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EMPLOYEES COMMUNITY FUND OF THE BOEING COMPANY RECOGNIZES UCM WITH GRANT AWARD:

\$5,000 Gift Enhances UCM Workforce Development Center Services

United Community Ministries (UCM) is pleased to announce it has been awarded a \$5,000 competitive grant from the Employees Community Fund of The Boeing Company.

“We are grateful to Boeing employees for this generous grant and their commitment to our community,” says Nichelle A. Mitchem, UCM Executive Director. “This funding will help UCM of Alexandria provide comprehensive job training and employment services to area job seekers -- helping build economic security for our entire community.”

“Our Center is the only employment center in our area that provides services specifically for high-barrier workers, including individualized counseling,” says Cristina Schoendorf, UCM Director of Work and Literacy. “We are grateful for the Boeing employees' generous support that will help scores of job seekers move toward financial stability for their families' well-being.”

In Fiscal Year 2015, 150 job seekers obtained employment due to services received at the UCM Workforce Development Center. One client with employment barriers came to the Center for help when she couldn't land a permanent position on her own. She says, “My counselor did a great job preparing me to secure my new job at Freddie Mac. I am forever grateful for her help. UCM makes a real difference in people's lives like mine, so we can be financially independent.” Not only does this client have a new permanent job, but she is also now working toward her CPA.

The UCM Workforce Development Center is located at Mount Zephyr Business Center at 8305 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria VA 22309, phone 703.360.9088.

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United Community Ministries (UCM) mobilizes the power of community to equip, educate, and empower people to measurably improve their lives. For more than 46 years, UCM has provided a vital connection between people in need and the people committed to helping them thrive. Services include:

- **Immediate Help.** For families and individuals in crisis, UCM provides counseling, food, financial aid, and referrals to other resources.
- **Children's Programs.** UCM provides the next generation with essential education and enriching experiences, including full-day early care and learning, new parent education, and after-school programs for youth leadership development and computer access.
- **Workforce Development.** UCM helps adults increase their employability, with job counseling and computer training and with ESL and citizenship classes.

In Fiscal Year 2015, thanks to generous community support, UCM provided life-changing assistance to 10,200 individuals in 4,000 families in the Alexandria portion of Fairfax County. This included 5,000 children – more than any other agency in the Huntington-Mount Vernon area.

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