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Shine a Spotlight on Generosity:

Submit Your CFAAC Celebration of Philanthropy Awards Nomination Now

(Annapolis, MD, May 15, 2024) The Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County (CFAAC) is now accepting nominations for its 24th annual Celebration of Philanthropy Awards through 4 pm. EST on July 11, 2024. Community members, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and members of the faith communities are encouraged to nominate an individual, family, group, or organization who have demonstrated exceptional generosity through direct financial support or service, and outstanding civic and charitable work in Anne Arundel County.

Honorees will be notified in August and recognized at the Celebration of Philanthropy Awards Luncheon on October 30, 2024. The event, which will celebrate the commitment, passion, and leadership of Anne Arundel County’s most dedicated community members, will be held at the LIVE! Casino & Hotel Maryland in Hanover, MD.

This year, CFAAC will honor eight generous community leaders that represent the depth and breadth of philanthropy in Anne Arundel County in the following categories:

Philanthropist of the Year Award; Corporate Philanthropist of the Year Award; Volunteer of the Year Award; Young Volunteer of the Year Award; Boots on the Ground Award; Carroll H. Hynson, Jr. Award for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Philanthropy; Carol Thompson Lifetime Achievement Award and The Legacy Award for Planned Giving.

“We believe in the transformative power of philanthropy where each act of giving not only addresses immediate needs but also lays the groundwork for a brighter future,” said CFAAC President and CEO Mary Spencer.

“Nominating someone for a Celebration of Philanthropy Award is a unique opportunity to recognize Anne Arundel County individuals, families, or organizations who invest in the potential of individuals and communities to thrive and succeed. In a world filled with challenges, these individuals and organizations are a beacon of hope for all.”

Here are the eight award category descriptions:

- **Philanthropist of the Year Award**
Presented to an individual, a family, or family foundation who has demonstrated outstanding civic and philanthropic responsibility through direct, exceptional financial support and leadership in advancing philanthropy.
- **Corporate Philanthropist of the Year Award**
Presented to a local business or corporation that demonstrates outstanding civic and philanthropic responsibility through direct financial support and leadership in the community.
- **Volunteer of the Year Award**
Presented to an individual or a team with a long history of volunteering and leadership, who has made a significant impact on community organizations.
- **Young Volunteer of the Year Award**
Presented to an individual student or a youth group who has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the community through volunteering.
- **Boots on the Ground Award**
Presented to an individual who might be seen as an unsung hero and who has gone above and beyond in the service of one or more nonprofit organizations. This hands-on volunteer is directly involved in programs, physically helping and serving others, and is often flying under the radar.
- **Carroll H. Hynson, Jr. Award for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in Philanthropy**
Named in honor of a former CFAAC board member, this award is presented to an individual, group, or organization that supports philanthropy through DEI efforts.
- **Carol Thompson Lifetime Achievement Award**
Named in honor of CFAAC's founder, this award is presented to an individual who has made lasting, significant, and impactful contributions to Anne Arundel County by advancing philanthropy.
- **Legacy Award for Planned Giving**
Recognizes a family or an individual philanthropist who has made a significant contribution to one or more local nonprofits using a planned gift.

Learn more about the award categories at cfaac.org/Celebration-Philanthropy. Sponsors of the Celebration of Philanthropy will have the opportunity to promote their business to our community's most invested and charitable residents. For more information, contact Jennifer Lagrotteria at 410.280.1102, x102 or jen@cfaac.org.

About CFAAC:

The Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County (CFAAC) is a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3), publicly supported philanthropic organization with the long-term goal of building permanent funds that provide support to local nonprofit organizations through grants and special projects. Our mission is to inspire and promote giving in Anne Arundel County by connecting people who care with causes that matter. Established in 1998, CFAAC is one of the largest funders of nonprofit organizations in Anne Arundel County. CFAAC distributes \$5-\$7 million annually to a variety of nonprofit organizations. Learn more at www.cfaac.org.