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GGCC Honors Five Exceptional Volunteers

The Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce will recognize five exceptional volunteers at their "Business Networking after Five" event, Thursday, September 17, 2009 beginning at 5:30 pm held at and sponsored by Smokey Glen Farm Barbequers, Inc. in Gaithersburg.

The GGCC will use this opportunity to thank all the GGCC member volunteers who work tirelessly to help the Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce and support member activities. However, five individuals will be awarded for their stellar commitment and involvement with the Chamber.

These five exceptional volunteers were nominated by the working committees of the Chamber for having substantially contributed to GGCC member programs and activities. They are:

Jeff Hoffman, CapStar Commercial Realty
Colette Releford, Strive Business Solutions, LLC
Jennifer Russel, Rodgers Consulting, Inc.
Jeff Schiz, DrinkMore Water
Denise Thomas, Self Storage Zone



Jeff Hoffman, CapStar Commercial Realty, Jennifer Russel, Rodgers Consulting, Inc, Colette Releford, Strive Business Solutions, LLC, Jeff Schiz, DrinkMore Water and Denise Thomas, Self Storage Zone proudly accepts their Exceptional Volunteer plaques at the 2009 GGCC Annual Volunteer & Non-Profit Showcase Picnic on Thursday, September 17th. These five GGCC volunteers were chosen out of the 105 active Chamber volunteers.

GGCC President Marilyn Balcombe presented the Exceptional Volunteers the Chamber's token of appreciation. During the presentation Ms. Balcombe had prepared a few words for each honoree – "Jeff Hoffman joined the GGCC September of 2008 and since then has taken an active role in the GGCC. He is nominated for his work on the Membership Committee; he is also a member of the Gaithersburg-West Task Force & the Technology Committee. Colette Releford joined the Chamber December of 2008 and immediately became a member of the Events Committee. She is nominated for her work on the Golf Committee, a sub-committee of Events. Jennifer Russel is nominated for her commitment on the Gaithersburg-West Task Force. She is also an advocate for the CCT Coalition, on the CCT Board and the Germantown Task Force. Jeff Schiz became a member October of 2008 and took an active role on the GGCC Events, Membership & Golf Committees. Jeff is nominated for his work on the Events & Marketing Committees. And for Denise Thomas, Balcombe noted that "you never would have thought Denise joined the Chamber only nine months ago with the presence and commitment you see from Denise – she is everywhere. Denise is nominated for

her work with the Events Committee. She is also active on the Gaithersburg-West Task Force, the golf Committee and an active recruiter of new members.

The evening's event further shows the Chamber's commitment to volunteerism by giving GGCC non-profit members the opportunity to "showcase" their organizations and communicate their role in our business community. The non-profits that participated in the event included:

- ◆ BlackRock Center for the Arts
- ◆ CHI Centers, Inc. – The Jones Handwork Center
- ◆ Gaithersburg Rotary Club
- ◆ Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Fire Department, Inc.
- ◆ Guide Program, Inc.
- ◆ Hospice Caring, Inc.
- ◆ Montgomery Alliance
- ◆ Montgomery College
- ◆ Montgomery County – Division of Solid Waste Services
- ◆ Montgomery Village Foundation
- ◆ Montgomery Works
- ◆ Shady Grove Adventist Hospital
- ◆ The ARC of Montgomery County
- ◆ TLC – The Treatment & Learning Centers



Guide Program, Inc. representatives Marti Crosby & Jeannette Mendoza were one of the fourteen non-profits in the non-profit showcase. Guide Program provides services to youth/families including counseling, case

management, youth development/psycho educational groups, and tutoring.

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