

Mediation center celebrates 'Partners in Peace'

EASTON — Supporters of the Mid Shore Community Mediation Center recently came out to recognize key community members who help the organization carry out its mission.

Awards were presented to Jo Ann D. Asparagus of the Caroline County Domestic and Juvenile Court, Dr. James Bell with Dorchester County Public Schools, and the Talbot Association of Clergy and Laity for their roles as "peacemakers" in the communities MSCMC serves. In addition, Charles Bohn was awarded Volunteer of the Year.

"We deeply appreciate everyone's commitment to our work, and we are delighted that so many believe in the power of mediation," said Cynthia Jurrius, executive director for the Mid Shore Community Mediation Center.

The keynote speaker was Glenn Fueston, executive director of the governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

Fueston shared the governor's commitment to the work of community media-



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Members of the Talbot Association of Clergy and Laity accept their award at the Mid Shore Community Mediation Center awards ceremony this past week.

tion across Maryland, noting especially the progress made with the Justice Reinvestment Initiative.

The evening was sponsored by Shore Bancshares, Monterey Farms, Steven Doehler, Tom and Cathy Hill (Llandaff Family Founda-

tion), Rob Ketcham and the Tidewater Inn, where the event was held.

"This special event would not have been possible without the support of these sponsors," said Linda Webb, LCSW, Mid Shore Community Mediation Center's board

president. "We were grateful for their generosity as it enabled us to honor community partners who recognize and value the importance of our work."

The Mid Shore Community Mediation Center believes that with productive dialogue,



Mid Shore Community Mediation Center Executive Director Cynthia Jurrius presents Judge Jo Ann Asparagus with the Peacemaker Award.



Mid Shore Community Mediation Center Executive Director Cynthia Jurrius presents Dr. James Bell with the Peacemaker Award.

relationships can be built and rebuilt helping to reduce violence and recidivism. The ultimate goal is to make the community a better place.

The Mid Shore Mediation Center provides mediation and conflict resolution for a wide range of situations,

including parenting plan mediations (child access), parent-teen, workplace, landlord-tenant, neighborhoods, youth and school-related, entry, small claims and public policy matters. To learn more, visit midshoremediation.org.

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