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Three Alexandrian's honored for their service to The Campagna Center

The Junior Friends of the Campagna Center, a volunteer organization of more than 100 local women who raise funds to support the programs of The Campagna Center, is proud to announce the 2010 recipients of its annual awards.

The Golden Halo Award recipient is Tamara Mlynarczyk, the *Barbara Pratt Lee Heart of Gold Award* recipient is Kimberly Bacon Speed and the Anne Culbert Legacy of Service Award, a new award in honor of a long-time Junior Friend Anne Culbert, will be presented to Anne in its inaugural year.

Anne Culbert Legacy of Service Award was initiated this year by the Junior Friends to honor of a person who has had a tremendous impact on the Junior Friends community, The Campagna Center and the City of Alexandria. The Anne Culbert Legacy of Service Award recognizes a member of the community who has left a profound and sustained legacy on an organization through his or her dedication, spirit, leadership and influence. The recipient has set a high standard of service over many years that has inspired others to do the same. (see Anne Culbert's bio p2)

The Barbara Pratt Lee Heart of Gold Award recognizes a member of The Campagna Center who has demonstrated leadership and personal dedication to the advancement of its mission. The recipient has sustained a record of contributions and commitment to the advancement of the ideals of The Campagna Center and its programs. (see Kimberly Bacon Speed's bio p3)

The Golden Halo Award recognizes a member of The Campagna Center who has demonstrated a commitment to fundraising for its programs. The recipient has made significant contributions to the production and delivery of successful fundraising events such as the Scottish Christmas Walk, the Toast to Alexandria, the Toast to Fashion or other events. The award winner's hard work has had a tremendous impact on the ability of The Campagna Center to fund its programs and execute its mission. (see Tamara Mlynarczyk's bio p3)

These awards will be presented at the Toast to Fashion on May 6th at Belle Haven Country Club. The Toast to Fashion, the group's annual springtime fundraiser, features the season's latest styles from the Washington areas best stores and boutiques. Tickets, \$45 in advance; \$50 at the door, can be purchased by calling the Campagna Center 703-549-0111 or www.campagnacenter.org

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Anne Culbert Legacy of Service Award: Recipient Biography

Anne Culbert grew up in Iowa and graduated from Iowa State University with a BS in Elementary Education. After moving to the Northern Virginia in 1988 with an initial pursuit in teaching, Anne entered the dental field and has been a Registered Dental Hygienist since 1994. Anne's background in education lead her to find opportunities to still be connected with children and learning, which brought her to The Campagna Center and the Wright to Read tutoring program. Anne served as a Wright to Read tutor during the 1993-1994 school year and joined the Junior Friends of The Campagna Center in January 1995. At the time of joining, Anne was working in Old Town Alexandria and found it a natural fit to be able to give back to the Alexandria community where she was working and living.

During the past fifteen years as a Junior Friend Anne has held numerous committee leadership and Board positions and served as Chairman from 2006-2007. Anne's fundraising involvement is varied and includes the following: Decorator Show house: 1996 Day Chair & 1998 Boutiques Co-Chair; Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend (SCW): 1996 Sales Chair, 1997; Day of Duty Chair, 1998; Heather & Greens Co-Chair, Toast to Alexandria Co-Chair 1998 & 1999 Marketplace Co-Chair, 2002 Design Chair, 2003 Day of Duty Chair, 2004 Taste of Scotland Co-Chair; Toast to Alexandria: 1999 Restaurants Chair & 2000 Restaurants Co-Chair; 2004 Toast to Alexandria Co-Chair; Junior Friends Board: 2000-2001 New Members Chair, 2001-2002 Hospitality Chair, 2002-2003 Cookbook Co-Chair (exploratory effort), 2004 Toast to Alexandria Co-Chair; 2004-2004 Newsletter Chair; 2005-2006 Vice Chair, 2006-2007 Chair, 2007-2008 Past Chair; TCC Board: 2005 & 2006 Ex-officio position as Vice Chair & Chair of Junior Friends and Development Committee. During this time of leadership and was also selected to serve on a JF Task Force both in 1999 and 2004, as well as JF Nominating Committees in 2003, 2008 and 2010. Anne received the Heart of Gold Award in 2000.

