

Providence District
Supervisor Linda Q. Smyth

Ms. Anne Suter Zimmer

Ms. Anne Suter Zimmer began volunteering with Lazarus at the Gate when her three sons were still in car seats. This was over twenty-five years ago. She tells the story of one son complaining about her proposed dinner menu when she happened to drive by a line of people waiting for free food at a Lazarus neighborhood site. Recognizing a teaching moment, she began her site deliveries of free food to make the point to her sons that there are people with much bigger problems in our own community. When Lazarus at the Gate transitioned into a new nonprofit called Food for Others, Ms. Suter Zimmer became a member of the founding board of directors. This dedicated group led the all-volunteer management for the next decade. Ms. Suter Zimmer served on the board from 1995 until 2009 as a director, Secretary and Chairman. Ms. Suter Zimmer continues her hands-on volunteering as supervisor of the neighborhood food delivery site at Fairfax Circle and as an active member of the Program Committee.

Mr. Stephen A. McLaughlin

For more than two decades Mr. Stephen A. McLaughlin has served on the Fairfax County Athletic Council, which advises the Board of Supervisors on all matters related to county sports. He serves as the Council's current chairman and spends countless hours devoted to the improvement of Fairfax County's sports programs. He is also a vital member of the Providence District Athletic Field Task Force which inventoried field needs and prepared a plan to add turf fields to the District where none had existed. Now, Providence boasts twelve fields. A director and past president of the Lee Graham Pool and Tennis Club in Falls Church, Mr. McLaughlin is also an active member of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club which has recognized him for "outstanding volunteerism."

That Mr. McLaughlin is able and willing to dedicate his time and talents to the improvement of our recreational opportunities, while working for the federal government, makes him an exemplary citizen whom Providence District is proud to call Lord Fairfax.

Springfield District
Supervisor Pat Herrity

Ms. Lisa Friedrich Becker

Ms. Lisa Friedrich Becker was born and raised in Rochester, NY. She received a BA in Art and Architectural History from Connecticut College, and studied Interior Design at the New England School of Art & Design. She is currently a Senior Designer with Thomas Pheasant Interiors in Washington, DC. Ms. Friedrich Becker is a co-founder and current President of the Friends of Sydenstricker Schoolhouse, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and protection of the Sydenstricker Schoolhouse in Springfield, VA. She is also the Secretary of the Upper Pohick Community League, which owns the schoolhouse and is the oldest continually operating community association in Springfield. In 2012 she was awarded the C.J.S. Durham Award in recognition of her successful Sydenstricker Schoolhouse nomination for the National Register of Historic Places. Ms. Friedrich Becker designed and hosts the schoolhouse's web-site, and speaks to local groups about the history of the schoolhouse and the

Gambrill/Sydenstricker area of Springfield.

Mr. Mark W. Fitzpatrick

Mr. Mark Fitzpatrick retired as Director of Engineering from Lockheed Martin Corporation in May 2014. Since then, as Director and Chair of the new Shepherd's Center of Western Fairfax County, the newest center in the national Shepherd's Center of America, he has led twenty-seven volunteers in providing no-cost assisted driving to elderly residents of Western Fairfax to medical and food bank appointments. The all-volunteer Shepherd's Center of Western Fairfax County has been providing these driving services for the past thirteen months, completing more than 380 drives covering more than 11,000 miles. Mr. Fitzpatrick is a twenty-three year resident of Fairfax County. He is a graduate of West Virginia University, previously served eight years as Scoutmaster with Boy Scouts of America Troop 577 and currently is a member of Clifton Lion's Club. Additionally, he assists with the Gracing Spaces non-profit organization providing gently-used furniture to needy families, and attends Lord of Life Lutheran Church in which he has served in a number of leadership positions and inter-faith ministries.

Sully District Supervisor Kathy L. Smith

Ms. Kelly Murray Lavin

Ms. Kelly Murray Lavin is a Virginia native and graduate of George Mason University. Ms. Lavin is the proud founder of Our Neighbor's Child, which is entering its 25th year of providing holiday assistance to children from low-income families in western Fairfax. This organization started with a handful of Ms. Lavin's neighbors providing gifts for a few children in need and through her leadership and determination grew to serving over 2,200 children from more than 800 families in 2016. Ms. Lavin and her husband reside in Virginia Run, and she is the mother to three grown sons. When her children were younger, Ms. Lavin was also the founding Commissioner of the Southwestern Youth Wrestling program and the NOVA MatDogs Travel Wrestling program. She served for fourteen years on the Virginia Run Elementary PTA board and served eight years as a board member for the Westfield Athletic Booster Club. Ms. Kelly Murray Lavin has made such a positive difference in the lives of so many in Centreville and Fairfax County.

Mr. E Mark McConn, Jr.

Mr. E. Mark McConn, Jr. has been a Fairfax County resident for over fifty years and has a deep commitment to his community. As President of the Sully District Council and Member of the Western Fairfax County Citizens Association Land Use Board, Mr. McConn is an active advocate on land use issues in Sully District. He has served on both associations for over fifteen years. Mr. McConn's involvement and diligence in the land use process has been instrumental in making Sully District the thriving community it is today. He also currently serves as the President of the Bull Run Civic Association and President/CEO of McConn Construction Company in Centreville. Mr. McConn and his wife were charter members of the Bull Run Elementary PTA. In his many years of community involvement, Mr. McConn is most proud of serving on the panel to select Audra Sydnor as the first principal of Liberty Middle School.

The 35th annual Celebrate Fairfax! Festival is a presentation of Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. and will be held Friday, June 10th through Sunday, June 12th, 2016. Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. is a nonprofit, 501(c) 3 organization commissioned in 1982 by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Its mission, "The Celebration of Fairfax County and Its

Communities,” is met through the production of the *Celebrate Fairfax! Festival*, *Fall for Fairfax KidsFest*, *The Workhouse BrewFest*, and educational programs such as *Celebrate Fairfax CV+ Event Training Program*. For more information call (703) 324-3247 or visit the website at www.celebratefairfax.com.

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