



Kerri Sprouse, center, senior legal advocate of SARC, is given the 2018 Deborah J. Hall Beam of Light Award by, from left, Jennifer Alvarez, Luisa Caiazzo, Jennifer Vido, Harford Circuit Court Judge Angela M. Eaves, Gwendolyn Tate and Jeffrey Michael, staff attorney of SARC. COURTESY HARFORD BAR FOUNDATION

## Harford Bar Foundation honors two lawyers for pro bono work

### AEGIS STAFF REPORT

Local members of the legal community James Gahring Gault and Kerri Sprouse were honored earlier this month by the Harford County Bar Foundation.

Members gathered in the ceremonial courtroom of the Circuit Courthouse April 4 for the presentation of the 2018 Eamonn J. Gordon Pro Bono Award to Gault and the Deborah J. Hall Beam of Light Award to Sprouse.

Harford County Circuit Court Administrative Judge Angela M. Eaves presided over the ceremony and Joseph F. Snee, of Snee, Lutche, Helmlinger & Spielberger P.A., paid tribute to his close friend and colleague, Eamonn J. Gordon, for whom the award is named, with kind remarks and anecdotes from their history.

Jennifer L. Vido, executive director of the Harford County Bar Foundation, presented the 2018 Eamonn J. Gordon Pro Bono Award to Gault for his service to the organization. The award recognizes and honors those Harford County attorneys who best exemplify Eamonn J. Gordon's legacy: "Equal justice for all."

Gault is an experienced attorney and litigator who has received peer recognition for his proficiency in legal analysis, legal research and legal writing. He is experienced in all levels of federal, state, county and administrative proceedings, including both trial and appellate court matters.

Gault opened his law offices at 31 W. Courtland St. in Bel Air in July 2014. His practice concentrates on family law and domestic cases. Since becoming a member of the Harford County Bar Association in 2014, Gault has provided a significant number of hours of pro bono representation to individuals referred by the Harford County Bar Foundation.



James Gahring Gault, second from right, is presented the 2018 Eamonn J. Gordon Pro Bono Award and stands with, from left, Joseph F. Snee Jr., Jennifer L. Vido, Kevin Urlick, Matthew Hurff and Harford County Circuit Court Administrative Judge Angela M. Eaves. COURTESY HARFORD BAR FOUNDATION

Also recognized for their pro bono representation and service to the Harford County Bar Foundation were Kevin Urlick and Matthew Hurff of Love, Fleming, Beasch & Hurff, and Matthew Hall. Without their dedication and support to help the underserved, the bar foundation would not be able to assist the residents of Harford and Cecil counties.

Sprouse, senior legal advocate at SARC, received the 2018 Deborah J. Hall Beam of Light Award. Nominated by Jeffrey Michael, Sprouse has been employed at SARC for

nearly 18 years. She provides support to the legal team to aid victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and a variety of other civil legal matters. The Deborah J. Hall Beam of Light Award was established by the Harford County Bar Foundation in 1998 to recognize the spirit and commitment of those individuals who assist the public and clients within the legal community.

The Harford County Bar Foundation was established in 1991 as a non-profit community resource to offer education and legal referral services to the residents of Harford County.

Since its founding, HCBF has extended its reach by serving residents of Cecil County and increasing its community outreach programs.

HCBF holds regular clinics, workshops, provides direct representation and collaborates with other non-profits regarding abuse, divorce, custody, homelessness, bankruptcy, employment, individual rights, consumer matters, educational issues and end of life decisions. To learn more about services provide, visit their website at [www.harford-countybarfoundation.org](http://www.harford-countybarfoundation.org).

## Arc Northern Chesapeake's 'License to Give' gala raises a record \$133,000 for housing

The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region raised a record-setting \$133,000 from its 14th annual After d'Arc Gala, "License to Give: A Night of Bond 007 Style" on April 7 at Maryland Golf & Country Clubs.

With 400 guests, the event was a sellout success – a fitting achievement for the nonprofit's 65th anniversary year. All proceeds will support The Arc NCR's services for people with differing abilities.

Attendees enjoyed a James Bond-themed evening complete with a casino, "magic bartender" and Bond movie soundtrack hits played live from Chris Sengstacke and Friends, classic martinis, a sumptuous dinner, a silent and live auction and dancing with music from The Klassix.

The Arc NCR's annual "Fund the Need" campaign also raised record-breaking funds – far exceeding the organization's goal of \$25,000 for accessible housing needs, attendees generously donated more than \$30,000, the campaign's biggest success

to-date. These funds will renovate The Arc NCR's supported living homes to make them more accessible for the adults supported by the organization, including updates such as an accessible bathroom, kitchen and entrance/excit accommodations.

"We are deeply moved by the incredible continued support we receive from our community," Shawn Kros, CEO at The Arc NCR, said. "These funds will allow us to help even more people with differing abilities in need of support, and to continue to expand our housing capabilities."

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Title sponsor APG Federal Credit Union's Liz Leoni-Monti, from left, Susan Kemen, Claudia Holman, Joelle Hash and Alicia Figueroa attended The Arc Northern Chesapeake's annual fundraising gala. COURTESY THE ARC NCR

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To learn more about The Arc NCR's mission to empower people with differing abilities to live, work and play in the community, upcoming events and ways to get involved, visit [www.arccn.org](http://www.arccn.org) or call 410-836-7177.