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Center for Community Leadership Honors Alumni

Kent County Administrator, Commissioner among 30 Leaders to be Recognized

GRAND RAPIDS, MI – The Grand Rapids Center for Community Leadership will honor 30 alumni leaders who are working to make our community better every day. Among the leaders to be honored: Kent County Administrator/Controller Daryl Delabbio, and Kent County Commissioner Shana Shroll. The Center for Community Leadership (CCL) is a part of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber Foundation. CCL helps educate and connect leaders from business, nonprofits and government.

Daryl Delabbio has been in local government for 37 years, and has held Kent County's Administrator/Controller role since 1998, after serving three years as Assistant County Administrator. Prior to working at Kent County he was City Manager in Rockford for 11 years and served in two other Michigan cities. "Daryl is a strong, thoughtful, and inclusive leader, dedicated to doing what is best for Kent County residents and businesses," said County Board of Commissioners Chair Dan Koorndyk. "He understands the importance of building alliances, and truly has a 'servant's heart.' His leadership is admired by many."

Shana Shroll was elected as Commissioner for the County's 19th District (parts of Grand Rapids & East Grand Rapids) in 2010. She serves as Chair of both the Legislative and Human Resources Committee and the Community Health Advisory Committee (CHAC). "Shana is always looking for solutions to our most challenging issues," said Koorndyk. "She was instrumental to the recent growth of Kent County's Veterans Services Department, and is always a champion for partnerships and collaboration."

The CCL program educates participants about our community's opportunities and challenges, as well as important issues impacting the area. The more than 1,000 alumni from the Leadership Grand Rapids program selected the 30 honorees, including Delabbio and Shroll. They will be honored on Thursday, April 30, 2015, during the Center for Community Leadership's 30th Anniversary and Annual Fundraiser at the JW Marriott in Grand Rapids. The fundraiser directly benefits the scholarships that enable many to participate in CCL's various community leadership and skill-building programs. Over \$20,000 in scholarships were granted last year.

Center for Community Leadership's 30th Anniversary and Annual Fundraiser

Date: Thursday, April 30, 2015

Time: 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: JW Marriott, 235 Louis St SW

Tickets are still available. For more information on the event, contact Kim McLaughlin at 616.771.0317 or email mclaughlink@grandrapids.org. You can also visit www.grandrapids.org/ccl-fundraiser.

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