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Great Success for Leadership Arlington's Monte Carlo Night

Arlington, VA - With more than 400 Washington metropolitan community stakeholders registered, <u>Leadership Arlington</u>'s tenth annual Monte Carlo Night was a great success. The event was held Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 7:00pm at Ronald Reagan National Airport, Historic Terminal "A."



Tim Hughes, Tina Leone, Kristen Hope, Delegate Pat Hope, Bruno Grinwis

The theme of the evening was New York, New York. Guests entered Historic Terminal "A" with the feeling of being transported to New York City. Patrons were treated to an exciting array of activities from a silent auction benefiting the Leadership Arlington Youth Program to Monte Carlo casino-style gaming tables. A performance by street drummers announced the opening of the live auction with auctioneer Mark Ingrao, President & CEO of the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, graduate of the inaugural Leadership Arlington Signature Program Class of 1999 and member of the Leadership Arlington Board of Regents.

"This event is an occasion to honor the strength of the mission that characterizes your organization," shared Senator Mark Warner on the evening of Monte Carlo

Night. "The programs and services you offer provide important resources to make a positive impact on the Arlington community. I commend all those who work with your organization to help strengthen the community and improve the lives of others. On this important occasion, I am very pleased to join with your families, friends and community in wishing Leadership Arlington the very best."

Proceeds from this event supported Leadership Arlington's <u>mission</u> and <u>Youth Program</u>. "Every year, I am delighted to see all of the support for Leadership Arlington's mission and Youth program," said Betsy Frantz, President & CEO of Leadership Arlington. "This year did



School Board member Barbara Kanninen and her husband,, Betsy Frantz, James Lander

not disappoint. With the help of the community members in attendance, Leadership Arlington was able to raise critical funds for our Youth Program and organization." Each year, leaders from the business, nonprofit and public sectors connect with other key decision-makers in our community in a fun and elegant environment at Monte Carlo Night, and this year was no exception.



Youth Program graduate Madison Ihrig addressed the crowd to share stories of impact from her experience in the program. "I've lived here over 16 years, and this two-week summer program taught me more about my community than my entire time here," Ihrig explained. "As I've learned about nonprofits and giving in the community, I've realized how important it is to find ways to get involved. The program inspired me to realize each and every person can all bring something to our community and create something absolutely amazing."

Please visit the Leadership Arlington Facebook page for pictures from the event.

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Madison Ihrig

About the Youth Program

The Youth Program is designed to enhance leadership skills and awareness of the need for philanthropy, community service and civic participation in rising high school juniors and seniors.

About Leadership Arlington

The mission of Leadership Arlington is to enlighten, inspire and connect leaders to strengthen the community. The vision of Leadership Arlington is a prepared, inspired and inclusive leadership who together embrace responsibility for the common good. For more information, visit <u>www.leadershiparlington.org</u> or call 703-528-2522.