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## **Miller Center's Elizabeth Scott Award for Leadership Honors Charlie Smith and Nancy P. Petty**

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., Oct. 17, 2008—The University of Virginia's Miller Center of Public Affairs proudly honors Charlie Smith and Nancy P. Petty with the Elizabeth Scott Award for Exemplary Leadership, for their years of dedication to the Center and the Charlottesville community. The ceremony took place on Thursday, Oct. 16 at 5:00 p.m. in the Miller Center's Newman Pavilion as part of the Miller Center Foundation Salute, which also announced the naming of the Forum Room after Rosemary and John Galbraith.

In choosing a recipient, the Miller Center acknowledges those who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to the Center in a non-salaried capacity and without expectation of recognition. Charlie and Nancy are probably best known at the Miller Center as Forum Program greeters.

"The selection of Charlie Smith and Nancy Petty was an inspired choice by the Award Committee," said Joseph Taylor, Executive Director of the Miller Center Foundation. "Together, they've warmly greeted thousands of our Forum-goers over the years and people are just used to seeing them together. However, that's just one aspect of their contribution to the Miller Center and the community. The Scott Award presents a wonderful opportunity to return the favor to Nancy and Charlie."

Charlottesville native Charlie Smith worked in radio announcing with WRNL and WCHV, where he became manager of local sales after receiving his BA from U.Va. He also wrote and directed the first live musical broadcast over the University's original radio station, WUVA. In 1963, Smith became the "Voice of the Cavaliers" for varsity football and men's basketball home games.

Recently, Smith was named to the local Realtor's Hall of Fame for his lifetime contributions to real estate, most notably as Partner and President of Montague Miller & Co. Realtors. He also served as Chair of the region's Chamber of Commerce, and became a Miller Center Forum greeter upon his retirement in

1996. Smith and his wife, Emily, celebrated their 60th anniversary this year, citing their four children, six surviving grandchildren and two great-grandchildren as their greatest accomplishments.

Born in Boston, Mass., Nancy Petty's commitment to volunteerism emerged early in her adulthood when she became involved with the Junior League in New Haven, Conn. In later years, she volunteered at the Lynchburg Training school, was President of her county's PTA, and served as a hospice patient care volunteer.

Petty has served on the Paramount Board of Directors in Lynchburg and on the Paramount Theater Board of Directors in Charlottesville. Along with serving as a Forum greeter at the Miller Center, Nancy also volunteers in the U.Va. oncology clinic. She is delighted to share the honor of the Scott Award with her four children, eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

The Elizabeth Scott Award was established in 2003 to recognize and honor individuals who have exhibited extraordinary leadership, loyalty, generosity, and support of the Miller Center.

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