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TWO INDUCTEES FOR PHILANTHROPY HALL OF FAME 2011 NOMINEES FOR ANNUAL AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Each year hundreds of community foundations throughout the US and Canada honor the philanthropic efforts of individuals, businesses and nonprofits who have demonstrated philanthropy and enhanced their communities. Charles County's 2011 top philanthropists, business leaders and individuals will be honored at the 2011 Annual Philanthropy Day luncheon on Friday, November 18, 2011, 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. at the Greater Waldorf Jaycees Community Center. This is the Community Foundation of Charles County's (CFCC) signature event thus far recognizing nearly 40 individuals, businesses and nonprofits since our first luncheon held in November of 2006.

Along with our annual awards, CFCC is recognizing folks who have served their entire life in an exemplary way. We know there are many residents of Charles County who quietly give to the community, yet because a huge monetary contribution to any one organization or program or project cannot be tied to them directly --- their impact of selfless service remains unrecognized. It is their selfless commitment to the community and their unique ability to motivate others that we want to recognize.

We are thrilled to announce two women who have traveled down different paths but had one vision: 'To make Charles County the best place to live and give.' The 2011 Philanthropy Hall of Fame inductees are Mary Hancock and Lillian Richardson.

According to Mary Hancock's nominee application, Mary Hancock saw a need, had a vision and took the initiative to start two separate organizations to help the community among her many other volunteer activities. Twenty years ago in 1991, she started the Meals on Wheels program for the Nanjemoy area and about ten years later in 2002, she started the Charles County Chapter of Project Linus. For both organizations she recruits volunteers, organizes meeting places, researches dietary needs for residents, advertises for both organizations, delivers blankets and/or meals, identify needs, etc. etc. In addition to Meals on Wheels and Project Linus, Ms. Hancock is active with American Legion Auxiliary of Post 82 in La Plata, St. Ignatius Church, Hilltop and several other organizations. "Mary is most proud of her success with Charles County Project Linus and is especially proud that from 2002 through September 30, 2011, 16,563 blankets have been handmade and donated to children."

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Lillian Richardson now 93 years old limits her volunteer activities. But for the 75 years of her life that she spent in western Charles County, you can be sure Lillian was involved in the community. According to Lillian she was one of nine children who grew up on a farm. They grew, sold and delivered vegetables and Christmas wreaths door to door. With every volunteer activity, she took on the leadership position, albeit the President of the PTA, Band Boosters, Methodist Youth Fellowship, or Youth Choir. She initiated fundraisers and motivated the youth to hold bicycle marathons to benefit St. Jude's Children Research Hospital. Later in life, Ms. Richardson organized and sponsored trips for seniors, coordinated the County Senior Citizens program. She supported the NAACP, was one of the first members and served as Treasurer of the African American Heritage Society and a lifetime supporter for St. Jude's. According to her application, Lillian doesn't let everyone know what she's doing or what she's done. She just takes it upon herself to see a need and then to fill that need."

In addition to our two inductees into the Philanthropy Hall of Fame, we will be recognizing the following individuals and organizations for their outstanding service to our community in the last year and they are (listed in alphabetical order):

- Joyce Dean
- Henry G. Scharles
- Dorothea Smith
- Future Next Corporation
- Charles County Rotary Club of La Plata
- Swan Point Yacht & Country Club

This year's theme of giving thanks coincides with our upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday. **In addition to the awards luncheon, the Foundation is asking attendees to bring two non-perishable food items with them to support a local food pantry**

ABOUT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF CHARLES COUNTY

The Community Foundation of Charles County exists to improve the quality of life in Charles County. The mission is accomplished through encouraging philanthropy and permanent endowment; assessing and responding to emerging and ever-changing needs; providing opportunities for donors with varying interest and giving capacities; and by serving as a resource and catalyst for philanthropic endeavors.

Please join us and get ready to be inspired. Consider supporting the event by participating as a sponsor. For more information about sponsorship opportunities go to our website at www.somdgiving.org, send an email to gretchen.heinze@charlescommunityfoundation.org or call 301.885.0108. Tickets are \$30 per person and must be purchased in advance by November 11. . Please mail, your check to the Community Foundation of Charles County, 3055 Old Washington Road, Waldorf, MD 20601. Our growing list of sponsors include: Greater Waldorf Jaycees, Chaney Enterprises, Community Bank of Tri-County, Charles County Public Library, GenOn Energy Services, LLC, PNC, Swan Point Yacht & Country Club, and Bernie's Frame Shop, Crown Trophy of Waldorf, and JDS Associates.

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