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BRIAN K. SKINNER NAMED AS CHAIR OF THE 43rd ANNUAL HUMANITARIAN AWARDS DINNER

Newport News VA - The Peninsula Chapter of the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities announces that **Brian K. Skinner** will serve as the dinner chair for the 43rd Annual Humanitarian Awards Dinner to be held on Thursday, February 24, 2011 at the Newport News Marriott at City Center. Mr. Skinner, a local banking executive and community leader, will assume the leadership role in honoring individuals who have made significant humanitarian contributions to the Peninsula community.

Mr. Skinner has been in the banking industry for more than 19 years, and works closely with his members to help them achieve their short- and long-term financial goals. He is board chairman for the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula, an organization he has served for the past ten years, and is a member of the Greater Peninsula NOW Group. He also serves on the board of the United Way of the Virginia Peninsula, the Board of Trustees for the Virginia Living Museum, and the Children's Health System Board of Directors which works to insure the long-term stability of the CHKD Health System, its programs and services for the region's children.

The Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities conducts programs that promote understanding and respect on ALL issues of diversity, for ALL age groups, ALL across Virginia. Each year, Inclusive Communities leads educational programs, conferences, retreats, and workshops for thousands of youth, educators, community members, non-profit organizations, and corporate and business leaders. The 76-year-old organization delivers programs to educators and students in Hampton and Newport News through its Project Inclusion and Diversity Dialogue Day programs, and also professional development workshops for educators through its Equity Initiative.

For more information about the organization or the event, contact Jonathan Zur, CEO, or the staff at 804-515-7950.

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