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### **Porto Charities, Inc. (PCI) has been selected to receive the 2018 NCEA Seton Award**

**Arlington, VA, July 24, 2018:**

Porto Charities, Inc. (fund-raising arm of Porto # 104 of the Order of Alhambra) has been selected to receive the 2018 NCEA Seton Award. The award will be presented to Leo Alonso, President of Porto Charities Inc. (PCI), at the 2018 NCEA Seton Philanthropy Symposium and Awards Gala on Monday, October 1 at The Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. The Gala is a black-tie event with more than 350 people in attendance.

Porto Charities was nominated for the award by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington for PCI's efforts to expand the inclusion environment of Catholic schools in the Diocese.

The National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) is the largest private, professional education association in the world. Founded in 1904, the association's membership represents educators serving students at all levels of Catholic school education.

The NCEA Seton Award is named after Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in recognition of her lifelong dedication to teaching. The award is presented annually to exemplary individuals whose support and service positively impacts Catholic education and the well-being of our nation's youth. Seton honorees have a scholarship presented in their honor to a deserving Catholic school student in the local community.

Past recipients of the NCEA Seton Award include Barbara Bush, Peter Lynch, Beverly Sills, Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Robert A. Smith III, The Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde, Rita & Lamar Hunt Jr. and the University of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education.

PCI invites you to become a member and assist us as we continue to achieve its mission of improving the lives of those with different intellectual abilities. To donate and support their cause, visit them at their website site: <https://portocharities.org/support>

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#### **About Porto Charities, Inc. (PCI)**

Porto Charities, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to actively assisting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It serves as the fund-raising arm of Porto # 104 of the Order of Alhambra.

The Vision of Porto Charities, Inc. is to see people with intellectual and developmental disabilities reach their potential for independence through inclusive education, meaningful work and independence in living commensurate with their capabilities.

The Mission of Porto Charities, Inc. is to raise and provide funds, resources and assistance to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by supporting inclusive education in Catholic schools, housing, work and quality of life activities.

For more information on Porto Charities, Inc. please visit our website at <https://portocharities.org/porto-charities-inc>. or contact us at [info@portocharities.org](mailto:info@portocharities.org).