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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and Reston Interfaith Announce 2010 Best of Reston Honorees and Strategic Partners

The 2010 Best of Reston Honorees and Strategic Partners were formally announced Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at the "Revealing the Best" Reception, generously hosted by Vinifera Wine Bar and Bistro, located in the Westin Reston Heights.

This year's honorees in the following categories are:

- **Individual Community Members**
IMAM MOHAMMED MAGID AND RABBI ROBERT NOSANCHUK
For Building Bridges Between People of Different Faiths
HOLLY NORRIS
For Providing Compassionate Service to our Nation and Community
EMILY WARD
For A Life-Long Commitment to Education and Child Care

- **Civic/Community Organization**
RESTON HISTORIC TRUST
For Preserving Reston's Past and Preparing for Its Future

- **Corporate Business Leader**
RESTON HEIGHTS HOTELS:
THE SHERATON RESTON HOTEL AND THE WESTIN RESTON HEIGHTS
For Incorporating Care for Those in Need Into Corporate Culture

- **Small Business Leaders**
THE VIRGINIA SPINE INSTITUTE
For An Ongoing Investment in the Well-Being of Our Community
WETLAND STUDIES AND SOLUTIONS, INC.
For Protecting Reston's Natural Resources

- **Fairfax County 2009 First Responder Officers of the Year**
OFFICER ERIC R. GLUECKERT, Police Officer
RONALD A. MCNEW AND CRAIG S. FURNEISEN, JR., Fire Department

Best of Reston 2010 is presented by the following Strategic Partners:

The CORE Foundation	Freddie Mac Foundation
The JBG Companies	Northrop Grumman
Reston Hospital Center/HCA Virginia	The Virginia Spine Institute

Best of Reston honors businesses, organizations, and individuals who have put forth tremendous effort in their commitment to community service and improving the lives of others. The annual event is produced in partnership by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and Reston Interfaith. Nominations for the awards were submitted between October and January from the community. An anonymous panel reviewed all nominations and selected the winners of this year's awards.

The 2010 Best of Reston honorees will be formally recognized at the **19th Annual Best of Reston Gala on April 15, 2010**, at the Hyatt Regency Reston. Sponsorship, tables, and tickets are now available; details are available at restoninterfaith.org. Proceeds from Best of Reston support the social service programs of Reston Interfaith.



2010 HONOREES

Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc. Small Business Leader

At a time when "green" consciousness is rapidly growing around the world, Reston is fortunate to have an environmental leader setting the example in our neighborhoods. Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc. (WSSI) is the leading natural and cultural resources consultant in Northern Virginia. Their staff includes wetlands scientists, engineers, regulatory specialists, and archaeologists who assist developers and public works agencies with the permitting process and create innovative solutions to water quality issues affecting the Chesapeake Bay region. WSSI has been working in Reston for over five years developing and implementing an innovative stream restoration project, which will restore approximately 29 miles of degraded streams. The project, called the Northern Virginia Stream Restoration Bank (NVSRB), is a partnership between WSSI and the Peterson Companies, working in concert with the Reston Association. This project addresses the problem of increased storm water runoff from the paved surfaces that have replaced former open land as Reston has been developed—an issue that has been building over the past 40 years. WSSI has presented a broad-based and affordable solution to one of Reston's major concerns. Reston's natural areas along these stream values are being enhanced through this initiative, and WSSI's presence has brought an environmentally-sensitive value to the entire community. WSSI has engaged local schools, such as South Lakes High School and Terraset Elementary School, as well as local nature centers in conservation-oriented environmental education. Students are more connected to their local environments and learn how young people can act responsibly and enhance Reston's natural well being. The staff at WSSI has gone far above and beyond their professional responsibilities in volunteering well over 3,000 weekend and evening hours to meet with Reston residents and committees to explain their work and educate the broader community about how to get involved. The team has hosted "Plant-Save Days," donated over 2,000 plants, and hosted hands-on booths at Reston's Earth Day celebrations. WSSI's office in Gainesville "walks the walk" of the organization, designed as a LEED Platinum building with a wide variety of environmentally-friendly programs and features. This outstanding organization has been recognized as a leader in the field of environmental preservation by Washington SmartCEO, Fairfax County Government, the Greater Washington Business Green Awards, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc. has engaged Reston residents of all ages in a community-wide effort to protect and enhance our natural resources—an outstanding example for communities around the country and globe to follow.