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Introducing the Winners of the First-Ever Agnes L. Colgan Awards

n Tuesday February 23rd, the Greater Chamber presented the 22nd Annual Community Showcase Luncheon, hosted by the Best Western Battlefield Inn. This event is specifically designed to give focus to our member non-profit organizations. This year was the first time that our awards bore the name of Agnes L. Colgan, late wife of Senator Charles Colgan. Mrs. Colgan was well known in the local community as a passionate philanthropist with a heart for the less fortunate. Formerly known as the Shelley Krasnow Community Service Awards, these awards are not just for recognition's sake, but they also come with a check for \$1,000.

Nominees are always eager to receive a pat on the back for all of their hard work, but the real prize is the money that they are then able to put back into the work that they are so passionate about. It is a statement that the local business community stands behind them and the work that they do.

This year's winners were The Joe 15
Team, Inc. and BEACON for Adult
Literacy. We congratulate them and
urge you to look for the Prince William
County-Greater Manassas InPrint
News & Messenger on Friday, March
5th, where we will feature details
about both of these worthy organizations. The 2010 Agnes Colgan Awards
were both sponsored and presented
by Cardinal Bank, represented by



(Staff Photo)
Todd
Hewitt
(second
from left)
of Cardinal
Bank, 2010
Awards
Sponsor
and
Chamber
Chair
Molly
Grove,
George

Mason University, Prince William Campus (far left). pose with the winners of the two first Agnes L. Colgan Community Service Awards – Debbie Page-Maples (center left), President of The Joe 15 Team, Inc. and Deborah Abbott (center right), Executive Director of BEACON for Adult Literacy. Mary Finnigan, daughter of the late Agnes L. Colgan and Debbie Jones (far right), President of the Prince William County-Greater Manassas Chamber.

Executive VP Todd Hewitt. Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative (NOVEC) generously agreed to spon-

sor the Community Showcase Luncheon in support of local not-forprofit organizations.