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The newest Richmond History Makers include individual honorees Joe Doetzer (front left) for his work with ElderHomes and Margaret Dabney (front, third from left) for her role in area education innovation. Between them is Marlene Paul of ART 180, which was honored as an organization. Jonathan Zur (front right) represented honoree organization Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, while Shawntee Wynn, Stacie Francis and Kristina Vagas (back row from left) represented the honoree Regional Hospital Accompaniment Response Team.

History Makers selected

Valentine Richmond History Center chooses two individuals and three organizations

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Margaret Dabney, Joe Doetzer, the Regional Hospital Accompaniment Response Team, Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities and ART 180 are the newest Richmond History Makers.

They've been chosen in the areas of educational opportunities, innovative solutions, regional collaboration, social justice and community building by the Valentine Richmond History Center.

Awards will be presented at the museum at 1015 E. Clay St. on Oct. 18 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

An announcement of the awards described the qualifications of each recipient:

- ◆ Dabney, dean emeritus of the School of Education at Virginia State University, has been creating quality educational opportunities in the Richmond region for more than 50 years, most notably through her leadership in establishing two innovative local schools — Richmond Community High School and the Appomattox Regional Governor's School for Arts and Technology.

- ◆ Doetzer has been improving the lives of disabled people in greater Richmond for more than 18 years by designing and installing accessibility-related home modifications with ElderHomes. His affordable, environmentally friendly and reusable modular ramp design reduced construction time in half. Disabled himself, he has supervised 9,000

volunteers in the construction of 800 ramps.

- ◆ The Regional Hospital Accompaniment Response Team is a collaborative regional medical companion program for people who have experienced domestic and sexual violence in the greater Richmond area. Trained volunteers are available at the request of hospital staff 24 hours a day at Bon Secours Richmond hospitals and the VCU Medical Center. Formed by members of Hanover Safe Place, Safe Harbor and the YWCA of Richmond, RHART has provided services to more than 500 patients since its start in November 2009.

- ◆ The Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities improves social justice through educational programs that stimulate discussion and action to promote understanding and respect on issues of diversity. Two local school districts have VCIC trained groups of teachers working to promote understanding and awareness. More than 140 VCIC programs annually reach about 7,500 individuals.

- ◆ ART 180 promotes stronger communities through art-related programs for young people living in challenging circumstances. Partnering with organizations such as the Boys & Girls Clubs, Communities in Schools and ROSMY, ART 180 has offered hands-on art instruction to more than 350 young people to help them develop critical-thinking, problem-solving, leadership and communication skills while developing their artistic ability.

Tickets for the event cost \$40 at (804) 649-0711 or www.richmondhistorymakers.com.

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