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Virginia Community Action Partnership Announces Award Winners During Community Action Month

Richmond, VA – Today, the Virginia Community Action Partnership (VACAP) announces the winner of the Mark Grigsby Selfless Leadership Award during Community Action month. 2023 marks the 59th year since the Community Action Network was established to help American families and communities overcome obstacles to poverty. Of the over 1,000 agencies across the country, 31 of them here in Virginia are working every day to create opportunities and transform the lives of their neighbors making communities stronger and helping families thrive.

All Community Action staff in Virginia are being recognized for their selfless service as pandemic first responders by the VACAP Board of Directors for the Mark Grigsby Selfless Leader Award. This is the highest honor and award given annually by VACAP. The award is being presented to teams representing each agency at regional meetings being held on May 17 in Hampton, May 24 in Wytheville and May 31 in Fredericksburg. Local events will also take place to recognize these pandemic heroes.

“On behalf of the VACAP Board, we thank all Community Action staff for their tireless efforts day in and day out, but especially during the pandemic” said Annette Lewis, VACAP Board Chair. “Community Action staff really leaned in and stepped up to the challenge to assist many low-income families in the Commonwealth and their efforts should be commended.”

“We would like to honor all Community Action staff in the Commonwealth for deploying millions of dollars in emergency pandemic services,” said VACAP President and CEO Erik Johnston. “Community Action staff have exemplified selfless leadership in serving their neighbors throughout the pandemic while also investing in long term solutions to ending poverty.”

About Virginia Community Action Partnership

Virginia Community Action Partnership is the statewide membership association for Virginia’s thirty-one non-profit private and public community action agencies. VACAP’s mission is to build capacity and competencies of Virginia’s community action agencies to achieve their mission of creating economic opportunities and facilitating mobility from poverty for the people of Virginia. At VACAP, we are committed to a future in which all of Virginia’s community action agencies are high impact and people and places across Virginia are thriving.

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