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**Only Two Weeks Remain to Submit Nominations for the *The Vulcans Community Awards 2017*
presented by Vulcan Materials Company**

Birmingham, Ala. — Only two weeks remain to submit nominations for the fourth annual *The Vulcans Community Awards*. The recognition program honors citizens who exemplify civic pride, leadership and progress within the seven-county metro area. Nominations will be accepted through July 31 in five award categories: *Lifetime Achievement*, *Servant Leadership*, *Hero*, *Game Changer* and *Newcomer*. View the criteria and make nominations at visitvulcan.com/the-vulcans.

Five outstanding citizens, whose actions have had or will have a great impact on our region, like Vulcan has for 113 years, will be recognized at *The Vulcan* level. Only one award will be given for *Lifetime Achievement* while special *Spear* awards will be given in the other four categories. Recipients will be chosen by an independent panel of diverse individuals. Awards will be presented at *The Vulcans Community Awards* dinner on **Thursday, November 2** at The Club in Homewood.

“There are individuals from all walks of life whose good works are positively impacting our lives every day, and *The Vulcans* is a meaningful way to honor their contributions to our region,” said Darlene Negrotto, President and CEO of Vulcan Park Foundation. “We hope nominations will include people who may otherwise go unnoticed.”

Through an open nomination process, hundreds of entries have been received in the first three years. From the 2016 nominations, the selection committee chose a tremendous class of recipients:

The Vulcans

Odessa Woolfolk, *Lifetime Achievement*
John Croyle, *Hero*
Carrie Leland - St. Clair County, *Servant Leadership*
Tom Cosby, *Game Changer*
Dr. Henna Budhwani, *Newcomer*

The Spears

Tajuan McCarty and James Strong, *Hero*
Bill Heintz and Philip Morris, *Servant Leadership*
Dr. Jarralynne Agee and Jim Wooten, *Game Changer*
Victoria Hollis and Daniel Branum, *Newcomer*

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