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Volunteers of America Chesapeake Joins Elite Company as Recipient of CIO 100
Human Services Non-Profit Recognized for Operational and Strategic Excellence

Lanham, Md. – June 1, 2011 – IDG’s *CIO* magazine announced Volunteers of America Chesapeake as a recipient of the 2011 CIO 100. The 24th annual award program recognizes 100 organizations around the world that exemplify the highest level of operational and strategic excellence in information technology and utilization of IT to create business value.

Volunteers of America Chesapeake is proud to join Aflac, Capital One Financial, Discover Financial Services and Dow Chemical, among others, as a recipient of this prestigious award.

“This award validates Volunteers of America Chesapeake’s focus on utilizing innovative technologies such as virtualization and pay-per-use business models to cut costs, automate, and integrate everything from the administrative side of the business, to case management at our 26 programs,” said **Russell K. Snyder**, President and CEO of Volunteers of America Chesapeake. “This integration helps us to serve our more than 9,000 clients more efficiently and effectively.”

Volunteers of America Chesapeake and CFO, **Shyam Desigan**, who has 13 years of strong leadership experience in finance and accounting, Information Technology and business development, were recognized for maximizing revenue for the non-profit, while streamlining operations. Desigan transitioned the non-profit’s 650-employee organization to a cloud-computing solution – an on-demand system that hosts a set of messaging and collaboration solutions. This transition mirrors the model of a non-profit, which is providing faster time-to-value with rapid deployment and minimal training requirements. It also proved to be an affordable and moldable answer to the organization’s needs, allowing the staff to share digital information more freely, while eliminating the need for expensive outside help.

Volunteers of America Chesapeake discovered that hosted, enterprise-class document management functionality without the cost, maintenance, administration, and infrastructure requirements of traditional on-site solutions saves the time, resources and money that it needs to meet the human services needs of its community.

“This year’s CIO 100 award draws well-deserved attention to companies that are not only innovating with IT but creating genuine business value as well,” said **Maryfran Johnson**, Editor in Chief of *CIO* Magazine and Events. “These winning companies and their IT organizations are an inspiration to businesses everywhere.”

The 2011 CIO 100 awards will be presented at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs on August 14-16 at the conclusion of the sixteenth annual CIO 100 Symposium and Awards Ceremony.

About Volunteers of America Chesapeake

Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc. is a faith-based, non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire self-reliance, dignity and hope through health and human services in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Founded in 1896 in Baltimore,

MD, Volunteers of America Chesapeake is one of the first branches of Volunteers of America - one of the nation's largest and most comprehensive human services organizations. Through a dedicated and committed team of management, staff and volunteers and guided by our Core Values: Caring, Respect, Faith, Quality and Trust Volunteers of America Chesapeake helps more than 9,000 people each year at our 26 programs serving: the homeless, mentally ill, individuals with intellectual disabilities, the aging, those in need of affordable housing, those recovering from substance abuse and community corrections. For more information about Volunteers of America Chesapeake, visit: www.VOAchesapeake.org

About the CIO 100

The recipients of this year's CIO 100 award were selected through a three-step process. First, companies filled out an online application form detailing their innovative IT and business initiatives. Next, a team of judges reviewed the applications in depth, looking for unique practices and substantial results. Finally, CIO editors reviewed the judges' recommendations and voted on the final 100. Complete coverage of the 2011 CIO 100 awards will be online at www.cio.com on August 1, 2011 and in the August 1 issue of CIO Magazine.

About CIO Magazine

CIO produces award-winning content and community resources for information technology executives and leaders thriving and prospering in this fast-paced era of business, as well as create opportunities for information technology and consumer marketers to reach them. The CIO portfolio includes CIO.com, CIO Magazine (launched in 1987), CIO Executive Programs and the CIO Executive Council. CIO properties provide business technology leaders with analysis and insight on information technology trends and a keen understanding of IT'S role in achieving business goals. The U.S. edition of the magazine and website are recipients of more than 200 awards to date, including the American Society of Business Publication Editor's Top B-to-B Magazine since 2000 and two Grand Neals from the Jesse H. Neal National Business Journalism Awards. CIO websites and printed publications appear in more than 25 countries, including Australia, Canada, Finland, India, and Sweden. CIO Executive Programs- a series of face-to-face conferences including the CIO 100 Awards and Symposium – provide educational and networking opportunities for pre-qualified corporate and government leaders. The CIO Executive Council is a professional organization of CIOs created to serve as an unbiased and trusted peer advisory group. CIO is published by IDG Enterprise, a subsidiary of International Data Group (IDG), the world's leading media, events and research company. Company information is available at www.idgenterprise.com.

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