Anne has found her involvement with Junior Friends and The Campagna Center extremely rewarding. Anne takes great pride in crediting the Junior Friends fundraising efforts for helping to make an important impact in the lives of Alexandria's children through the services provided by The Campagna Center and is grateful to have played a part in their success.

Anne enjoys volunteering and supports current and former Junior Friends in some of their volunteer initiatives, such as the Help for Homeless Walk, Epilepsy Foundation Walk, as well as volunteering at the White House Egg Roll, Fourth of July and Holiday Tours. Outside of The Campagna Center Anne is active in the dental community volunteering for Mission of Mercy, as well as membership in the Northern Virginia Dental Hygiene Seattle Study Club and Capital Hygiene Study Clubs. Anne works at Clarendon Dental Arts and finds her profession very rewarding and feels particular pride in knowing she is making a difference in her patient's lives by guiding them to good oral health and overall wellness.

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The *Barbara Pratt Lee Heart of Gold Award*: Recipient Biography

Kimberly Bacon Speed, from Knoxville, Tennessee, is a graduate of The University of Tennessee. Kim has been a member of Junior Friends since 1996. Kim worked full-time for a Sports Marketing/Management firm representing and marketing professional women's tennis players, but even with the full-time schedule, she felt it was very important to give back to her community. She sought out the Junior Friends of the Campagna Center and found a true fit for giving back to the community and involvement.

Kim's Mother is very involved in her community in Tennessee, so Kim comes by this need for volunteerism naturally. During her tenure as a Junior Friend, she has been involved in the following:

Co-Chair Dignitaries Breakfast –Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend (SCW)

Co-Chair Taste of Scotland -SCW

Co-Chair Distribution -SCW

Co-Chair Heather & Greens - SCW (two times)

Co-Chair Marketplace -SCW

Co-Chair Toast to Fashion (two times)

Co-Chair Toast to Alexandria (two times)

JF Board - New Members Chair

JF Board - Special Programs Chair

JF Board - Media Relations Chair

Member of JF Board Nominations Committee for three years.

Kim is married to Gordon Speed. Gordon is from Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. Currently, Kim is staying at home with her daughter, Raleigh, but keeps herself busy by working in the planning of various events such as the Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon, Epilepsy Foundation Walk and last summer's project on ABC's Extreme Makeover Home Edition build site in Washington, DC. - the Fishing School. In addition to her event work, Kim is on the Board of the Meeting House Cooperative Preschool in Old Town, and head of the Parent's Committee at the Preschool.

The *Golden Halo Award*: Recipient Biography

Tamara Mlynarczyk has been a Junior Friend of The Campagna Center since 2001 when a close friend first introduced her to the organization. She was immediately drawn to the idea of helping the children and families associated with the Center.

Over the years, she has co-chaired many events and committees including the Angel Gala, Toast to Alexandria, Designer Tour of Homes for the Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend and many others. Currently, she is enjoying mentoring an inspiring young woman who is a Junior at TC Williams High School and is looking forward to serving another term on the Junior Friends Board later this year as the Programs Chair.

Tamara is the Senior Representative of Public Affairs for Mazda North American Operations. While Mazda's US headquarters is located in Southern California, Tamara has been able to secure Mazda sponsorship for The Campagna Center's events over the last several years. She has also been able to bring some of her fellow automotive colleagues into the fold as event sponsors and contributors which has been a crucial part of the fundraising success in recent years.

Currently, she is enjoying mentoring an inspiring young woman as part of the LEAP program with the Campagna Center, who is a Junior at TC Williams High School. She is

looking forward to serving another term on the Junior Friends Board later this year as the Programs Chair.

Originally from St. Louis, MO, Tamara moved to Alexandria in 1993 after graduating from Principia College. She lives in Alexandria with her husband, Matt, and their Boston Terrier, Brodie.

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