Save the Date: AFCEA Bethesda’s 2016 A Night for the Children Gala
Set for April 9
SAIC’s Tom Anderson to Serve as Chair for the 18th Annual Charity Event

Bethesda, MD – October 20, 2015 – The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) Bethesda Chapter today announced that they have named Tom Anderson, Vice President of Health Services at Science Applications International Corp. (NYSE: SAIC), as the Chair of the 18th Annual A Night for the Children Gala. The Gala, set for April 9, 2016 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC, benefits three local DC area charitable organizations – House of Ruth, the Hope for Henry Foundation and The Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund – focused on improving the health, welfare and education of children and their families.

Anderson has long been a pillar of the government IT community, leading health and IT service divisions inside large system integrators like Northrop Grumman, Raytheon, CSC and most recently, SAIC. In his current role as Vice President for Health Services at SAIC, Anderson is responsible for advancing the company’s growth across the health services market and has been a strong proponent for a model of mutually beneficial cooperation between the private and public sector.

“Tom brings with him a commitment to further agency missions through a combination of cutting-edge technology and open dialogue between government and industry, which is the core of the Chapter,” said Shannon Hagy, President of the AFCEA Bethesda Chapter. “We look forward to working with Tom in raising both awareness and contributions from the federal IT community to benefit some of the DC area’s most deserving children’s charities.”

House of Ruth works with over 1,000 individuals a year, including 400 infants and children. More than 250 children are sheltered at the House of Ruth as they recover from homelessness and abuse. Contributions from the gala help House of Ruth provide services and programs to ensure the children and families have an environment that is safe, structured and predictable.
The Hope for Henry Foundation improves the lives of children with cancer and other serious illnesses by providing carefully chosen gifts and specially-designed programs to entertain and promote comfort, care and recovery. Since its inception, the Hope for Henry Foundation has served more than 14,000 children.

Also benefitting from the gala, the Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund is a non-profit organization that was founded in October 2003 as a means of providing education grants and financial assistance to the surviving children and spouses of more than 6,500 U.S. military service members who have lost their lives in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

“Throughout its history, the Gala has been a cornerstone of helping charities that closely align with the ideals of the Chapter and mission of government,” said Anderson. “SAIC is proud to partner with the Chapter, other AFCEA members and the federal IT community to make a positive difference in the lives of those around us.”

For more information, please visit www.anightforthechildren.org.

ABOUT AFCEA BETHESDA
AFCEA Bethesda Chapter, founded in 1998, is a non-profit organization that encourages greater government/industry partnerships and fosters networking among its peers. In 2004, the Chapter formed a Young AFCEAN group whose goal is to foster an environment where young professionals from the private and public sectors can meet, interact and learn from each other. AFCEA Bethesda has earned the distinguished honor of being awarded “Model Chapter of the Year” by AFCEA International since 2000. For additional information please visit http://www.afceabethesda.org.

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