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**John G. Milliken to Receive the 2017
"William T. Newman, Jr. Spirit of Community Award"**

Arlington, Virginia, August 23, 2017—The **Arlington Community Foundation** is pleased to announce that **John G. Milliken** will receive the 2017 **William T. Newman, Jr. Spirit of Community Award**. "We are thrilled to be recognizing an Arlington resident with a multifaceted career and legacy of service in the areas of affordable housing, transportation, and community planning - making Arlington a better community for all," said Jeanne Broyhill, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Arlington Community Foundation.

The award will be presented at the **2017 Spirit of Community Luncheon** on **Thursday, November 9th** at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel. Every year this event brings together over 300 of Arlington's civic, business and government leaders. This year's event will be Co-chaired by the Hon. Avril Ussery Sisk (Vice President of the Arlington Community Foundation), and Libby Ross (Long & Foster and Arlington Community Foundation Emeritus Trustee).

John G. Milliken, an attorney, has spent almost his entire adult life working to make Arlington a community that values people and provides opportunities for affordable housing, critical transit alternatives, a responsible environmental focus, and community dialogue on present issues and future improvements. He has had an outsized impact on Arlington and our region and has served the community and supported nonprofit causes using his expertise in various areas such as transportation, housing, and government management. During his tenure on the County Board, the Board moved into "high gear", particularly in the area of preserving rental property that could be affordable to Arlington County and Arlington Public School employees, as well as other lower and middle income residents who were being priced out of living in the community where they worked.

Mr. Milliken was involved in the entry of George Mason University in Arlington, and has participated with nonprofit organizations such as the Venable Foundation, the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH), the Arlington Community Foundation and Community Residences among others. Mr. Milliken and his work both as an elected/appointed official or a dedicated civic activist, is described by colleagues and members of the community as thorough, thoughtful, collaborative, creative, and comprehensive. He exhibits a Spirit of Community, is knowledgeable, wants to learn more, and is interested in solving problems to make Arlington a better community for everyone.

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. John G. Milliken 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, Johnathan C. Kinney, 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.

Please visit bit.ly/acfsoc2017 for event details, sponsorships and tickets or contact Brendalys B. Snee at bsnee@arlcfc.org or (703) 243-4785.

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