Leadership Fairfax announces the 18th annual Northern Virginia Leadership Awards recipients recognizing Regional, Trustee, Non-Profit, Corporate and Education Leadership. The Awards will be presented at the NVLA Luncheon at Waterford at Fair Oaks on Thursday, November 6, 2014. Click Here to view full details on the Awards and NVLA lunch.

Leadership Fairfax Honors Seven Community Leaders Who Make a Difference

Vienna, VA – Leadership Fairfax (LFI) is pleased to announce the 2014 Northern Virginia Leadership Awards (NVLA) recipients. A panel of community and business leaders selected the following NVLA award winners from nominations submitted by Leadership Fairfax alumni and the general public. Each winner’s service and commitment to the community illustrate the leadership criteria of vision, innovation, courage, and inspiration. The award recipients will be honored at the NVLA luncheon on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at Waterford at Fair Oaks in Fairfax, VA.

The Regional Leadership Award, which recognizes an individual or organization for leadership in advancing the cause and spirit of regional collaboration and partnership, is being awarded to:

**Mary Agee, LFI ’91, President and CEO of Northern Virginia Family Service.** Ms. Agee is honored for her three decades of work to transform the lives of thousands of families in Northern Virginia; her influence on public policy in the region and the Commonwealth, the cultivation of a community of learning among the region's nonprofit leaders; and her cross-sector responsiveness to our region's challenges. Since 1998, Mary has served as president and CEO of Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS). Under her leadership, NVFS has grown into one of the largest providers of social service programs in the region, helping more than 36,000 individuals each year access life-changing programs. Mary’s board service includes the NFL Player Care Foundation, Leadership Fairfax and Inova Health Care Services. She is a co-convener of the Executive Leadership Council of Virginia and chair of the Healthy Families of Virginia Advisory Council.

The Trustee Leadership Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated visionary leadership in the Northern Virginia Community by willingly embracing new opportunities, and taking innovative and collaborative approaches in pursuit of better outcomes.

**Steve Gladis, PhD, CEO Steve Gladis Leadership Partners,** is honored for his long-standing commitment to civic, academic and philanthropic leadership and recognition for inspiring others through his role as team builder, coach, and mentor. Through his 19 books on leadership, position at
George Mason University and creation of the Young Business Leaders (YBL), Steve has developed and inspired a new generation of philanthropists and has been among the most visible proponents of development and fundraising in the public and private sectors. The formation of the YBL group and its success led to the creation of the Future Fund, a giving circle at the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia, and a service project of LFI’s Emerging Leaders Institute. A former faculty member at the University of Virginia, Steve also served as an FBI special agent and was a decorated officer in the US Marine Corps. Steve serves on the Board of Directors for the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia, the Executive Board of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce and the Advisory Board for the University of Mary Washington’s College of Education.

The Non-Profit Leadership Award recognizes an outstanding non-profit individual or organization that demonstrates service and stewardship in the Northern Virginia community. The organization will have exhibited excellence in the areas of innovation, motivation, community building, ethical integrity, and strategic leadership.

**Non-Profit Leadership Award, Organization: Homestretch, Christopher Fay, LFI ’12, Executive Director**, is honored for its’ commitment to providing comprehensive services to impact every aspect of a homeless family's situation. Homestretch’ focus is to engage business, non-profits, and volunteers in the transition of families to self-sufficiency and success. Working together, they engage clients where they are and invite them to participate in their own success. Both individually and as an organization, Chris and Homestretch have been recognized by industry experts and community organizations for their impact and role within the community and for strengthening legislation for the rights of victims of abuse and undocumented homeless.

**Non-Profit Leadership Award, Individual - Rosemary Tran Lauer, LFI ’11, Devotion to Children**, is honored for leveraging her own personal experience to found Devotion To Children, a charitable organization committed to providing access to high-quality educational and childcare programs for children under six years old from economically disadvantaged families. Since 1994, Rosemary has worked collaboratively with active volunteers and partnership organizations to make a difference in the lives of young children and their families. Rosemary serves on the Board of Northern Virginia Family Services (NVFS), Jade Philanthropy Society and is on the Board of Advisors for United Bank and the Vietnamese Realtor Forum.

The Corporate Leadership Award recognizes a private sector company or individual that has demonstrated excellence and a commitment to the community, not only ethical leadership and corporate stewardship, but will have made a demonstrative and positive difference in the community.

**Tim Sargeant, Dominion Resources, LFI ’03**, is recognized for his commitment to making a difference within Dominion Resources, the communities they serve, and the place he lives. Tim exemplifies outstanding corporate citizenship, leadership, vision, and inspiration through his representation of Dominion Resources and his active role in the community. Currently, Tim is
serving his second four-year term as an At-Large Member of the Fairfax County Planning Commission, serves on several Planning Commission committees, and is the gubernatorial appointee to the Board of Visitors of Gunston Hall. Tim chairs the Northern Virginia Regional Park Foundation Board and serves on the Northern Virginia Community College Foundation Board, the Board of Leadership Fairfax, Inc., and several area Chambers of Commerce.

The Educational Leadership Award recognizes an individual teacher or administrator at the primary or secondary school level who has demonstrated a long-term and consistent pattern of excellent leadership in the education field. This person exemplifies a passion for educating, embodies innovation in his/her approach, and provides inspirational leadership to students, parents, and the community as a whole.

Jim Holcombe and Gloria Rubin, J.E.B. Stuart High School were selected for their leadership of the Interact Club and partnership with the community. Reaching beyond their professional roles as a social studies teacher and counselor, respectively, each year Jim and Gloria have engaged 70-100 students from a socio- and economically diverse school, providing them the opportunity to become civic leaders; participate in community service and training sessions; and receive support and scholarship opportunities for college applications. Jim and Gloria’s leadership, involvement and outreach has impacted the lives of over 1000 students and improved the J.E.B. Stuart community through their service.

Leadership Fairfax (LFI) is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to finding, training and growing leaders in Northern Virginia. Through its three programs – Leadership Fairfax, Inc. (LFI), Emerging Leaders, Inc (ELI), and Lifetime Leadership Program (LLP) – LFI seeks to build and connect leaders who raise the tide not only in their local community but in the whole of Northern Virginia. Graduates represent a diverse alumni in the arts, business, education, government, health, religious and social service sectors. Alumni from all three programs become part of and stay connected to a fast growing network of like-minded leaders. Leadership Fairfax is nonpartisan and inclusive. Leadership Fairfax is located at 8230 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 100, Vienna, VA 22182. For more information, visit www.leadershipfairfax.org or call (703) 752-7555.

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