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The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia Honors Jim Wordsworth of J.R.'s Goodtimes, Inc. with the 2015 Community Leadership Award

2015 Sweet Home Virginia Gala Raises \$482,000 and Engages Hundreds of Donors to Support Critical Needs in Northern Virginia

Oakton, VA (October 14, 2015) –**Jim Wordsworth** of J.R.'s Goodtimes Inc. has been recognized with the **2015 Community Leadership Award** by the **Community Foundation for Northern Virginia**. The Community Leadership Award is the most prestigious, longest standing community based recognition award in Northern Virginia, and was presented at the Community Foundation's annual **Sweet Home Virginia Gala on October 9, 2015** at the Sheraton Tysons Hotel.

The award is presented annually for outstanding community service and dedication to improving the quality of life for all Northern Virginians. Over 600 business leaders, philanthropists, and community organizers participate in the Sweet Home Virginia Gala, which celebrates the ever growing levels of philanthropy in our region.

"Jim Wordsworth is one of Virginia's top business and community leaders," said Eileen Ellsworth, President of the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia. "In addition, he has generously supported local, regional and national nonprofits with his time, treasure and talent for decades."

Jim Wordsworth has been recognized nationally and locally for not only the quality of his business operations, but for his community service. A founding member of the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia's Board of Directors, his commitment to serving the needs of the local community has been an integral part of his personal and professional life from the beginning. Not only has Jim served the business community through volunteer leadership positions with the U.S. Chamber, National Restaurant Association and Virginia Tourism Corporation, he has also supported local nonprofit organizations such as the DC Metropolitan United Cerebral Palsy, 4-H, YMCA, Little League, and the Boy Scouts.

Co-chaired by **Barry Biggar** of Visit Fairfax and **Dawn Carter** of United Cerebral Palsy of DC and Northern VA, the Sweet Home Virginia Gala hosted over 600 philanthropic, business, and community leaders and raised **\$482,000** to support the Community Foundation's work and mission to grow philanthropy to meet the most critical needs of Northern Virginia.

Along with the dinner and award ceremony, guests at the Sweet Home Virginia Gala participated in live and silent auctions that included luxury gifts, bucket list experiences, quick getaways, themed baskets, souvenirs for

the Sports Fan, and more! The live auction offered unique experiences such as an African safari, a Pig Picking and Oyster Roast, and trips to Hammock Beach Club in Palm Coast Florida, Lake Tahoe and Steamboat Springs.

Support for the Community Foundation's Sweet Home Virginia Gala was provided by Presenting Sponsor, **The Hitt Family**, and from Platinum Sponsors **Booz Allen Hamilton, Claude Moore Charitable Foundation, and David and Carol Young**.

About the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia:

The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia helps grow philanthropy to meet the most critical needs of the community. Comprised of giving circles, donor advised funds, community investment funds and scholarship funds, we help connect donors to community, meet community needs with community resources, and strengthen Northern Virginia.

During FY2015, the Community Foundation:

- Awarded \$4.2 million in grants to nonprofits, interfaith groups and schools addressing critical community needs
- Awarded \$215,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors in our region
- Reported approximately \$36 million in philanthropic funds established by individual and corporate donors.

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