

MEDIA ADVISORY

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JUN 28: FACETS Hosts Academic Achievement Party to Celebrate Report Cards of Clients Served by Youth Program

WHAT

FACETS, a nonprofit that opens doors by helping parents, their children, and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty in Fairfax County, is hosting an Academic Achievement Party for more than 30 youth served by its [Education and Community Development Program \(ECD\)](#) who earned A's and B's on their report cards and for the 11 who are graduating from high school—10 of whom are moving on to higher forms of education.

WHY

The ECD program operates year-round in three low-income, subsidized communities offering a continuum of supportive services to break the cycle of poverty. People living in these affordable housing communities have limited financial resources, with the average income for a family of four near \$18,000. At Robinson Square, Ragan Oaks and Barros Circle, staff and volunteers offer an array of educational, preventative and enrichment programs to help youth, including mentoring and tutoring, and a variety of classes such as literacy, art, computer, and substance abuse and dating violence prevention. The Academic Achievement Party is designed to inspire young people to stay focused on academics as a means to break the cycle of poverty.

WHEN

Thursday, June 28, 2012, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

WHERE

Old Town Hall
3999 University Drive
Fairfax VA 22030

WHO

- Amanda Andere, Executive Director, FACETS
- 150 guests, including more than 30 students and their families
- Major donors
- ECD program volunteers

HOW

To cover the party, contact Shawn Flaherty at 703-554-3609.