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**PATRICK M. LEE, JR. NAMED INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF LEADERSHIP ANNE ARUNDEL**

ANNAPOLIS, MD (August 12, 2008) – The Board of Directors of Leadership Anne Arundel (LAA) has named Patrick M. Lee, Jr. as Interim Executive Director of the organization.

A graduate of LAA’s Flagship Class of 2002, Lee has an extensive background in organizational development, strategic planning, and analysis of operational and financial systems for various organizations. He was President of LAA’s Board of Directors from 2006 to 2008, the first to be elected to a second one-year term. He has served on a number of LAA committees, including the Strategic Planning Committee, the Program Committee and the Marketing Committee.

Lee was co-founder and is currently Chief Operating Officer of the Eastern Veterinary Blood Bank, the second largest veterinary blood donor operation in the country. He has a Bachelor’s degree from Earlham College and a Master’s degree in management from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland.

“Leadership Anne Arundel is going through a period of transition in which we will perform an in-depth analysis of the organization and an updated assessment of the leadership needs of the community. Then we will determine how best to move LAA forward to meet those needs, accomplish our goals, focus on our mission and realize our vision,” said Maura Walden, President of LAA’s Board of Directors.

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“With his extensive involvement in and knowledge of LAA, Patrick Lee is the best choice to lead us through this time,” she added. “Once we have completed our analysis, a search committee will be formed and we will begin the process of identifying a permanent executive director for the organization.”

“As LAA enters its 15th year, the Board of Directors has asked for a review of the organization to ensure that we are meeting the needs of the community we serve, and to do so in a manner consistent with our vision and mission. My years of prior service to LAA and my strong commitment to the long-term success of the organization should greatly assist the board in completing this task,” said Patrick Lee. “My goal will be to solicit advice, opinions and ideas from our stakeholders. I look forward to the challenge and to working with LAA’s graduates and advocates.”

Leadership Anne Arundel develops and nurtures community trustees who improve the quality of life in Anne Arundel County by convening diverse stakeholders, bridging their divides, and facilitating resolutions for the common good. LAA provides people of diverse backgrounds with the education, resources and networks necessary to become successful proactive leaders.

During its nearly 15 years, Leadership Anne Arundel has trained more than 800 people to become community leaders through its Neighborhood Leadership Academy, and its Flagship and Executive Leadership Series programs. Leadership Anne Arundel graduates have become involved in non-profit boards, local governments and other community organizations.

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