

## 2019 Business Award Recipients

- **Agnes L. Colgan Community Service Award for Health and Human Services: CASA Court Appointed Special Advocates**

The volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) are assigned by local Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court judges to children who have entered the court system due to abuse and neglect. Advocates meet with these children monthly, as well as others involved with the case, and submit to the court a report listing their observations and recommendations regarding what they believe is in the best interest of the child. We stay with that child until they have found a safe, permanent, loving home. CASA is the only volunteer organization that empowers everyday citizens as appointed members of the court.

- **Agnes L. Colgan Community Service Award for Arts & Education: HireGround, Inc**

HireGround has created a solution to help high school student's bridge the gap between high school and the next step. Whether a teen is headed to the workforce or college, we provide workshops, seminars, one-on-one counselling, and real-life job training experiences to improve this vital transition period. We customize soft-skill based workshops.

All workshops are led by current leaders, consultants and professionals in the workforce. The curriculum is the same as what is provided to corporate-level adults. Our Program Design is intended to instill personal insight and professional confidence in each participant. The room set up is professional, welcoming and engaging. Refreshments and snacks are included. The ability for young people to practice moving about the space in order to get their projects, assignments done, in a mature orderly fashion is the way we do things.

- **Innovative Practice or Partnership of the Year Award: Leadership Prince William & Comcast**

The partnership between LPW and Comcast was created in 2014. Leadership Prince William is a private, non-profit 501(c) (3) organization whose mission is to inspire and engage adult and youth leaders who want to make a difference in the Greater Prince William Area.

Comcast Corporation is a global media and technology company with three primary businesses: Comcast Cable, NBCUniversal, and Sky. Comcast Cable is one of the United States' largest video, high-speed internet, and phone providers to residential customers under the Xfinity brand, and also provides these services to businesses.

Comcast NBCUniversal is committed to improving the quality of life in the communities where its customers and employees live and work. Through initiatives such as Comcast Cares Day; Leaders & Achievers; Comcast Foundation Grants; and Internet Essentials, the company is providing access to innovative technology, volunteering time, giving financial support and partnering with impactful local community organizations.

Each year the current class of Leadership Prince William is divided into teams which present project proposals before their classmates and Comcast. Each hopes to have their project chosen to be the LPW featured project for Comcast Cares Day. Comcast is instrumental in choosing the project and providing volunteers, funding and administrative support in getting the project from concept to completion. For LPW, this annual class project provides the chance for real-world application of the Emergenetics

WE Team concept and helps class members to better understand their own leadership styles. It creates a common goal for the class to work toward—one where they can see measurable results in a short amount of time. For Comcast, this annual project provides a means to make an impact on the PWC Community with their Comcast Cares brand. Though Comcast has projects going on all over the DMV during Comcast Cares Day, this is one of the largest and creates a lot of positive media attention. It's a feel-good story year after year and volunteers love the experience.

- **Community Outreach Award: Apple Federal Credit Union**

Apple Federal Credit Union is a co-operative financial institution serving the Northern Virginia community and beyond.

Apple is committed to community outreach and employee engagement through volunteerism and philanthropic support and by partnering with community groups and leaders that share a corporate social responsibility philosophy.

We are most proud of surpassing our organizational volunteer hour's goal and being recognized for a CARE Award from Northern Virginia Family Service for demonstrating extraordinary leadership and sustained commitment in creating community outreach and engagement.

- **Community Outreach Award: Mr. Handyman**

Mr. Handyman does maintenance, and renovation services for the Northern Virginia area. Each year, with the help of the local VFW (Post 1503) in Dale City, Mr. Handyman participates in the National Day of Service and provides a local veteran their services free of charge. This is the 8th year of participating in the program. This year they had the privilege of taking care of a combat wounded Vietnam Veteran and his wife. They donating over 300 hours of service and the associated materials to improve their Dale City home and provide them some peace of mind as well as improve their quality of life. Mr. Handyman's employees understand they are a valuable part of the team and know that in the construction industry they have the chance every day to help customers with issues they are often times unable to take care of themselves. By reinforcing the importance of customer relationships and scheduling quarterly team building activities, this allows them to get to know each other a little more and work together to ensure they provide customers with the ultimate customer experience.

- **Hospitality and Tourism Award: MurLarkey Distilled Spirits**

In 2018 MurLarkey won the Virginia Restaurant Travel and Lodging Association Distillery of the Year and was named one of the "25 Best Distilleries in the US" by Travel & Leisure 2018.

MurLarkey believes in making a connection with the community and getting to know them as individuals as a priority. MurLarkey believes in providing the best onsite experience they possibly can will recruit their patrons to be evangelists and honorary ambassadors for their products throughout Virginia and beyond.

