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Jonathan C. Kinney to Receive the 2016 “William T. Newman, Jr. Spirit of Community Award”
Arlington Outdoor Education Association to receive Community Impact Award

Arlington, Virginia, August 30, 2016—The **Arlington Community Foundation** is pleased to announce that **Jonathan C. Kinney** will receive the 2016 **William T. Newman, Jr. Spirit of Community Award**. “We have the privilege of recognizing a lifelong Arlington resident who has worked tirelessly to make Arlington a better community for all,” said Wanda Pierce, Executive Director of the Arlington Community Foundation.

The award will be presented at the 2016 *Spirit of Community Luncheon* on Thursday, November 10th at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel, as the Foundation celebrates its 25th Anniversary. The Hon. L. Karen Darner and Susan T. Anderson will serve as the 2016 *Spirit of Community* Chair and Co-Chair.

Jon Kinney epitomizes the best of community, leadership and philanthropy. An attorney, Jon has worked tirelessly on Arlington community, business, political and governmental issues. Individuals, nonprofits and community groups seek his sage advice that he generously gives. He has been called "Mr. Arlington" for his knowledge of the past and for his skills in organizing the many interests in Arlington, leading all to a better tomorrow. Jon was a founder of Community Residences Inc., a nonprofit pioneering community-based alternative to the institutionalization of people with mental health or intellectual disabilities. Jon has also been intimately involved in the evolution and success of Culpepper Garden, a complex providing vital housing and services for Arlington's low-income elderly.

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/or organizations who have demonstrated a tireless and unselfish commitment to improving the quality of life in Arlington. Jonathan C. Kinney 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, L. Karen Darner, Jennie T. Davis, Rich Doud, Ralph Johnson, John T. McCracken, Mary Ann Moran, 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.

This year, the Foundation will also recognize a local nonprofit organization with a special **Community Impact Award**. The **Arlington Outdoor Education Association** (AOEA) has been selected to receive this recognition this year. “The Foundation is pleased to honor the AOE which has provided a truly unique educational experience to thousands of Arlington students for almost 50 years” said Ms. Pierce. The Arlington Outdoor Lab was founded in 1967 as the result of the vision and dedication of Phoebe Hall Knipling, who believed that Arlington students should be able to learn through hands-on outdoor education to help foster a love and appreciation of the environment. The facility is used throughout the school year for elementary through high school aged students; fifth grade classes participate in an overnight session through their individual schools. The Outdoor Lab is unique to the State, Mid-Atlantic and Northern Virginia regions, and currently welcomes about 9,000 students every year.

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