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**TRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP
HONORS LEADERSHIP ANNE ARUNDEL'S 2010 GRADUATES**

ANNAPOLIS, MD (June 28, 2010) – Nearly 60 graduates of Leadership Anne Arundel's (LAA) Executive Leadership Series, Flagship Program and Leadership Fellows Seminar Series were honored at LAA's Tribute to Community Leadership on Tuesday, June 22 at the Chesapeake Arts Center in Brooklyn Park. The theme for the program year was "Building Community Partnerships. (*Editor's Note: List of graduates is attached*).

Tribute to Community Leadership is Leadership Anne Arundel's signature event that celebrates the work of its program participants. The event began at 5 p.m. with a VIP reception that featured signature dishes from several Anne Arundel County restaurants and caterers. The graduation ceremony was held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Chesapeake Arts Center's main auditorium. Approximately 200 people attended the formal graduation ceremony that recognized each graduate of Leadership Anne Arundel's three programs.

Three special awards were presented during the graduation ceremony. The LAA Community Champion Award was presented to Julio Martinez, of the Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation, a 2009 graduate of LAA's Neighborhood Leadership Academy (NLA), whose dedication and enthusiasm for the NLA program impressed everyone. This award provides a full scholarship to LAA's Leadership Fellows Seminar Series to a graduate of the Neighborhood Leadership Academy.

The LAA Volunteer of the Year Award, which honors a person who has given tirelessly of his or her time and expertise to LAA this year, was presented to David Vogel, ABSI/Compass Information Systems, a graduate of this year's Inaugural Leadership Fellows Seminar Series and of the 2007 Executive Leadership Series (ELS). He has helped plan ELS classes for the past two

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years and has helped LAA with fundraising and outreach to new technology companies in western Anne Arundel County.

The LAA Distinguished Graduate Award was awarded to an LAA graduate who has made significant contributions for the betterment of the community: Larry Ulvila, Jr., CEO of Insurance Solutions. He has been a member of 2 to 3 LAA boards and committees each year, and has been a major supporter of the organization since graduating from the Flagship program in 1995. He currently serves on the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Chamber's Economic Development Committee, the CommerceFirst Bank Board of Directors, and the Anne Arundel Medical Center Capital Campaign Committee.

The Tribute to Community Leadership was made possible by contributions and in kind donations from many companies and individuals who sponsored the event. The Board of Director's Circle included: Anne Arundel Community College; ARINC; Art Ebersberger; Greenberg Gibbons Commercial; Hank Gundlach, Portfolio Manager, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney; M&T Bank; Northrop Grumman; TeleCommunication Systems, Inc.; and Verizon. The President's Circle included: Booz Allen Hamilton; Frank Gumpert Printing; Insurance Solutions; and PNC Bank. The Executive Committee's Circle included: Baltimore Gas & Electric; BB&T; Pam Beidle/Nationwide Insurance; and Delegate Steve Schuh. The Committee Chair's Circle included A.J. Properties, Inc.; Anne Arundel Medical Center; the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County; Chesapeake Arts Center; First Citizens Bank; Michael S. Gallatin, LLC; Klos, Lourie & Leahy, P.A.; Senator Ed Reilly; St. John's College; and VisionWorkshops.

Restaurants and caterers who donated signature dishes for the event included: El Salto Mexican Restaurant; Katcef Brothers; Mills Wine & Spirits; Roundz Catering; Saucy Salamander; Terry's Place Family Restaurant and Lounge; West End Grill; and Whole Foods.

LAA is supported throughout the year by leadership partners who provide financial and in kind contributions to ensure the continued success of the organization. This year's Leadership Partners include Anne Arundel Community College; Anne Arundel Medical Center; BB&T; Booz Allen Hamilton; Capital Gazette Newspapers; Dillon's Bus Service, Inc.; Greenberg Gibbons Commercial; Hank Gundlach, Portfolio Manager, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney; M&T

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Bank; Northrop Grumman; TeleCommunication Systems, Inc.; Verizon; and Westfield Annapolis.

