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The Mayor's Award of Distinction Honorees Announced

The Mayor's Award of Distinction Panel is proud to announce the 2012 honorees. After weeks of review and evaluation by panel members, three (3) nominees have been decided upon. On Sunday, April 22, 2012 at the Paramount Center for the Arts the individual nominees will be awarded with the Mayors' Award of Distinction medal by the Mayors of Bristol Virginia and Bristol Tennessee, before family, friends and members of the community.

Mrs. Jerauld Hill Goodpasture (Jerry), of Bristol, Virginia is being honored for her involvement in community projects and activities for many years and for donating countless hours of her personal time and sharing her creative ideas for many of the easily recognizable events in town such as Journey's End. Mrs. Goodpasture has been involved with the Bristol Ballet. She serves as spokesperson and honorary chair for the newly formed Arts and Entertainment District. She is a founding member of the Believe in Bristol organization who nominated Mrs. Goodpasture.

Mrs. Mimi Price Kind, is being recognized for her dedication to the children in our community and the impact she has had on the lives of many including Mr. Chet Emery. He described her as a great role model for him, the person who became an integral part of his life, caring for him as a person, welcoming him to share a family meal, guiding him and sometimes pushing him in the right direction, and most of all believing in him. Mr. Emery now is the father of two and serves as a Sergeant with the Bristol Tennessee Police Department. Mrs. Kind has served on the Board of Directors of Theater Bristol. She was involved in the evolution of the downtown Arts and Entertainment District, and has served as a representative on the State of Virginia's Arts and Entertainment board, and many other local and regional boards. She is also the recipient of one of the three national awards for excellence from the National Council for Art Education.

Mr. Jim White has been described as "a person who goes about his days making others' lives better." He is being recognized for his untiring efforts in the community. Mr. White serves on the Bristol Ministry Mall Board where not only has he given of his time to the board he also provided a lot of sweat equity in the renovation of a local building the Ministry Mall will be housed in. Jim became aware of the need for a location such as this through his volunteerism at other faith-based ministries. Mr. White has volunteered more than 1750 hours at Bristol Faith in Action. He has served on the Bristol Emergency Food Pantry Board and has been involved with Healing Hands Health Care since its inception. Mrs. Deborah Gwaltney nominated Mr. White.

The Mayors' Award of Distinction honors will feature keynote speaker Sharon Randall. Mrs. Randall is a columnist for over 400 newspapers nationwide including the Bristol Herald Courier. She resides in Las Vegas, NV but was raised in the high country of North and South Carolina. Her southern charm and stories about everyday people and ordinary things make her an ideal speaker for this event. There is no charge to attend. Doors will open at 1:30 PM with the event beginning at 2:00 PM. For more information contact the Department of Community Relations @ 423-764-4171.