AFCEA BETHESDA HONORED FOR PHILANTHROPIC WORK

House of Ruth presents AFCEA Bethesda with 2016 Philanthropic Partner Award

Bethesda, MD – November 28, 2016 – The Bethesda, Md., chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) received the 2016 Philanthropic Partner Award at House of Ruth’s 40th anniversary event on October 5.

AFCEA Bethesda helped raise money for the House of Ruth, a non-profit organization that helps women and children rebuild their lives after traumatic abuse, during the annual A Night of the Children gala. Sandra Jackson, Interim Executive Director at House of Ruth said, “AFCEA’s active and engaged Bethesda chapter has generated nearly half a million dollars of support for Kidspace, House of Ruth’s child and family development center. For their impact on the education and wellbeing of formerly homeless children, House of Ruth was proud to present AFCEA Bethesda with the Philanthropic Partner award.”

Shannon Hagy, President, AFCEA Bethesda Chapter and Andrea McCarthy, VP Gala Operations accepted the award on AFCEA Bethesda’s behalf. “AFCEA Bethesda is proud to support the House of Ruth and fully support the organization’s mission of assisting children in need,” Ms. Hagy said. “AFCEA Bethesda has long worked with organizations that benefit the health, welfare and education of local children. We are honored to receive this award from such an outstanding partner.”

Held for the past 18 years, AFCEA Bethesda’s A Night for the Children brings together leaders from the federal technology community to raise money for the health, welfare and education of children and their families. The annual gala brings together more than 600 representatives from companies and federal agencies.

Since the gala’s inception, AFCEA Bethesda has raised more than $6 million for local charities.
This past year, AFCEA Bethesda raised money for the House of Ruth, the Hope for Henry Foundation and the Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund.

These three charities embody the broader values, mission and goals that agencies such as the Department of Justice, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Defense Health Agency, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and our Armed Forces support through dedicated programs for children and families in need.

For more about AFCEA Bethesda’s A Night for the Children visit www.anightforthechildren.org.

ABOUT AFCEA BETHESDA
Founded in 1998, the AFCEA Bethesda Chapter is an educationally based, non-profit organization which encourages greater government/industry partnerships and information exchange. The Chapter fosters networking among peers in government and industry and focuses on U.S. Civilian Agencies. The Chapter holds monthly breakfast meetings, provides annual scholarships and holds an annual charity gala, A Night for the Children, which benefits the House of Ruth, Hope for Henry Foundation and Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund. AFCEA International has designated the Bethesda Chapter as a “Model Chapter of the Year” each year since 2000. For additional information please visit www.afceabethesda.org.

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