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September 12, 2022

Subject: 2023 Florence D. Helms Award

Dear Friends:

The Stafford County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission would like to extend an opportunity for you to nominate an individual or group you feel is worthy of receiving the 2023 Florence D. Helms Award.

The Florence D. Helms Award is the highest annual award that is given to an individual and/or organization that has made significant lifetime volunteer contributions to the youth of Stafford County. Enclosed is a description of the Award and a nomination form that must be completed and returned to our office no later than January 31, 2023, to be eligible for consideration.

We hope you will take the time and effort to nominate an individual and/or group for this achievement. Thank you for your interest in Stafford County Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities and the patrons we serve. Please call 540-658-4872 if you have questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Brion L. Southall
Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities

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Enclosures

THE FLORENCE D. HELMS AWARD

The Stafford County Parks & Recreation Commission is pleased to announce acceptance of nominations for the Annual Florence D. Helms Award. This award was originally established in 1975 in memory of Florence D. Helms who made significant volunteer contributions to the youth of Stafford County. Mrs. Helms, a registered nurse, passed away unexpectedly in 1975 of cancer but left her mark on the youth of Stafford County. As an active member of the Parks & Recreation Commission, she was instrumental in establishing a volunteer program of medical examinations by doctors for sports programs in the area. Mrs. Helms was also active in the early years of growth and development of the Stafford County Department of Parks & Recreation.

This award has been given to individuals and groups who have made outstanding lifetime volunteer contributions in the areas of recreation, education, guidance, health, or other fields in which the service contributed to the character development of the youth of Stafford County.

In keeping with the spirit of the Florence Helms Award, two annual awards may be given:

1. An award in recognition of an individual for lifetime volunteer dedication and contribution toward the development of youth of Stafford County;
2. An award in recognition of a group/organization that has provided support and made outstanding lifetime volunteer contributions toward the development of youth of Stafford County.

The criteria for selection of the winner(s) include:

1. Years of volunteer service (20 years minimum)
2. Degree of dedication
3. Fruits of accomplishments
4. Degree of interest and concern for the youth with whom the candidate/organization has been associated

Nominations will be accepted for both individuals and groups who have contributed outstanding lifetime volunteer service to the youth of Stafford County. The procedures for selection will be:

1. A completed nomination form must be submitted for each candidate/group by January 31, 2023.
2. All completed nomination forms should be mailed to:

Florence Helms Award
Stafford Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities
PO Box 339
Stafford, Virginia 22555-0339

3. The Parks & Recreation Commission will review all applications and select a winner.
4. The award will be presented at a special ceremony tentatively scheduled on April 20, 2023.

2023 FLORENCE D. HELMS AWARD

NOMINATION

I/We _____

would like to nominate _____

as the 2023 recipient of the Florence D. Helms Award. The nominee's area of service is

Number of years of volunteer service (20 years minimum) _____

Describe the type of dedication shown by the nominee.

What are the visible accomplishments by this candidate's dedicated volunteer service? (Please use separate sheet if necessary.)

Name of Sponsor (Please print)

Title

Street Address

City/State/Zip

Phone (H) _____

(W) _____

Signature of Sponsor

Date