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Highlander Construction & Development, Inc to team with Gay and Neel to Sponsor & Host Second Annual Blood Drive

CHRISTIANSBURG, VA. – August 1, 2013: Highlander Construction & Development and Gay and Neel are pleased to announce that both companies are partnering with the Red Cross to sponsor and host a second annual blood drive. The Blood Drive will be held on *Thursday, September 19, 2013* at the Office Building of Gay & Neel located at 1260 Radford Road, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The Blood Drive will start at 10 AM and end at 5 PM.

In conjunction with our Annual Blood Drives we select a special person to honor and/or remember. Our Second Annual Blood Drive will be dedicated to the memory of Richard T. Lane who died recently in a tragic car accident near his home in Florida. Richard Lane was life long friend of the President of Highlander Construction.

Highlander Construction and Gay and Neel will be seeking donations from professionals related to both the construction and real estate industries in the New River Valley, but the general public is invited and encouraged to participate. To donate, please contact LeeAnn Francis immediately to reserve an appointment.

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In Memory of Richard T. Lane

Richard Lane died in a tragic automobile accident in Melbourne, Florida. He was 43. He leaves behind his wife of 18 years, Molly (McInerny), children Gretchen (10) and Henry (4), mother, Patricia, brother, Tim, sister, Cindy, and five nieces and five nephews. Rich was born in Lynchburg, Virginia, on January 2, 1970. He graduated from E.C. Glass then earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Purdue University and an MBA in

pharmaceutical marketing from St. Joseph's University. He served in the Indiana Army National Guard.

Rich spent many successful years working in the pharmaceutical industry before becoming a small business owner. Rich was a dynamo who was an enthusiastic and valuable community leader and volunteer. He was a soccer coach for his daughter's team at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School. He was a District Governor for Rotary International, a Past President of Melbourne Beach Rotary Club, a Director on the Board of the South Brevard Sharing Center, and a Past National President of Chi Phi Fraternity.

Rich was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Rich's children were his proudest accomplishment in life and he played an active role in their daily lives. He felt extremely lucky to have many life long friendships. Rich was a charismatic quick-witted person who could light up a room with a funny story or joke. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, playing golf, learning how to dive for Florida lobsters, and cooking fabulous meals for family and friends. He was much loved and revered.

About Gay & Neel

Gay and Neel, Inc. was established in 1992 in Christiansburg, Virginia. The Firm was established to provide quality Civil Engineering, Land Surveying, and Landscape Architecture Services for a wide variety of Projects in both the Public and Private Sector. Gay and Neel is also a Small Business Enterprise certified by the State of Virginia under SWaM #6642. The company's growth continues today with Gay and Neel, Inc. now employing approximately 20 people and serving the state from two offices - our original Christiansburg office and an office in Staunton. To learn more about Gay and Neel please visit the company website at www.gayandneel.com.

About Highlander Construction & Development

Highlander Construction & Development is a value driven and vision oriented company specializing in single and multi family residential construction, custom home building, light commercial construction, and land development. Having built custom homes in Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Radford, Giles and Pulaski, the company has been proudly serving as a premier custom home builder in New River Valley since 1999. Company President and Founder, James Oliver, also performs business, organizational, and marketing consulting for companies related to the building and construction industry.

Built on a commitment to integrity, value, superior craftsmanship, and unmatched customer service, Highlander Construction & Development is widely recognized as one of the premier builders and general contractors in Southwest Virginia. In 2009 the company was awarded "Builder of the Year" by the New River Valley Home Builder's Association in part for its attention to detail and steadfast dedication to excellence. In 2010 the company was awarded the "Design Excellence Award" by the New River Valley Homes Builders Association (NRVHBA) for the original design and construction of the Earthcraft energy efficient homes on Piedmont Street in Blacksburg, Virginia.

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