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MOBIL'S TWENTIETH BIRTHDAY GIFT TO RESTON INTERFAITH

RESTON, VA. - September 8 - Mobil Land Development (Virginia) Corporation President James C. Cleveland today presented a Mobil Foundation check for \$1,500 to Connie Pettinger, executive director of Reston Interfaith, Inc., one of this town's oldest philanthropic organizations which will, on January 29, celebrate it's twentieth birthday.

Pettinger told Cleveland that the gift will help Interfaith fund one of its most important programs, called "At Risk," which is designed to assist families in time of crisis by helping them get in touch with the right Fairfax County service program.

She said the monies would also be used to staff a highly successful Interfaith program for teens which includes a pilot self-esteem workshop for kids with special needs.

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Working with a staff of fifty-three and a budget that now exceeds \$1.4 million, Interfaith manages Reston's sixty bed Embry Rucker Shelter for the Homeless which last year served over 30,000 meals and housed 495 single men and women, over 100 families and 154 children.

Pettinger, whose policy is never to turn away a needy family, is always seeking additional sources for funding. Interfaith's Laurel Learning Center, for example, serving childcare to the Reston area's needy, working families, has to find monies to make up a fifteen percent a day shortfall for each of the 90 little ones whose two meals/two snacks a day is 85% paid for by tuition and Fairfax County funding.

"I am so continuously grateful for Mobil's support over these years. And I will never cease to wonder at the outpouring of Restonian's volunteer work which is a real labor of love. They come to serve meals (often as early as six in the morning), read to the children, answer the phones, give health walks, and teach shelter residents the fundamentals of how to find a job by cutting hair, showing them what clothes to wear and just how to make up. Now that's what I call CARING!" Pettinger concluded.