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March 1, 2016

Shayla Saunders, Office of the Mayor City of Annapolis 160 Duke of Gloucester Street Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Ms. Saunders:

The Honoree Committee is submitting Food Link, Inc. to receive the Martha Wood Leadership Award for March, 2016. The Organization was selected based upon years of sustained Community Service with an emphasis on the health and nutritional betterment of the Community.

Established in 1991 as a grassroots, nonprofit Organization serving Anne Arundel County, Food Link assists those in need of food and has delivered over 27 million pounds of life supporting aid since that time. Over 150 volunteers collect donated items and deliver directly to the recipient. For many years Food Link has been a vital Community Partner of the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis. Always there to offer crucial assistance, the Organization also serves residents with clothing and furnishings for infant care with a focus on overall Community Health. At the Harbour House/Eastport Terrace location a massive Community Vegetable Garden Project was instituted several years ago to supply residents with fresh vegetables during the summer months. Food Link operates a major Giveaway of Fresh Produce on Fridays at the Riva Road Farmers' Market location. Also, during the Holidays Food Link is a vital source of extra assistance for Holiday fare.

For dedication to the health and nutritional betterment of the Community, it is with pleasure that the Honoree Committee has selected Food Link, Inc. as the sixty-first recipient of the prestigious Martha Wood Leadership Award.

Sincerely,

The Honoree Committee

