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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: CFLC ANNOUNCES THE WINNER OF ITS LITERACY LEGACY AWARD

Cape Fear Literacy Council has enjoyed a stellar start to March with its *Around the World in 80 Days* Gala on Saturday, March 1st. Enjoying its 29th anniversary, the Gala was spectacular night for both our guests and our organization and we are thankful to everyone who shared in making the evening magical!

A special part of the evening was when Alan Perry, owner of Perry's Emporium, was presented with the second annual **Literacy Legacy Award**. This award recognizes Alan as a long-time Cape Fear Literacy Council volunteer who has shown extraordinary, enduring commitment to literacy and CFLC. Alan has a deep and heartfelt passion for literacy which has translated into an immense positive impact on CFLC's sustainability.

Alan Perry was awarded the Literacy Legacy Award in a surprise ceremony on stage before the start of the Gala's Live Auction. Presenting the award to Mr. Perry were CFLC Executive Director, Linda Lytvinenko, Board Chairwoman, Rachel Pace, Gala Chairwoman, Emily Goodman and Board Member and 2013 Literacy Legacy Award Winner Nini Rogan.

Below you will find excerpts from Chairwoman Rachel Pace's speech honoring Alan Perry – which captures the how Mr. Perry has become invaluable to the Cape Fear Literacy Council:

"The Literacy Legacy Award recognizes someone who has shown extraordinary and enduring commitment to literacy and the Cape Fear Literacy Council. That commitment shows a deep and heartfelt passion and translates into an immensely positive and sustaining impact on the Literacy Council and the community.

This award was established last year honoring long time board member and all around incredible literacy supporter, Nini Rogan. We are so very pleased to announce this year's winner.

But first a little about this special person...

The dictionary defines "treasure" as something that is very special, important, and valuable. This person has been a true treasure to the Literacy Council for 18 years. He served as a board member for 9 years, and has been on our Advisory Council ever since. He has shared the literacy message throughout this community raising our profile and bringing donors our way.

Year after year, if we ask him to sponsor an event – the answer is always, "YES." If we ask him to speak on-air about CFLC – the answer is always, "YES." If we ask him to send donors our way – the answer is always, "YES." He has shared vision, ideas, connections and dollars with us. He is an ambassador for us in the community and with his customers. He has supported this Gala both financially and as our Gala auctioneer for many years.

He is a treasure, a jewel, a gem. He is Alan Perry."

Please note: High-resolution photographs from the presentation of the 2nd Annual Literacy Legacy Award are available on request from Erin Payne, CFLC Community Outreach and Volunteer Management Coordinator at (910) 251-0911 or epayne@cfliteracy.org.

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