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Armed Services YMCA Awards National Spirit of Giving Award to Scott Celley

TriWest Healthcare Alliance Executive Receives Annual Award for Commitment to Military Families

Alexandria, Va. – The Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) presented its National Spirit of Giving Award to Scott K. Celley, Vice President of External Affairs at TriWest Healthcare Alliance, during the organization's 24th Annual Recognition Dinner in Alexandria, Va. last night. In its 150th anniversary year, the ASYMCA is dedicated to providing programs to support the men and women of America's military, and their resilient families.

Celley has more than 20 years experience in the government relations and communication arena, including service as a Senior Advisor to both federal and state officials. In addition to his work at the TriWest, Celley is a National Board Member and Communications Committee Chairman of the ASYMCA, a Board Member of Operation Homefront, and a Board Member of the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce. Over the past five years, his dedication has resulted in more than \$1.5 million in donations to the Armed Services YMCA.

"Scott is a great asset for the ASYMCA and for the military personnel we serve," said ASYMCA National Executive Director Frank Gallo, Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret). "It is a great privilege to recognize Scott's contributions to this organization and the many others he dedicates himself to throughout the country. He has made and continues to make a positive, lasting impact on his community through his dedication to serving U.S. military families."

The ASYMCA Recognition Dinner is held annually during Military Appreciation Month in May — with support from event sponsor General Dynamics — to recognize individuals and programs that support military personnel and their families. Also recognized today were the 24 K-12 winners of the ASYMCA annual art and essay contests; ASYMCA branches recognized as Raytheon Program Achievement Award winners; and YMCA branches honored for outstanding programs supporting the military.

For more detail on award winning programs and content, including copies of all student art and essay winners, please visit <http://www.asymca.org/press/>.

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ABOUT ASYMCA: Celebrating 150 Years of Service to America's Military

The YMCA's dedication to America's armed forces began in 1861 when a handful of members voluntarily provided relief services to Civil War soldiers. Today, the Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) enriches the quality of life for our service members at more than 150 program centers around the world by providing educational, recreational, social and religious support services to junior enlisted military personnel and their families.

The ASYMCA, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, recently earned a four-star rating from Charity Navigator for the fourth consecutive year and is a top-rated charity according to the American Institute of Philanthropy. An affiliate of the YMCA of the USA, ASYMCA is headquartered in Alexandria, Va. For more information, visit www.asymca.org.