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St. John's Community Services Recognizes Community Leaders and Staff Supporting People with Disabilities

Washington, DC—St. John's Community Services (SJCS)—Virginia holds its annual awards ceremony at the Waterford Reception and Banquet Hall in Fairfax on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Representing SJCS will be Thomas F. Wilds, President & CEO; Genni Sasnett, COO; Bruce Finland, SJCS-VA Chair; and Thomas Johnson, SJCS-VA State Director.

The award recipients will be honored for their commitment to advancing the lives of people with intellectual, developmental and other disabilities in Northern Virginia—including Arlington, Fairfax, Alexandria and Loudoun Counties, and the city of Falls Church. The recipients cultivate opportunities for community involvement through advocacy, community outreach, and community partnerships. They are dedicated not only to the needs of people with disabilities and their families but to building stronger and more inclusive communities. In so doing, they further the SJCS mission—*advancing community support and opportunities for people living with disabilities*. They are:

- Advocacy Award—Noel St. Amant, Support Coordinator, Arlington Community Service Board (CSB)
- Community Partner Award—Groveton Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA
- Community Service Award—Goodwill of Greater Washington, Reston, VA
- Program Award—Sara McInturff, Contract Manager, Loudoun County CSB
- SJCS-VA Employee of the Year—Adelina Cubol, Support Specialist, Loudoun Residential and Alvin Rhames, Team Leader, Day Services
- SJCS-VA Special Recognition—Leona Dorsey, Administrative Assistant and Caridad Mouanga, Program Coordinator

St. John's Community Services was founded in 1868 by parishioners of St. John's Episcopal Church ("the Church of Presidents") in Washington, DC. SJCS is a non-profit, non-denominational agency that is dedicated to successfully supporting people with intellectual, developmental and other disabilities and their families so that they may live, work, volunteer and participate in communities of their choice. SJCS provides residential, employment, adult day and education services to over 450 adults and children in Washington, DC, Virginia, Tennessee and Pennsylvania.

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