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**St. John's Community Services Recognized by the  
Lisner-Louise-Dickson-Hurt Home**

**Washington, D.C.:** The Lisner-Louise-Dickson-Hurt Home will recognize Thomas F. Wilds, President/CEO, and St. John's Community Services (SJCS) with the Laura Lisner Award. The ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 27 at 5 p.m. at 5425 Western Avenue, NW, followed by an art exhibition and sale by the Home residents.

Each year, the Home bestows this prestigious award—named after benefactor Laura Lisner, wife of Abraham Lisner—to an individual and/or group who has enhanced the quality of life for the aging population in the District of Columbia. Mr. Wilds and SJCS are being recognized for the support and advocacy they have provided for older people with disabilities. As stated by L. Ward Orem, the Home's CEO:

Clearly you [Mr. Wilds] and SJCS have made a mark in the community and have provided support and services to many seniors who deal on a daily basis with disabilities...your programs have touched the lives of so many seniors that we serve here on Western Avenue.

Both the Lisner-Louise-Dickson-Hurt Home and St. John's Community Services share the belief that all people are valuable, contributing members of our communities. The Home provides seniors outstanding health and life care services in a beautiful environment, while SJCS supports children and adults with disabilities to live, work and learn in their chosen communities. SJCS and the Home have a special partnership where individuals in SJCS' day services have the opportunity to volunteer at the Home's gift shop or recreation area or as friendly visitors with residents.

The relationship between the Lisner-Louise-Dickson-Hurt Home and St. John's Community Services has been one of mutual regard and support that extends back over the 30 years that Thomas Wilds has served as SJCS President. Mr. Wilds and SJCS are honored to accept this recognition from one of the most venerable human service providers in the District of Columbia.

St. John's Community Services, founded in 1868, is a non-profit, non-denominational agency that is dedicated to *advancing community support and opportunities for people living with disabilities*. SJCS provides residential, employment, adult day and educational services to over 450 adults and children in Washington, DC, Virginia, Tennessee and Pennsylvania.

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