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April 1, 2015

Daniel Bucheli, Office of the Mayor
City of Annapolis
160 Duke of Gloucester Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Bucheli:

The Honoree Committee is submitting Creating Communities to receive the Martha Wood Leadership Award for April, 2015. The Organization was selected based upon its excellent service to the youth of the Annapolis Community.

The Organization was established in 2007 for the purpose of providing life skills to local Youth thru the Arts. Program participants learn to use imagination, design, collaboration and perseverance skills to complete art projects developing confidence and enhancing self-esteem in the process. Creating Communities uses 12-16 mentors and over 50 volunteers to teach music, movement (dance), painting and creative writing to participants and is absolutely cost free. The Program has sponsored many Arts classes at Maryland Hall and Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis youth have benefitted from participation.

In 2014 Creating Communities sponsored the first Arts Mentorship Academy at the Housing Authority's Eastport site instructing children for an entire week beginning August 11, 2014 in movement, song and performance skills culminating in a Demonstration for parents on August 15, 2014; another Academy is planned this summer for the week of August 10, 2015 at same site. Currently, children from the Harbour House/Eastport Terrace Community After School Program participate each Wednesday in the Afternoon Arts Club held at the Eastport United Methodist Church and conducted by Creating Communities. Students learn about great artists of the past and their works; they also learn and practice painting techniques.

The past three years Creating Communities has offered a Teen Program where teens spend time participating in the Arts and other endeavors with assigned mentors. Teen Program members have attended the Annapolis Film Festival; some participate in SAT Preparation Tutorial and others in Martial Arts Studies.





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For steadfast dedication to the Youth of the Annapolis Community, it is with pleasure that the Honoree Committee has selected Creating Communities as the fifty-second recipient of the prestigious Martha Wood Leadership Award.

Sincerely,

The Honoree Committee

