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**Dr. Coker Receives 2008 Schulman Award**

Washington DC, July 11, 2008 — Dr. John Coker received the 2008 Martin "Bud" Schulman Award. The award was presented to Dr. Coker in recognition of extensive leadership and service in his community. Springstone Patient Financing, the corporate sponsor of the award, donated \$5,000 in Dr. Coker's name to the Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region.

Dr. Coker has demonstrated service beyond his practice through extensive community involvement and leadership positions with such organizations as The Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Rotary Club, Hospice, YMCA, Stafford Youth Baseball Association, and the Rappahannock United Way. Dr. Coker was nominated and selected to carry the 1996 Olympic Torch through the Fredericksburg area.

The Schulman Award is presented in honor of Martin "Bud" Schulman, founder of the Schulman Study Group, a nationally recognized organization of successful orthodontic practices of which less than 1% of the profession is invited to join.

Dr. Coker chose the Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region as the beneficiary of his charitable gift. The Community Foundation manages a collection of charitable endowment funds and uses these earnings to support a variety of non-profit programs and organizations that benefit area residents and provide scholarships to local students.

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Dr. Coker has been practicing orthodontics in his Stafford County and Spotsylvania-Fredericksburg VA locations since 1984. He has special interests in cleft palate therapy, early treatment for children, adult orthodontics, and orthognathic (jaw) surgery.

Leadership positions that Dr. Coker has held include serving as a charter member and President of the Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Rotary Club, as a board member of Hospice, YMCA, and Stafford Youth Baseball Association and as campaign chairman, President, and board member of the Rappahannock United Way. He has also served as Senior Warden and vestry member for St. George's Episcopal Church. He has served as president of the Rappahannock Valley Dental Society, the president of the Virginia Association of Orthodontists, and as a Virginia Director to the Southern Association of Orthodontists. Dr. Coker currently serves as a Virginia Delegate to the American Association of Orthodontists. He has been a member of the Schulman Study Group for 15 years.

Dr. Coker was presented the Schulman award at a dinner honoring him, his wife, Linda, and their family. Martin "Bud" Schulman, now 88 years-young, was in attendance to present the award.

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