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Three Outstanding Harford Seniors Inducted into Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame

BEL AIR, Md., (Nov. 5, 2015) - In honor of their outstanding volunteer work in the community, Harford County senior citizens Susan Nelson, Danford Silva and Tom Ford were recently inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. The three were among 48 amazing senior volunteers from around the state who were recognized for their efforts to improve the lives of others. The 29th Annual Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon was held on Thursday, October 22 at Michael's Eighth Avenue in Glen Burnie. More than 400 individuals attended the event, with 18 of Maryland's 23 counties represented. Each inductee received a special recognition certificate.

Each of Harford County's inductees was nominated by staff at the respective Harford County senior center where they volunteer assisting other seniors.

Susan Nelson is a welcoming presence at the Veronica "Roni" Chenowith Activity Center in Fallston. She greets members as they come and go, answers telephones, schedules fitness orientations, does data entry, gives tours, trains new volunteers, prepares and serves lunches, and helps with registration. She also volunteers at Upper Chesapeake Medical Center, working with chemotherapy patients, and she is a member of the Bel Air Women's Club. In addition, Susan serves on the Brentwood Park Condominium Association Board, participates in the Warrior Dash to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, and volunteers at Sandalwood Elementary School in Baltimore County.

Danford Silva volunteers at the Highland Senior Center as a stained glass instructor – a skill he mastered at the same center where he now serves. A retired Harford County government

employee, Danford provides nurturing and encouraging instruction to his students, tailoring classes to meet their individual skill levels and needs. Danford's commitment enables his students to have a more rewarding experience during their visits to the center.

Tom Ford is a United States Navy veteran who has been a dedicated volunteer at the McFaul Center in Bel Air since 2003. Tom greets other members and assists them with their needs. He also plays an integral role as treasurer on the Senior Council, and he tallies monthly member activity counts. Reflective of his artistic side, Tom has created and donated flower arrangements, and taken photographs for his fellow members to enjoy.

Harford County Executive Barry Glassman and his administration are proud of these individuals who serve, enhance and enrich the lives of our senior center members and other citizens in the community.



Photo 1 - Susan Nelson

L-R: Stephanie A. Hull, Deputy Secretary for the Maryland Department of Aging; Susan Nelson, Harford County Senior Center volunteer; Salvatore J. Molite, President, Edenwald Retirement Community; and Thomas Kline, President, Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame



Photo 2 - Danford Silva

L-R: Stephanie A. Hull, Deputy Secretary for the Maryland Department of Aging; Danford Sylva, Harford County Senior Center volunteer; Salvatore J. Molite, President, Edenwald Retirement Community; and Thomas Kline, President, Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame



Photo 3 - Tom Ford

L-R: Thomas Kline, President, Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame; Salvatore J. Molite, President, Edenwald Retirement Community; Tom Ford, Harford County Senior Center volunteer; and Stephanie A. Hull, Deputy Secretary for the Maryland Department of Aging

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