

2 agencies share Cruikshank Award

By Bill Tolbert

WILLIAMSBURG — For the first time, the United Way of Greater Williamsburg has two winners of the annual Cruikshank Spirit of the Community Award.

Receiving awards at the agency's annual meeting at the College of William & Mary's University Center Tuesday were:

■ Hospice House & Support Care Volunteers, who work with families and loved ones to provide comfort in the final stages of life.

■ Historic Triangle Substance Abuse Coalition, which addresses substance abuse issues in the region through collaboration with others.

The two winners were among more than a dozen nominees for the award, which recognizes individuals or community volunteer groups that demonstrate initiative, creativity and determination in developing programs that enhance the quality of life.

The award is named in honor of Pete and the late Nan Cruikshank for their involvement in establishing the United Way's Information and Referral Program.

Also at the board meeting, 2005 campaign chair Mike Maddocks announced that last fall's fundraiser had reached the goal of \$1.7 million.

Also at the meeting, the United Way recognized outgoing board members, the 2005 board and executive committee, the 2006 executive committee, second-term board members and new board members.

Gene Nichol, president of the

CRUIKSHANK NOMINEES

Here are the other nominees for the Cruikshank Spirit of the Community Award.

- First Night of Williamsburg
- James City-Williamsburg Master Gardener Association
- Williamsburg Land Conservancy
- College of William & Mary's Office of Student Volunteer Services
- This Century Art Gallery
- Heritage Humane Society Volunteers
- Women's Tennis Charity Classic Committee
- Medical Assistance Program Volunteers at Olde Towne Medical Center
- Dennis Grannan/Vibrant Life Ministries
- Bobbye and Hubert Alexander/NAACP-ACT/SO
- Sentara Williamsburg Community Hospital Auxiliary
- Patti McKenzie

difficult time.”

Nichol, an expert on constitutional law and a former law professor at W&M and other colleges, noted that there is a lot of attention paid today to individual rights.

“But we are less sure as a people, less sure as a culture about what are our obligations or what we might owe to one another,” he said. “We have to develop powerful senses of what we might owe one to another.”

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