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Arlington Announces Human Rights Award Winners

ARLINGTON, Va. - Arlington's Human Rights Commission announced the winners of the 2005 James B. Hunter Human Rights Awards. They are John Robinson, director, Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center; Verizon; Clarendon Presbyterian Church and Doorways for Women and Families.

The awards will be presented at a ceremony and reception on Nov. 3, 7-9 p.m., at Arlington's Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Jack W. Gravely, former state director and chairman of the board of the Virginia NAACP, will be the keynote speaker.

The Hunter Awards recognize sustained commitment and outstanding accomplishments in the area of human rights made in Arlington by an individual, community group, nonprofit organization or business.

About the Winners

- John Robinson: As the Director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center in Arlington, Robinson has been a constant supporter for area residents. Under his leadership, the MLK Center provides community assistance in education, recreation, social services, employment, health care, consumer education and criminal justice. Robinson serves as a personal referral service for those suffering from alcohol and drug addictions, provides shelter for the homeless and serves as an advocate for the incarcerated. He is open and available everyday of the year at virtually any hour to people in need.

- Verizon: As a company, Verizon is committed to creating and fostering an inclusive culture that values the diversity of its employees. Verizon customers who have difficulties with mobility, speech, cognition, hearing or sight can rely on a full portfolio of products and services specifically designed to meet their needs. Verizon products, services, programs and grants are meaningful demonstrations of the company's dedication to improve the quality of life for the people in the community it serves.

- Clarendon Presbyterian Church: An Arlington institution for 81 years, Clarendon Presbyterian has mirrored the community in which it is based. In the past 25 years, it has been a unique religious voice in Arlington for human rights, focusing on advocating for the disabled, women, persons with AIDS and the rights of gays and lesbians. The mission of the church - whose motto is "Progressive, Inclusive, Diverse" - is simple: "All are welcome.."

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- Doorways for Women and Families: Formerly known as the Arlington Community Temporary Shelter or TACTS, Doorways provides a valuable and unique service for the Arlington community. The organization empowers women and families who are abused, homeless or at-risk, to live safe, secure and self-sufficient lives. Doorways provides services to its targeted community, including emergency shelter, a safe house, housing transition assistance, children's services and counseling. The organization also advocates on behalf of its constituency before local and state government authorities. Over the years, Doorways has assisted thousands of women and children in Arlington.

The James B. Hunter award is named in memory of a former Arlington County Board Member who spent years in public service working on behalf of individuals with little access to government.

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