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**VIRGINIA HUMAN SERVICES NON-PROFIT RECEIVES GRANT**

*Life Circle Alliances Awards \$15,000 to Support Adults with Disabilities at SPARC*

Burke (VA), December 11, 2012—Specially Adapted Resource Clubs, known locally as SPARC, announced today that Life Circle Alliances will award the charity a \$15,000 grant on December 14.

Executives from both organizations will formally announce the grant at SPARC's McLean location at 10:00 a.m. on December 14, 2012. Supervisor John W. Foust (D-Dranesville) of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will also attend. Supervisor Foust has supported SPARC for years and expressed his commitment to the organization's core belief that every person has the right to fully participate in their community.

"We are grateful to Life Circle Alliances and the Fairfax County residents they represent," said Donna Goldbranson, SPARC Executive Director. "SPARC fills a vital role for individuals who need support services and for which financial resources might not be available."

SPARC attracts keen regional interest because of the unique financial model it created to help adults with disabilities at a fraction of the cost of traditional care models.

"Life Circle Alliances is pleased to support SPARC and the work they are doing. We know this investment will make a positive difference in the lives of many young adults with disabilities" said Kay Larmer, Vice-Chair of Life Circle Alliances and Program Manager for the Long Term Care Coordinating Council.

The December 14 announcement will be held at the Old Firehouse Teen Center located at 1440 Chain Bridge Road in McLean, Virginia. The event is open to the public. Free parking is available onsite.

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**About Life Circle Alliances:** Life Circle Alliances works within a public-private partnership with the 45 members (agencies, individuals, universities, government entities, including the Board of Supervisors) of Fairfax County's Long Term Care Coordinating Council (LTCCC). Life Circle Alliances identifies, showcases and raises funds for the most creative and cost-effective ideas that come from the community. To learn more about Life Circle Alliances' programs for adults with disabilities, older adults and caregivers, visit their website at [www.lifecirclealliances.org](http://www.lifecirclealliances.org)

**About SPARC:** SPARC is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing dynamic, enduring learning opportunities for adults with lifelong disabilities in a natural community setting. SPARC does not benefit from federal or state funding and uses a unique financial model to provide free day support for adults with disabilities. Locations in Reston and McLean, Virginia serve more than two dozen people with disabilities. Visit [www.sparcsolutions.org](http://www.sparcsolutions.org) for more information.