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## **Leadership Charlotte Announces Annual Legacy Award Recipients**

**Charlotte, N.C. (June 8, 2010)** – Leadership Charlotte, an organization focused on building future Charlotte community leaders, today announced the recipients of its 2010 Legacy Awards, which will be presented and celebrated at Spirit Square’s McGlohon Theatre on Nov. 6, 2010. The Legacy Awards honor Charlotte leaders who are creating lasting change and measurable difference in their communities.

The 2010 honorees are:

- Community Service Award: Hope Haven
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Malcolm “Mac” Everett III
- Newcomer Award: Dr. Ronald Carter
- Schley R. Lyons Circle of Excellence Award: Susan Burgess (LC Class 8)
- Unsung Hero Award: Michelle Icard

### **Community Service Award: Hope Haven**

The recipient of this award has enriched and improved the quality of life in our community through creativity and innovation in community service. Hope Haven, a foundation of recovery, provides life skills for homeless, chemically dependent adults and families within a supportive residential environment, leading to independence.

### **Lifetime Achievement Award: Malcolm “Mac” Everett III**

The recipient of this award has demonstrated a commitment over time to serving the community and made significant contributions to the betterment of Charlotte. Mac has worked tirelessly to serve the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community since retiring from Wachovia. His leadership has been felt in areas such as: education, health and wellness, sports, entertainment, health and human services.

### **Newcomer of the Year Award: Dr. Ronald Carter**

The recipient of this award has lived in Charlotte five years or less and has actively sought opportunities to improve the quality of life in our community. Since Dr. Carter, the 13<sup>th</sup> president of Johnson C. Smith University, arrived in Charlotte two years ago, he has sought to improve educational and leadership opportunities through the community using his more than 30 years of experience serving students and universities.

### **Schley R. Lyons Circle of Excellence Award: Susan Burgess**

The recipient of this award must be a graduate of Leadership Charlotte and demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities keeping with the ideals of Leadership Charlotte. Susan was elected to the Charlotte City Council at Large in 1999, and has served as Mayor Pro Tem for the past six years. She has a long history of volunteer community service and has served on dozens of state, national and local boards and committees.

**Unsung Hero Award: Michelle Icard**

The recipient of this award works quietly behind the scenes for the good of the community, demonstrating leadership through dedication and service to Charlotte and contributing time and talent, though not publicly heralded. Michelle's adolescent leadership programs, Athena's Path for girls and Hero's Pursuit for boys are taught at middle and elementary schools throughout Charlotte. She believes all students should feel a strong sense of belonging at their school.

"These five award recipients are making Charlotte a better place for all," said William H. "Mack" McDonald, Leadership Charlotte's Immediate Past President. "There's no doubt Charlotteans will continue to reap the benefits of their time, talent and commitment for generations to come."

The Legacy Awards presentation begins at 7:15 p.m., with doors opening at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are available online for \$100.00 at <http://leadershipcharlotte.org/legacyawardnominations.html>. To purchase by phone, call Jenni at (704) 688-2888 x3. Companies interested in sponsoring the event should contact Todd Wilson at (704) 277-5079.

**About Leadership Charlotte**

Founded in 1978, Leadership Charlotte is focused on building the next generation of Charlotte community leaders through inclusive leadership development. The organization is the area's longest-running program of its kind with approximately 50 Charlotte professionals from the corporate, non-profit and community sectors chosen to participate each year. For more information, visit [www.LeadershipCharlotte.org](http://www.LeadershipCharlotte.org) or call (704) 688-2888.

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