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### **LEADERSHIP ANNE ARUNDEL HONORS NINE COMMUNITY TRUSTEES**

ANNAPOLIS, MD (March 18, 2009) – Leadership Anne Arundel (LAA) partnered with Capital-Gazette Newspapers to honor nine individuals who have made significant contributions to the community and improved life for residents of Anne Arundel County. Raynaldo Brown; Chet Lawrence III; Tara Potter; Karen Sank; Lisa Shore; Sharon Stewart; Susan Walker; and Chuck Walsh received Community Trustee Awards, and F. Carter Heim received the Lifetime Community Trustee Award at the Community Trustee Awards ceremony held March 17 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the National Electronics Museum in Linthicum, MD. Close to 170 individuals attended the event. *(Editor's Note: A document with excerpts of nominations for award winners is attached.)*

“Leadership Anne Arundel is very pleased to recognize these dedicated people as Community Trustees, as they act for the benefit of the entire community without regard or benefit to their own selves,” said Patrick Lee, Interim Executive Director of Leadership Anne Arundel. “The Community Trustee Awards event celebrates the tremendous impact they have had on our community.”

The 9 honorees were selected from more than 40 nominations and numerous Volunteer of the Week profiles from the Capital-Gazette newspapers that were submitted to recognize individuals whose efforts in 2008 helped make our community a better place to live. The award recipients demonstrated a keen willingness to work for the common good, and, with no personal gain in mind, they worked diligently to make a difference in the lives of County citizens.

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The vision of Leadership Anne Arundel is to develop and nurture community trustees who improve the quality of life in Anne Arundel County by convening diverse stakeholders, bridging their divides, and facilitating resolutions for the common good. Leadership Anne Arundel's mission is to provide people of diverse backgrounds with the education, resources and networks necessary to become successful proactive leaders.

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