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The Power of One Lifts Up Many

United Community Ministries is thrilled to announce the establishment of a fund to provide vocational training for high school graduates. The vision and bequest of Ms. Lois Valencourt, the Valencourt Fund, will enable low income minority students to pursue training and career advancement. In the long-term, education and higher wages are a key to family independence.

Mrs. Valencourt was particularly interested in helping minority students, in part due to many happy years spent living in South America with her husband. When she returned to the United States and settled in this area, she became involved in and supported many local organizations. UCM and its work with low-income families were particularly dear to her.

The scholarship offers up to \$2,500 to low-income minority students. Seniors from Mount Vernon, Bryant, and West Potomac High Schools may apply for scholarships from March 1, 2017 – May 19, 2017. Applications are available at:

- UCM website: www.ucmagency.org
- UCM Progreso Center for Literacy and Citizenship: 4100 Mohawk Lane, Alexandria, VA 22309
- High School guidance counselors

Valencourt Scholarship applicants must:

- Be a graduating senior or a recent graduate (last 3 years) of Mt. Vernon High School, Bryant High School or West Potomac High School
- Allow their training facility/college to share with UCM, information on their academic status
- Be a citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the United States
- Complete and submit by the deadline all required forms: application, references, and proof of high school graduation

This program focuses on keeping low-income families moving forward at critical times. From school preparation at Bryant Early Learning Center, to after-school computer club meetings, to adult literacy and citizenship classes: education is a key connector to financial and personal independence.

For more information about the Valencourt Scholarship Fund, please contact:

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