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VIRGINIA TIRE & AUTO RECEIVES COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARD FROM SHELTER HOUSE, INC.

Family-owned and Operated Automotive Maintenance Provider Recognized for its Wheels for Work Program by the Fairfax-based Non-profit Organization

(Fairfax, VA – JULY 28th, 2012) – Virginia Tire & Auto (www.vatire.com), the Fairfax-based leading full-service provider of automotive maintenance, repair and tire services, celebrates receiving the *Community Champion Award* from Shelter House, Inc., a Fairfax-based, non-profit organization serving homeless families and victims of domestic violence. Virginia Tire & Auto was recognized for its Wheels for Work program, under which it performs automotive repair services pro bono to low income families who are in need of transportation to get to and from their jobs.

“Virginia Tire & Auto is truly honored to receive the Shelter House *Community Champion Award*,” said Julie Holmes, Vice President, Virginia Tire & Auto. “Not having a dependable vehicle is a barrier some people face in finding and keeping a job. Our Wheels for Work program allows us to help working families in Northern Virginia have reliable transportation so that they can bridge the barrier between home and work. This program is an opportunity for us to give back to the community by providing what we do best, offering excellent car care service.”

On June 12, 2012, Virginia Tire & Auto was recognized with this award at the Shelter House Annual Meeting and Volunteer Awards event at the Capital One headquarters in McLean. Virginia Tire & Auto, along with the other volunteers, were awarded for contributing over 8,000 individual hours of service over the past year at Shelter House’s Patrick Henry Family Shelter, Katherine Hanley Family Shelter and Artemis House emergency domestic violence shelter.

“The value of the work of volunteers cannot be measured in dollar signs alone. Imagine the value of making a child smile, the value of seeing a parent develop self-confidence from our volunteer-led life skills courses, the value of every birthday party, tutoring session, computer class and activity camp,” said Ronald Redmon, Shelter House Board President and Senior Vice President and Market Executive for the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. region of First Citizens Bank. “This is what our volunteers represent, and I believe it is safe to say that the value is immeasurable.”

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About Virginia Tire & Auto:

For more than 35 years, family-owned and operated Virginia Tire & Auto has been the leading provider of full-service automotive maintenance, repair and tire needs for customers in Northern Virginia. Named “Top Shop in North America” by Tire Review magazine, Virginia Tire & Auto’s 11 locations are conveniently located in Ashburn, Centreville, Chantilly, Fairfax (Main Street Shell), Falls Church, Gainesville, South Riding, Springfield, Sterling and Vienna (James Madison Shell). The business offers exceptional customer experience, dedicated quality service and is a superior place for a career. For more information about Virginia Tire & Auto, please visit us at www.vatire.com or www.facebook.com/VATIREANDAUTO.

About Shelter House, Inc.:

Shelter House is a community-based, non-profit organization serving homeless families and victims of domestic violence in Fairfax County, Va. Founded in 1981 by several ecumenical groups that came together to better serve Fairfax County’s low-income population, Shelter House now operates three shelters, including Artemis House, Fairfax County’s only crisis domestic violence shelter. In 2011, Shelter House served more than 200 families and was recognized as the “Non-Profit of the Year” by the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce. For more information about Shelter House, visit www.shelterhouse.org.