

PROCLAMATION

EXHIBIT NO. 1

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9-28-10

WHEREAS, The Rotary Club of Alexandria, Virginia, with Rotary International, and its District 7610, supports local, national, and international humanitarian programs, in its 82 year history, The Rotary Club of Alexandria has provided substantial support for many programs in Alexandria, particularly those relating to assisting youth and seniors as well as community improvements; and

WHEREAS, Senior Services of Alexandria challenged organizations, foundations, and individuals to help close the gap in order to provide meals to our homebound seniors seven days a week, 52 weeks a year, so that no senior need ever go hungry and the City of Alexandria and Senior Services partner to provide nutritious meals to over 100 seniors five days a week through the "Meals on Wheels" Program; and

WHEREAS, the Ronald M. Bradley Foundation granted funds to Senior Services of Alexandria to provide meals on all federal holidays thus leaving only the weekends that meals are not provided to our seniors in need; and

WHEREAS, The Rotary Club of Alexandria's Past President Drew Carroll met with Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille to discuss the variety of needs in the City, and based on the discussion, the Rotary Club of Alexandria determined it wanted to fill the hunger gap by providing weekend "Meals on Wheels" for seniors in need, by funding the meals, delivering the meals, and taking the opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of our homebound seniors; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Alexandria has established a close relationship with the Rotary Club of Carshalton in Great Britain and, recognizing the bonds between the two clubs, the Rotary Club of Carshalton expressed a strong desire to support this worthy weekend "Meals on Wheels" project by making a significant financial contribution and establishing a Reverse Matching Grant with Rotary International for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria Rotarians Sir Stuart Matthews (Sergeant-at-Arms and Past Club President), Raymond Petniunas (Vice-President and International Chair) and Carshalton Rotarians Bob Smith (Past President) and George Hatley (International Committee Chair) initiated the Reverse Matching Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby give thanks and appreciation to the:

"ROTARY CLUBS OF ALEXANDRIA AND CARSHALTON"

for their support for older citizens in our community by funding nutritious meals, and for the Rotary Club of Alexandria for volunteering to deliver these meals for up to 26 Saturdays during 2010 and 2011 to over 100 homebound seniors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 28th day of September 2010.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR
On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk