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Richmond Celebrates Volunteerism at Community Service Awards

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA (May 13, 2009) . . . Volunteerism was the focus of the Commonwealth Catholic Charities Community Service Awards on April 30 at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden.

Thomas Silvestri, President and Publisher of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, entertained guests with light-hearted commentary while emphasizing the important work of volunteers and the benefits to the Richmond communities.

Gloria Silveri received the Samuel H. Dibert Volunteer of the Year award for her more than 16 years of service to Commonwealth Catholic Charities. "It's my second home," said Silveri.

Garth Larcen and Max Larcen of Max's Positive Vibe Café accepted the Community Service Award sponsored by Village Bank and presented by Jerry Mabry. The award acknowledged the training and hope the Positive Vibe Café provides to people with disabilities.

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Lorie Foley received the Community Service Award, sponsored by Owens&Minor and presented by Angela Wilkes. Foley uses her artistic talents to promote cultural growth in her Ashland community.

Following the awards ceremony, guests enjoyed music performed by the Debo Dabney Trio and strolled in the gardens during the A Million Blooms Exhibit.

The Community Service Awards are sponsored by Bon Secours Richmond Health System and the Richmond Times-Dispatch. All proceeds support the work of Commonwealth Catholic Charities.

Commonwealth Catholic Charities is a nonprofit human services organization that assists people of all faiths.

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