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The Frederick Center Inc. Announces 2015 Ally of the Year Recipients

February 20, 2016 -- FREDERICK, MD: The Frederick Center recognized 2015 Ally of the Year recipients during a ceremony on February 6, 2016, at The Hampton Inn in Frederick, MD. The honor, given annually to one or more straight community members who have provided outstanding support and assistance to Frederick's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) community, was presented to:

- Christina Renshaw, TextDesign, Urbana, Maryland
- The HIV/AIDS Ministry of the Church of the Brethren (FCOB), led by church members Bob Rice and Ted Hallock

Commenting on the recognitions, event chair Kris Fair noted, "TextDesign has supported Frederick Pride, the Pride Silent Auction, the Carnival event, and a range of other Frederick Center programs with professional and eye-catching graphic design and production support that has helped make these efforts a success. Chris is always available to offer ideas and suggestions, and to turn around her work under tight deadlines and tighter budgets." He added, "The Frederick Center is also grateful for the support of the HIV/AIDS Ministry at The Church of the Brethren. Under Bob and Ted's leadership, the Ministry has helped underwrite the purchase of HIV Home Test Kits that The Frederick Center distributes for free to Frederick County residents in partnership with the Frederick County Health Department. The Frederick Center and the Ministry are also collaborating with other organizations in support of the Frederick HIV/AIDS Coalition that organized 2016 World AIDS Day and National Black HIV/AIDS Day remembrances and is planning a 2016 HIV/AIDS Walk for June 25, 2016."

2015 Ally of the Year Award Recipient Christina Renshaw of Text Design, Inc. was commented, "It is an honor to be recognized by such an important community organization. We look forward to continuing our work with The Frederick Center for years to come." Ted Hallock stated, "Being part of the HIV/AIDS Ministry at FCOB continues to be one very worthwhile activity. Raising funds to help spread knowledge and awareness to the entire Frederick community is one objective. One of our activities was to provide the Frederick Center with take home testing kits that could be distributed free."

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The Frederick Center was founded in 2012 with the vision of being the leading organization for LGBTQ resources and advocacy in central Maryland. Its mission is to support, educate, link, organize, and provide outreach to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) community and its allies. Contact The Frederick Center at: www.thefrederickcenter.org; tfc@thefrederickcenter.org; facebook.com/TheFrederickCenter; facebook.com/TheFrederickCenterYouth; The Frederick Center, PO Box 3231, Frederick, MD 21705-3231.



Frederick Center Board members congratulate The Frederick Center Ally of the Year Award recipients following a February 6 recognition ceremony at the Hampton Inn on Route 85. Left to right: The Frederick Center Outreach Coordinator Kris Fair, Frederick Church of the Brethren HIV/AIDS Ministry leader Bob Rice; TextDesign owner Christina Renshaw; The Frederick Center Board Chair Brian Walker, and Frederick Church of the Brethren HIV/AIDS Ministry leader Ted Hallock.

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