

FOR RELEASE MAY 26, 1989

For release:

CONTACT PETER McCANDLESS 703>620-0370> RLC 216-89

For more information:

MOBIL FOUNDATION'S FIFTH YEAR GIFT ENABLES YMCA TO EXPAND VALUABLE TEENAGE PROGRAMS

RESTON, VA. - May 26 - Reston Land Corporation Executive Vice President Gregory J. Friess today presented Mobil Foundation's fifth annual check for \$1,000 to Gene Buccelli, executive director of the YMCA Fairfax Branch for its "Project Life" and "Looking Glass" teenage programs.

Buccelli said that the Mobil gift will help the Fairfax YMCA expand these highly successful teenage programs into the Annandale and Falls Church communities (from the Reston/Herndon area).

In addition, he said that this kind of public/private consideration has fortified Fairfax YMCA plans to open four more satellite storefront operations for teenage programs in Fairfax County, including one in Bailey's Crossroads.

MOBIL FOUNDATION'S FIFTH YEAR GIFT TO FAIRFAX YMCA May 26, 1989 Page Two.

The "Project Life" program, he said, administers to teenage pregnancy needs including health, education, employment and life skills. Now in its fifth year, the Fairfax YMCA program provides teenage mothers with transportation to appointments and brokers the services of other county agencies.

The Mobil gift will also contribute to another Fairfax YMCA inspired program called "Looking Glass." Administering individual counseling in the Reston/Herndon area since 1975, this program joins the efforts of the Fairfax YMCA and local juvenile authorities in crisis intervention and long-term counseling.

"Mobil's fifth consecutive year of generosity to this organization continues to make an impact far beyond the value of the gift and dollar amount," Buccelli said.

"It also shows the vital importance of today's public/private partnerships. From our annual \$750,000 budget, for example, nearly twenty percent (\$150,000) comes from gifts like Mobil's," he continued. "And we are most grateful for this long-term Mobil partnership and commitment to serving the growing needs of Fairfax County's young people."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Peter L. McCandless THE McCANDLESS COMPANY 703<356-5858