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Mary Ann Moran to Receive the 2015 William T. Newman, Jr. Spirit of Community Award
Arlington Community Foundation to host annual event on November 12th

Arlington, Virginia, October 22, 2015—The Board of Trustees of the **Arlington Community Foundation** is pleased to announce that **Mary Ann Moran** will receive the 2015 **William T. Newman, Jr. Spirit of Community Award**. "It is with great pleasure that the Foundation has the privilege of recognizing an Arlingtonian who epitomizes the best of community and service to youth and families," said John Shooshan, President of the Arlington Community Foundation.

The award will be presented at the 2015 *Spirit of Community Luncheon* on Thursday, November 12th at the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel. **The Honorable Anne Holton**, Virginia Secretary of Education, will be the keynote speaker. Sonia Johnston of John Marshall Bank and Avril Ussery Sisk, Esq. are the 2015 *Spirit of Community* Co-Chairs.

"Mary Ann Moran has been a tireless advocate of children and youth in Arlington" said Wanda Pierce, Executive Director of the Arlington Community Foundation. "Mary Ann epitomizes the spirit of community. Her gentle and unassuming spirit while serving the families of this community have made her an effective advocate."

Ms. Moran has made a positive impact on the lives of hundreds, if not thousands, of people as a teacher, mentor, advocate, change-agent and community leader in Arlington. Her long list of efforts and service include involvement with Arlington's Task Force on Youth, resulting in the creation by Arlington County of the Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth and Families, which she was appointed to Co-Chair with Diane Smith. She was also instrumental in bringing the Developmental Assets movement to Arlington and Arlington Public Schools--and has been involved with organizations and projects such as Teen Day, Project Peace, A-SPAN (where she was a Board Member and a volunteer for 25 years), Northern Virginia Family Service and many more.

The *Spirit of Community Award*, named in honor of the Foundation's Founder and President Emeritus, the **Honorable William T. Newman, Jr.**, was established to recognize individuals and organizations who have demonstrated a tireless and unselfish commitment to improving the quality of life in Arlington. Mary Ann Moran will join an exemplary roster of past honorees including John Andelin and Ginger Geoffrey, Anna Barber, Jean Berg, Elizabeth Campbell, Preston Caruthers, Judy A. Connally, Karen Darner, Jennie T. Davis, Rich Doud, Ralph Johnson, John T. McCracken, H. Paul Mount, Joan Cooper, Mary Ann Nirschl, Charles L. Overby, Lola C. Reinsch, Eric Schaeffer, Walter Tejada, Meg Tuccillo, the Honorable George D. Varoutsos, and the Woman's Club of Ashton Heights.

Please visit bit.ly/acfsoc2015 for event details, sponsorships and tickets or contact info@arlcf.org or (703) 243-4785.

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