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Fighting Poverty Through Laughter

The Friends of United Community Host 28th Annual Capitol Steps Benefit

Alexandria, VA (November 20, 2018) – On Sunday, November 3, 2019, The Friends of United Community hosted the 28th annual Capitol Steps United Community Benefit in the Madison Auditorium at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Old Town Alexandria. Nearly 250 guests enjoyed a delightful evening with friends and colleagues, including Virginia Senators Adam Ebbin and Scott Surovell, Virginia Delegates Mark Sickles and Paul Krizek, and Fairfax County Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck.

“No matter how different our life circumstances or political opinions may be, all of us are here because we all agree on at least two things,” said Alison DeCoursey, United Community Executive Director. “The Capitol Steps are hilarious, and poverty should not have a place in our community.”

The Capitol Steps have helped United Community fight poverty with laughter since the early 90’s. On this particular occasion, the comedy group did not disappoint, favoring audience members with creative skits and musical numbers that brought hearty laughter to Republicans and Democrats alike. The event raised more than \$80,000 and was made possible by community members, Doug & Eileen Kennett, corporate partner, AT&T, and more than 40 other event sponsors.

“Laughter is such a powerful unifier,” remarked Suzy Coffey, Chair of the Capitol Steps Organizing Committee. “No matter how different we may be, we can always find something to laugh and smile about together.”

“We are all members of one United Community,” DeCoursey said. “We hope that events like this will remind us of the need for greater unity and collaboration, as we continue the fight to prevent and end multigenerational poverty.”

About United Community (formerly United Community Ministries)

United Community envisions a community where everyone thrives. United Community empowers our neighbors in need to transform their lives through wrap-around programs and services that support children, youth, and families in southeastern Fairfax County. For nearly 50 years, United Community has been advocating for, supporting, and serving low-income residents in Northern Virginia. Learn more at unitedcommunity.org.

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