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Working with Washington D.C. literacy programs, learners, and supporters to strengthen adult, family, and children's literacy services and present a strong, unified voice on the importance of literacy as an investment in the community.

October 2nd, 2008

Dear D.C. LEARNs Members,

It's time once again to nominate outstanding members of the D.C. literacy community for the **D.C. LEARNs 12th Annual Recognition Awards**.

We know that every literacy program in the city can point to staff, volunteers, or supporters who have made a special contribution to their program's success. And every year there are individual learners who achieve particularly notable accomplishments. This is an opportunity for the entire literacy community to recognize those individuals.

We also know that many programs present their own special recognition awards each year. The D.C. LEARNs Annual Recognition Event is an opportunity for the entire literacy community to honor all of these individuals. **Nominating your award winners for one of these citywide awards helps get the word out to the entire city about their accomplishments.**

Anyone (volunteers, students, staff, board members, etc.) associated with a D.C. LEARNs member organization, as well as D.C. LEARNs individual members, may nominate candidates for an award. **This year, we hope to receive nominations from every member.**

Please make sure to post and distribute the nomination application at your organization.

And don't forget your board members! They may wish to nominate a candidate or you may want to nominate them.

Award categories include:

- ♦ **The Literacy Volunteer Award** – This award recognizes an individual volunteer whose efforts have made a major contribution to a student; an adult, family, or children's literacy program; or to literacy volunteerism in the District.
- ♦ **The Mike Fox Literacy Leader Award** - This award recognizes an individual who has used his/her leadership skills in a significant way citywide to improve adult, family, or children's literacy in the District.
- ♦ **The Mary Harshaw Outstanding Adult Learner Award** – This award recognizes an adult learner who has accomplished literacy goals – i.e. improvement of literacy skills, accomplishment of literacy-related life goals, use of new literacy skills on behalf of other adult learners, etc.

Award winners will be announced at the Annual Awards Event in November. We will notify all nominees and their member organizations in advance so that family and friends can plan to attend the event.

Guidelines and directions for the nomination applications are included. **Applications are due by Friday, October 24th, 2008 at 5:30PM.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone at 202-331-0141 ext. 22, or by e-mail at nominations@dclearns.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Carter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "C".

Jeff Carter
Executive Director