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YMCA Arlington Honored with the Nonprofit Leadership Legacy Award

Arlington, VA – YMCA Arlington is being recognized by the Leadership Center for Excellence as a Leadership Legacy Award recipient for 2017. The YMCA will receive the Nonprofit Award at the annual awards dinner scheduled to be held Wednesday, May 24, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Army Navy Country Club.

The Leadership Legacy Awards celebrate community leaders and organizations for demonstrating leadership in our community. Leadership Center for Excellence will present Leadership Legacy Awards to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of four outstanding community leaders and organizations, which include YMCA Arlington. The event also includes a graduation ceremony to recognize the participants of the Leadership Arlington Class of 2017.

"We are honored to recognize YMCA Arlington as the recipient of our Nonprofit Award," said Betsy Frantz, President & CEO of Leadership Center for Excellence. "They truly demonstrate leadership and support our mission to enlighten, inspire and connect leaders in our community."

The awardees exemplify a variety of leadership capacities, visionary thinking, servant leadership and ethics in thoughts, words and actions. YMCA Arlington is being recognized for the Nonprofit Award along with John J. Brough of Chain Bridge Bank, recipient of the Ethics Award; HITT Contracting, recipient of the Community Impact Award and Melissa Kenney of Doorways for Women and Families, recipient of the new Volunteer Arlington Award.

The Nonprofit Award is being presented to YMCA Arlington for providing quality youth development programs for Arlington residents. YMCA Arlington serves more than 8,000 Arlington youth who participate in childcare, summer camps, Model General Assembly, tennis, and more. Many of these children are able to participate due to the YMCA's financial support. Since 2010, the YMCA has provided over \$700,000 in scholarships to those in need. The doors of the Y are open to all, regardless of ability to pay.

"YMCA Arlington is honored to receive the Leadership Center of Excellence 2017 Non-Profit Leadership Legacy Award," said Erik Van de Poll, District Executive Director, YMCA Arlington. "We are proud to have served the Arlington community for 70 years, and look forward to many more years of impactful work. With a mission to build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all, our impact is felt when an individual makes a healthy choice; when a mentor inspires a child; and when a community comes together for the common good. YMCA Arlington would not be what it is today without the commitment of our dedicated volunteers, partners and staff. That's why, at the Y, strengthening community is our cause."

For more information about the Leadership Legacy awards, please visit www.leadercenter.org/activities.

About the Y

The YMCA of Metropolitan Washington is a 501©3 nonprofit charity organization. The Y's mission is to foster the spiritual, mental and physical development of individuals, families and communities according to the ideals of inclusiveness, equality and mutual respect for all. Visit www.ymca.org, like us at [Facebook.com/YMetroDC](https://www.facebook.com/YMetroDC) or follow us at twitter.com/ymcadc.

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