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News Release — Southwest Community Leadership Awards Ceremony

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Southwest showed appreciation to individuals and organizations that helped community through COVID pandemic during awards ceremony on July 10.

SOUTHWEST, WASHINGTON, D.C. – An ad hoc group of residents formed to recognize nine individuals and organizations that helped the community through the COVID pandemic or have shown a lifelong commitment to the community. An awards ceremony was held on Saturday, July 10 at the Southwest Farmer’s Market. Dr. E. Faye Williams served as the mistress of ceremony. Vyllorya Evans and Christopher Williams served as co-chairs of the event.

Community Support Award – This award recognized efforts that ensured community resilience through food distribution, clothing giveaways, and other forms of community support. *Awardees:* CVS Employees, Safeway Employees, Christ United Methodist Church and Ward 6 Mutual Aid, Ms. Thelma Jones, Ms. Christine Spencer

Neighborhood Pride Award – This award recognized volunteer beautification efforts to ensure that Greenleaf and its adjacent areas remain free of refuse. *Awardee:* Ms. Yodie Baker

Courage to Lead Award – This award recognized the leadership of Ms. Walker to face challenges in the redevelopment plans for Greenleaf and related to ensuring quality housing for residents. *Awardee:* Ms. Dena Walker

Lifetime Perseverance Award – This award recognized Ms. Bishop’s community leadership and lifetime perseverance, including her recent graduation. *Awardee:* Ms. Patricia Bishop

Lifetime Community Leadership Award – This award recognized ANC6D Commissioner Rhonda Hamilton’s lifetime achievement in unwavering community leadership and environmental justice advocacy. *Awardee:* Commissioner Rhonda Hamilton