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**GORDON L. GENTRY, JR. AND MCKINLEY L. PRICE
NAMED CO-CHAIRS OF THE 50th ANNUAL
PENINSULA HUMANITARIAN AWARDS DINNER**

HAMPTON, VIRGINIA - The Peninsula Chapter of the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities announces that **Gordon L. Gentry, Jr.** and **McKinley L. Price** will serve as the co-chairs of the 50th Annual Humanitarian Awards Dinner to be held on Thursday, February 22, 2018, at the Newport News Marriott Hotel at City Center. The awards dinner is being presented in association with The Daily Press. Mr. Gentry and Mayor Price will assume the leadership role in recognizing those who have made significant humanitarian contributions to the Virginia Peninsula.

Gordon Gentry became the founding Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Harbor Bank in 1996. Harbor Bank enjoyed success from the beginning and, in 2004, merged with TowneBank. Today, Mr. Gentry serves as the Chairman of TowneBank – Peninsula. He has held many leadership roles in his community including with Hampton Roads Jaycees, Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, United Way of the Virginia Peninsula, Peninsula Port Authority, Virginia International Terminals, Christopher Newport University and its Luter School of Business, Newport News NOW, Newport News Educational Foundation, Sarah Bonwell Hudgins Foundation, Achievable Dream, Inc., Industrial Development Authority of Newport News, Bernadine Franciscan Sisters Foundation, and People-to-People. Mr. Gentry continues to serve on numerous boards, commissions, and foundations including TowneBank, Greater Peninsula NOW, Riverside Health Systems, An Achievable Dream Foundation, Virginia Peninsula Community Foundation, and Delta Dental of Virginia.

McKinley Price earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1976. In addition to the commitment he makes to his professional activities and meeting the demands of a successful dental practice, Dr. Price devotes untiring energy and time to the community. In May 2010, he was elected for the first time as Mayor of the City of Newport News, becoming the first African American elected to that role. He has served as Chairman of the Board for Riverside Health System Foundation, Vice Chair of the Riverside Health System Board, and Chairman of the Thomas Nelson Community College Board. He was also appointed to the Newport News City Council for a five month period in 2004. In addition, Dr. Price was appointed by Governor Warner to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Board.

The Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities works with schools, businesses, and communities to achieve success by addressing prejudices, in all forms, in order to improve academic achievement, increase workplace productivity, and enhance local trust. Through workshops, retreats, and customized programs that raise knowledge, motivation, and skills, VCIC develops leaders who work together to achieve success throughout Virginia.

For more information about the organization or the event, contact Jonathan Zur, CEO, or the staff at 804-515-7950. Information about the 50th Peninsula Humanitarian Awards Dinner may also be found online at www.inclusiveVA.org/awards/humanitarian/peninsula/.

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