SEVEN HONOREES SELECTED FROM 12 FINALISTS FOR 2018 BEST OF RESTON AWARDS HONOREES TO BE CELEBRATED AT APRIL 12TH AWARDS GALA

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Reston, VA – <u>Cornerstones</u> and the <u>Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce</u> hosted a Celebration Reception where 12 Finalists were announced for the <u>2018 Cornerstones of Our Community-Best of Reston Awards</u>, and then from among those Finalists, seven selected Honorees were revealed. The selected Honorees will be celebrated at the 2018 Cornerstones of Our Community – Best of Reston Awards Gala on April 12th for giving selflessly of their time, for the causes about which they are passionate, and in so doing making our community stronger.

2018 Finalists and Honorees:

- <u>BEI</u>
- The Bike Lane
- Marybeth Haneline HONOREE
- Leslie Kane HONOREE
- Northwest Federal Credit Union Foundation HONOREE
- Terry Redican HONOREE
- Reston Swim Team Association
- Andy Sigle HONOREE
- SOSi HONOREE
- South Lakes High School PTSA Food Pantry HONOREE
- Touching Heart
- Verity Commercial

Highlights of the Honorees can be found at <u>www.cornerstonesva.org/BOR</u>. Photos are available at <u>Chip McCrea</u> <u>Photography</u>.

Seat and table reservations for the April 12th Awards Gala can be made online at <u>www.cornerstonesva.org/BOR</u>. <u>Sponsorships are also available</u> which help ensure Cornerstones' impact for those who are vulnerable, or hard-working families who are struggling but have so much to contribute to our community.

Mark Ingrao, President and CEO of the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce said at the reception, "Coming together for this event affirms the Chamber's commitment to building a community that is not just a great place to do business but one which offers hope and opportunity to all who live, work, play and serve here."

<u>Leidos</u> hosted the Celebration Reception, where Melissa Koskovich, Senior Vice President, Communications and Marketing at Leidos, announced its commitment to Cornerstones as a Visionary Annual Partner, presenting Cornerstones with a \$50,000 check.

"Leidos is among a very special group of organizations who have made a commitment to Cornerstones as Annual Partners - whose sustaining support helps us meet challenges in the community year-round," said Kerrie Wilson, CEO of Cornerstones.

Cornerstones' <u>Annual Partners</u>, <u>Best of Reston Sponsors</u> and <u>Capitol Steps Sponsors</u> were also recognized at this Celebration Reception for their commitment to Cornerstones' mission.

About Cornerstones of Our Community – Best of Reston Awards: Nearly three decades ago, Cornerstones and the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce came together in a unique collaboration that demonstrates their mutual commitment to the Reston community's guiding principles established by founder Robert E. Simon, and a shared philosophy that the collective contributions of individuals, businesses, civic and community institutions and organizations are necessary to build and sustain thriving and enriching communities. This partnership is celebrated each year in a community awards celebration.

About Cornerstones: Each year, Cornerstones serves more than 15,000 neighbors in need, helping them overcome tough economic times in an already high cost-of-living region. Through advocacy and support services, Cornerstones connects families and individuals to the vital resources they need to build more stable and self-sufficient lives, including providing a comprehensive array of programs that solve urgent or on-going requirements for housing, childcare, food or financial assistance. For more information, please visit <u>www.cornerstonesva.org</u> or call 571.323.9555.

About Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce: For 35 years, the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce has been the catalyst for business growth and entrepreneurship by providing quality programs, education, connections and advocacy for its 600+ members and organizations in western Fairfax and the Dulles Corridor. Learn more at <u>www.RestonChamber.org</u> or call 703.707.9045.

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