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Now Accepting Nominations for The Vulcans Community Awards 2015

Birmingham, Ala. — Vulcan Park and Museum is once again calling for nominations for *The Vulcans Community Awards*. *The Vulcans awards* honor citizens who exemplify civic pride, leadership and progress within the seven-county metro area. Nominations are open until 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 symbolized for 111 years, will be recognized. *The Vulcans* symbolize pride in our region and the significant impact that community members have had on the quality of life here. Only one award will be given for *Lifetime Achievement* while special *Spear awards* will be given in the other four categories. Winners will be chosen by an independent panel of diverse citizens. Awards will be presented at The Vulcans Community Awards Dinner on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at The Club in Homewood, AL.

“There are teachers, business owners, parents, public servants and thousands of others positively impacting our lives every day, and *The Vulcans* is a meaningful way to honor their contributions to society,” said Darlene Negrotto, President and CEO of Vulcan Park Foundation. “These awards celebrate citizens from all walks of life for accomplishing inspirational things in every community of the Birmingham region. We hope nominations will include people who may otherwise go unnoticed including friends, family, co-workers, parishioners, mentors, and others.”

Through an open nomination process, more than 200 entries were received for the inaugural event in 2014. Of those nominations, the selection committee chose a tremendous inaugural class of recipients:

The Vulcans

Dr. Cameron Vowell, *Lifetime Achievement*
Chief of Police A.C. Roper, *Servant Leadership*
Dr. Shelley Stewart, *Hero*
Mr. Mike Warren, *Game Changer*
General Charles Krulak, *Newcomer*

The Spears

Mr. Marco Morosini and Mr. and Mrs. Andy and Jan Thrower, *Servant Leadership*
Ms. Ashley Deramus and Mr. Kerry McInerney, *Hero*
Ms. Wendy Jackson and Mr. Randall Woodfin, *Game Changer*
Ms. Monique Gardner-Witherspoon Ph.D. and Mr. Matthew Hamilton, *Newcomer*

“I am still extremely honored and humbled to have received The Vulcans’ first *Servant Leadership Award* and to be listed among the inaugural distinguished honorees,” Chief of Police A.C. Roper said. “The Vulcans Community Awards embody all of the qualities that make Birmingham so special.”

To learn more about nominations for *The Vulcans* and the awards banquet on October 8, 2015, contact Morgan Berney, Director of Marketing & PR.

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About Vulcan Park and Museum

Vulcan Park and Museum is a 501(c)3 organization. All proceeds from ticket purchases are used to support Vulcan Park and Museum’s mission to preserve and promote Vulcan as the symbol for the Birmingham region, advance knowledge and understanding of Birmingham’s history and culture, and to encourage exploration of the region.