



McLean Citizens Foundation Celebrates 25 Years of Charitable Grants to Greater McLean Community

MCF, charitable arm of MCA, plans anniversary gala

May 3, 2005 – McLean, VA – Trustees of the McLean Citizens Foundation (MCF) are planning to celebrate their 25th anniversary in style. This year, a significant one in the organization's history, also marking the year MCF is near to the \$1 million mark in community grants to worthy civic projects in the McLean Planning District (the McLean Planning District is bounded by the Potomac River, the Arlington County line, the Falls Church City line and the Dulles Access Road to Difficult Run).

On Friday, May 20th, MCF will celebrate its 25th anniversary at the home of Tim and Debbie Howard. The evening promises to be fun and sumptuous. Entertainment will be provided by the McLean High School Jazz Band and will include a catered buffet, open bar and silent auction. The party will run from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM with the auction starting promptly at 7:30. Invitations at \$75.00 per person have been mailed but, individuals interested in supporting MCF also can make reservations and donations at the MCF web site (www.mcleancitizensfoundation.org).

Bernadette Saperstein, MCF Trustee in charge of the auction, promises unique and high quality items. "Our big ticket item will be a week long stay at a gorgeous, 5-bedroom beachfront home in Cancun, Mexico, with a pool and access to a resort golf course. The home is 40 minutes from the Cancun airport and lies at the nexus of a triangle of the ancient ruins of Chichen Izta, Coba and Tulum."

Trustees also promise a wide range of auction items: Tickets to the upcoming, sold-out performance of Garrison Keillor at Wolf Trap and two catered dinners for four from My Personal Chef. There will be an American flag, which will be flown over the U.S. Capitol on the highest bidder's date of choice. Also at the auction will be a signed print of an oil painting by Virginia's Senior Senator John Warner. Freshly printed sheets of

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one and two-dollar bills are awaiting the signature of Treasury Secretary John Snow for the MCF auction. A framed commemorative Pimmit Run Trail Map, including a guided walk, is an example of local McLean flavor in the varied auction items.

Over the years, MCF has funded civic projects large and small. For two years MCF has supported Langley High School's Ethics Day and is a sponsor of the Clemyjontri Park for children. MCF has helped the McLean Volunteer Fire Department with several grants, the latest -- one of its largest grant commitments to date -- will help to purchase a new heavy rescue squad vehicle. In 2002, MCF funded the purchase of a used truck for SHARE to deliver food, furnishings and clothing to local families and provided new recliners and sofas for the comfort of seniors who spend their days at the Alzheimer's Family Day Center. MCF also awarded a matching grant for the construction of the gazebo in McLean's Central Park. In 2000, MCF funded computers for the home nurses at the Hospice of Northern Virginia. In all, MCF has donated more than \$900,000 to more than 100 worthy community projects. (A complete list of grant projects is available on the MCF web site.)

In recognition of MCF, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors presented the Board of Trustees with a resolution commending its good works in the community for the past 25 years. (A photo is included of the recognition presentation.)