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Max's Positive Vibe Café, Lorie Foley, Gloria Silveri will receive Catholic Charities Awards

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA (April 17, 2009) . . . Commonwealth Catholic Charities will present three awards for outstanding community service at the organization's annual Community Service Awards April 30 at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. The fundraiser is sponsored by Bon Secours Richmond Health System, the Richmond Times-Dispatch, Owens&Minor and Village Bank.

Max's Positive Vibe Café will be recognized for the company's focus on training and employing people with disabilities. Since the café opened in 2005, more than 240 people with cognitive and/or physical disabilities have completed the Core and Advanced Training Courses. Of that number, approximately 40% are currently employed in food service.

Lorie Foley, an Ashland resident, uses her background in theater arts and communication to improve her community. She was a member of the Ashland 150 Leadership Team, and co-chaired Ashland's 150th birthday celebration. She remains active in the arts as co-director and co-producer of the Ashland Musical Variety

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Show, and she helped lead the successful “Black History in Song and Dance” in 2008. Foley is also an active volunteer with the Virginia Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

Gloria Silveri has volunteered at Commonwealth Catholic Charities since 1996. She serves as a volunteer counselor with the HELP Program, assisting people threatened with homelessness access emergency financial assistance, debt management services and housing assistance.

Thomas Silvestri, president and publisher of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, will be master of ceremonies for the evening’s festivities. Reservations to attend cost \$60 per person and include a reception with awards presentation, admission to the A Million Blooms Exhibit and live music by the Debo Dabney Trio. The celebration begins at 5:30 p.m. For reservations, contact Julie Atkinson at 804-545-5935; email: Julie.Atkinson@cccofva.org.

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