- **Excellence in Construction and/or General Contracting Award: Mike Garcia Construction, Inc**

Mike Garcia Construction, Inc. is a Construction Management Company offering their services in Developing and building Commercial properties, Commercial Fit-out, Residential Custom Homes, Residential Remodeling, land development Property Management and Consulting.

This year Mike Garcia Construction completed the construction on the Sweeny Barn. An event center that required rebuild of a Barn that was originally built in 1939. This very challenging project involved unique features which required some special materials and talent to complete! They are very proud to have been part of adding another beautiful facility that will attract business to Prince William County.

Mike Garcia has been involved with County officials and Committees, providing input on how the new regulations will affect business in Prince William County. Mike is a current Chamber Board member.

- **Tech Company of the Year Award: Lockheed Martin Rotary & Mission Systems**

The Lockheed Martin Manassas site has been in the community for 50 years. Headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland, Lockheed Martin is a global security and aerospace company that employs approximately 100,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services.

In 2018, Lockheed Martin's Manassas campus celebrated 50 years in our local community. We are proud of our employees, community partners, and diverse hiring efforts.

- **Emerging Business of the Year Award: Avision Worldwide**

Avision Worldwide, LLC aligns people, processes and structure to increase production and profitability. They value serving others. This year their main focus was not on big things but on the small things they do well. As a new member, Donnell jumped into the Chamber with both feet and is an active member of our councils and committees.

- **Excellence in Small Business Award: Loveless Porter Architects, LLC**

Based in Northern Virginia, Loveless Porter Architects, LLC has provided full architectural and engineering services since 1975. Led by Sean M. Porter, the firm is dedicated to maintaining a reputation based on thoroughness and responsiveness.

With a team of three lead architects and support staff, Loveless serves commercial clients in Virginia, D.C., Delaware and Maryland, as well as other areas of the Mid-Atlantic. Services include programming, design development, construction documents, bidding and construction contract administration.

At Loveless Porter they see design challenges as opportunities for creativity and customization.

Clients credit Loveless Porter, for helping them to achieve their architectural vision on time, and in budget, and guiding them through a complex maze of permitting and regulations.

Loveless Porter brings their expertise to a diverse set of government, retail, commercial, and institutional projects including medical facilities, churches, breweries/distilleries, schools, fitness centers and manufacturing facilities, plus numerous renovations and tenant build-outs.

Their reputation is based on a thorough understanding of the project and its implementation. Good design – grounded in practical knowledge of construction – and detailed construction documents are hallmarks of their work.

- **Business Excellence Award: DuvallWheeler, CPA's**

Originally established in December 1992 as Duvall & Company, CPAs, they are a local full-service CPA and consulting firm providing services to individuals and businesses of all sizes.

It is the philosophy of DuvallWheeler to give back more than we receive to the community in which they live, by various organizational and charitable endeavors, including but not limited to cash contributions, community outreach and instilling a sense of commitment. They encourage their staff to give of their time and resources to make the Greater Prince William County area a better place for everyone.

DuvallWheeler, CPAs is celebrating their 26th year in business and continuing to successfully operate a firm that invests over \$2M per year in the local economy, while providing employment opportunities for 16 families. DuvallWheeler provides outstanding customer service which results in assisting their clients to meet their goals and be successful, thereby enabling them to provide even greater economic benefits to the community.

- **Charles J. Colgan Visionary Award: Kathleen Seefeldt**

In 1975 she was elected as the Occoquan District Supervisor and served from 1976-1991. She was the first Chairman elected at-large and served as Chair from 1992-1999 and served 24 years as a Supervisor. In August of 1988, Kathleen Seefeldt, Chairwoman of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors wrote a letter to then President George Johnson, George Mason University requesting a presence of a higher education institute in Prince William County.

Mrs. Seefeldt worked with Dr. Johnson, Senator Charles Colgan, Delegate David Brickley and Mayor Marvin Gillum, City of Manassas to gather support in getting George Mason University to agree to develop a campus in the greater Prince William community.

Kathleen Seefeldt was a major architect for Innovation Technology Park and bringing GMU and ATTC to Prince William County to start what is now one of Northern Virginia's primary life sciences research parks. She also recognized the necessity to unify Prince William County for effective economic development.

Kathleen was also successful in establishing the tri-partite agreements with the City of Manassas, Prince William County and the University to establish the Freedom Aquatic & Fitness Center which is a community facility. Due to the success of this feat, the elected officials had no problem wrapping their hands around the Hylton Performing Art Center as the second tripartite agreement. The stretch of Prince William Parkway from Liberia to I-95 is dedicated as the Kathleen K. Seefeldt Parkway as she instrumental in getting the intercounty connector built.