Leadership Anne Arundel's mission is to provide people of diverse backgrounds with the education, resources and networks necessary to become successful proactive leaders. During its 17 years, Leadership Anne Arundel has trained more than 1,000 people to become community leaders through its Neighborhood Leadership Academy, and its Flagship and Executive Leadership Series programs. LAA graduates have become involved in many non-profit boards, local governments and other organizations, and have launched a number of successful community programs.

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**Executive Leadership Series
Class of 2010**

Christopher Asher, Merrill Lynch
Debbie Gundlach, Walgreens Home Care
Henry R. Gundlach, Jr., Morgan Stanley Smith Barney
Davina Grace Hill, Chesapeake Arts Center
Barry Johnston, Booz Allen Hamilton
Janet Keys, Barling Bay, LLC
Claire Louder, West County Chamber of Commerce
Janet Luby, The Bay Theater Company, LLC
Michael Martelli, ARINC
Lucinda Merry Browne, The Bay Theater Company, LLC
Mike Richardson, Telecommunication Systems, Inc.
Rebecca Robson, ARINC
Craig Siebert, Toal, Griffith, Ayers & Kullman, LLC
William Sondervan, University of Maryland University College

Flagship Class of 2010

Margaux Bereston, Graduate Student, Johns Hopkins University Homewood Campus
Lt. Garrettson Blight, United States Naval Academy
Kevin Carter, Severn Savings Bank
Shauna Chabot, Anne Arundel Community College
Patricia Dempsey, St. John's College
John Distler, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield
Mary Donnelly, Johns Hopkins Healthcare, LLC

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Sheree Draughn, Corporate Office Properties Trust
Doris Durrett, Anne Arundel County Public Schools
Leslie Ann Edinberg, Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Inc.
Harry Higgins, M&T Bank
Alli Holstrom, Anne Arundel County Partnership for Children, Youth and Families
Timothy Johnson, Booz Allen Hamilton
Molly Knipe, YWCA of Annapolis & Anne Arundel County
Marcelle Lee, City of Annapolis
Becky McLaughlin-Treacle, Best Connection Travel
Cathleen Morris, Arbonne International
Kirkland Murray, Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation
Kathryn Philliben, Sarah's House
Ella Sembly, ARINC
Patrick Shurney, Sandy Spring Bank
Florence Smoot, Wedgewood Productions, LLC
Sugar Stallings, Young Democrats of America
Lisa Stroman, Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation
Mary Ellen Tuma, Anne Arundel Medical Center
Ronald M. Voigt
Keith Welsh, ARINC
Andrea Willey, Severna Park High School
Joan Williams, Ginger Cove
Yarrow, Conscious Toolbox, Inc.

**Inaugural Leadership Fellows Seminar Series
2010 Participants**

Nancy Almgren, Community Volunteer, Flagship (FLG) 1999
Joyce Coleman, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, FLG 2002
Marilyn J. Corbett, Back Creek Communications, FLG 2002
Robert Crosby, Baltimore Gas & Electric Company, FLG 2009
John Gower, ARINC, Inc., Executive Leadership Series (ELS) 2009
Scott Gregory, R. Scott Gregory, Inc., FLG 1996
Maggie Griffin-Synowski, Griffin Marketing and Technology, FLG 2005
Hank Gundlach, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, FLG 2005, ELS 2010
Rita Ormasa, Marketing Consultant, FLG 2002
Jeremy Parks, Jerome J. Parks Co., FLG 2002
Kristina Seidel, Paralegal Consultant, FLG 2005
Adam Tracey, Westfield Annapolis, ELS 2009
Brian Tucker, Community Activist, Neighborhood Leadership Academy (NLA) 2006
David Vogel, ABSI/Compass Information Systems, ELS 2007

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