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### Monte Carlo Night Gala Raises \$50,000 for Leadership Arlington Youth Program

**Arlington, VA** - Leadership Center for Excellence hosted its twelfth annual Monte Carlo Night on Friday and raised \$50,000 to support its Youth Program. More than 350 Washington metropolitan community stakeholders registered for the April 1st event.

Proceeds from the evening support the Leadership Arlington Youth Program as well as the mission of Leadership Center for Excellence. The Leadership Arlington Youth Program was selected by Arlington Magazine as a Best of Arlington 2016's Editors' Pick for Stellar Youth Programs.

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. For two weeks in the summer, the youth program meets at different public, private and nonprofit locations throughout Arlington County. Participants have the opportunity to be exposed to diverse organizations and meet with local leaders during this hands-on experiential program. Skills sessions focus on teamwork, leadership presence, cultural competency and public speaking. Our Youth Program is unique in its "Philanthropy in Action" program session, which allows participants to learn the value of philanthropy through visits to approximately 20 local nonprofits in Arlington.

"We are so pleased with the success of another Monte Carlo Night, benefiting the Youth Program," shared Susan Olson, Monte Carlo Night Committee Chair, Leadership Arlington Class of 2013 member and Managing Regional Director for Natixis Global Asset Management. "We are grateful to the community for supporting this important cause for the twelfth year. Betsy Frantz and her staff are a joy to work with, and this year's Monte Carlo Night Committee was energetic and committed to the cause."



The theme for this year's event was Black & White Ball. Guests were treated to an exciting array of activities from a silent auction to Monte Carlo casino-style gaming tables to cigar sales and scotch, bourbon and rum tastings. Christian Dorsey, member of the Arlington County Board, acted as auctioneer during the live auction.

Cindy May, Leadership Arlington Class of 2015 member and Realtor and Director of Marketing for Keller Williams Realty said, "It was a remarkably well-organized, elegant event that drew members from across the community to celebrate the Youth Program. What a fantastic opportunity to support the formation and success of our future leaders!"

"We had another great year of community support at Monte Carlo Night," said Betsy Frantz, President & CEO of Leadership Center for Excellence. "It is so great to see guests reinforcing our work and Youth Program through their generosity. With everyone's help, we were able to raise crucial funds for our Youth Program and organization."

Please visit the Leadership Arlington [Facebook page](#) for pictures from the event.

Thank you to our Leadership Advocate Sponsor, Clark Construction Group. For a full list of sponsors and supporters as well as more information about the event, please visit <https://leadershiparlington.ejoinme.org/2017MCN>.

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