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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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#### **Councilman Brandon M. Scott, ACLU's Bebe Verdery among community luminaries to be honored at Family League 2018 Annual Meeting and Celebration**

*Org to mark Transformation, recognize importance of community-based approach to its work*

**BALTIMORE** – October 8, 2018 – Family League of Baltimore (Family League) today announced it will honor the work of four community standouts at *Transformation: Our Children. Our Families. Our Work.*, its 2018 Annual Meeting and Celebration. The event, scheduled for Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, will reflect on a year of change in the organization and in the lives of the people it serves. *Transformation* will be hosted at the Maryland Historical Society, 201 W. Monument Street, kicking off with a reception at 6 pm and followed by a review of the organization's accomplishments and vision at 7 pm.

"The past year has truly been one of evolution here at Family League," said Demaune Millard, the organization's president and CEO. "From new leadership and a renewed dedication to the organization's core values to considering our work through a racial equity lens and truly listening to the needs of the community, we have taken a different approach to how we serve as an architect of change in the lives of Baltimore's children and families. Our annual meeting will lift up this year's successes and provide a look at what lies ahead."

Each year, Family League selects awardees who have shown outstanding dedication to Baltimore City's children and families and reflect its mission and core values. The organization also recognizes a youth and a youth group who have demonstrated exceptional leadership. Those recipients will be announced on the night of the event. This year's community award winners include:

#### **President's Award - Tina Hike-Hubbard, Director of Education for the Mid-Atlantic Market, Enterprise Community Partners**

This award recognizes an outstanding thought partner in impact for Baltimore's families and children. In her role, Tina is responsible for developing and managing comprehensive school/community reform and improvement efforts for Enterprise in Baltimore and across the country. She has worked with Family League as a former School Board Commissioner and as a business leader effectively supporting the Community Schools Strategy.

#### **Civic Leadership Award - The Honorable Brandon M. Scott, Councilman 2<sup>nd</sup> District, City of Baltimore**

This award is given to a local leader who has successfully advocated for improving the lives of children

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and youth in Baltimore City. Councilman Scott was first elected to represent the 2<sup>nd</sup> District in 2011 at the age of 27 and is one of the youngest people ever elected to the Baltimore City Council. He was the lead sponsor for legislation to establish policies to eliminate the disparities based on race, gender and economic status through a racial equity frame.

### **Champion for Change - Bebe Verdery, Director of ACLU of Maryland's Education Reform Project**

This award is given to an organization or person which advocates for positive social change for Baltimore's children and youth. Bebe has led the ACLU in its work to improve the management of and to secure adequate funding for Baltimore City schools. The organization has fought for better education for at-risk school children across Maryland as it represents thousands of Baltimore City school children and advocates for their rights to constitutionally-guaranteed education.

### **Community Partnership Award - The Movement Team**

This award is presented to a partner organization who has shown support for Family League's mission and vision through their work. The Movement Team is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that has been dedicated to uplifting communities and mentoring youth since 2014. The organization was integral to the successful implementation of the Keys to Success initiative as they served as a facilitation partner for community and youth engagement.

The event is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. Visit [www.familyleague.org/events](http://www.familyleague.org/events) to register and for more information on award winners and sponsorship opportunities.

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### **About Family League of Baltimore**

Family League of Baltimore (Family League) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and the designated Local Management Board for the City of Baltimore. Since 1991, it has served as an architect of change in Baltimore by promoting data-driven, collaborative initiatives and aligning resources to create lasting outcomes for children, families and communities. Stewardship, performance, trust, respect and innovation are the core values that guide its work. In Fiscal Year 2018, Family League provided more than \$13 million to 73 funded partners. Learn more about Family League at [www.familyleague.org](http://www.familyleague.org). Join us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#).