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Dr. Cheryl Dyson

Angel Standing By

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Humanitarian Spirit Award for Volunteerism

Sweet 7

Champion in Our Midst Award

Mr. Houssien Ejtemai

'You Will Be Found'

On Cue Youth Ensemble

Closing Remarks



***Please join us in the Atrium for the
reception***



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Doug Kammerer
Chief Meteorologist, NBC4 Washington

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Molly Herson
On Cue Theatre

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The Tom Cookerly Exceptional School Superintendent Leadership Award

Recipient: Dr. Cheryl Dyson

Superintendent of Frederick County Public Schools, Dr. Cheryl Dyson exemplifies educational excellence rooted in equity, inclusion, and care. Her leadership ensures that every child—regardless of circumstance—has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive. Dr. Dyson's work reflects the heart of NCCF's mission: preserving the promise of childhood through compassion, vision, and access to quality education.

"Dr. Dyson's leadership ensures every child has the chance to thrive and dream boldly."

The John F. White Alumni Award

Recipient: Tia Ellis

A proud alumna of NCCF's programs, Tia Ellis represents resilience and the transformative power of community. From navigating adversity to becoming a mentor and advocate for others, Tia embodies the lasting impact of NCCF's work. Her journey is a living testament to what happens when a child is surrounded by stability, love, and opportunity.

"Tia's story proves that when we preserve childhood, we empower generations."

The Volunteer of the Year Award

Recipients: The Sweet 7 – Amalia, Abby, Sanna, Caroline, Tessa, Stella, and Julia

The Sweet 7 are a remarkable group of young women whose joy and dedication have brightened countless days for NCCF's children. From leading Field Days at JC Nalle Elementary to bringing creativity and laughter into our shelters, they remind us what youth-led service can look like when rooted in compassion and consistency.

"They show us that preserving childhood begins with showing up—with joy, heart, and love."

A Champion in Our Midst

Honoree: Mr. Hossein Ejtemai

Mr. Hossein Ejtemai is truly a Champion in Our Midst—a devoted friend and steadfast supporter whose generosity, leadership, and belief in community embody the very essence of NCCF's mission. Through his philanthropy and personal engagement, Mr. Ejtemai uplifts vulnerable children and families, helping to preserve the safety, stability, and wonder that every childhood deserves.

"Mr. Ejtemai reminds us that true champions lead quietly—with heart, humility, and unwavering care."

PERFORMERS

JC Nalle Elementary School – Harambee Scholars

Dylan Bolden, Arya Prince, Georgia Holmes, Kendrick Holmes, Da'Lylah Peters-Dorsey, Skylar Kumi, Zhuri Ford, Ka'Layah Brown, Kei'manii Brown



CityDance Youth Company

Ainsley Coleman, Mia Bernstein, Dior Brown, Micaiah DeRenzis, Ella Domask, Jackelyn Echevarria, Mina Lee, Sydney A. Smith, Isabelle Go

On Cue Theatre – Youth Ensemble

Grace Ersek, Della McCahill, Tejis Lodato, Maya Seligman, Cassidy Wolf, Brycen Campbell, Santi De Leon, Nyla Gibbons, Sydney Martin, Eisley Hainline, Aadya Mabotuwana, Julieta Muraresku, Alexa Muraresku, Ori Shankman, Krish Tumbapura, Cleo Wolf, Josh Wood, Alara Yundem





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