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**Reverend David McAlpin, Jr. Receives Princeton-Blairstown Center's
Frank Broderick Award**

PRINCETON, NJ, October 27, 2017 – Reverend David McAlpin, Jr., Princeton University Class of 1950 and Honorary Trustee of the Princeton-Blairstown Center, was awarded the 2017 Frank Broderick Award on October 13, 2017 at the Princeton-Blairstown Center's Fall Fundraiser, *Soirée Under the Stars*. The Frank Broderick Award is given to an individual who demonstrates a deep commitment to social justice, compassion, and selflessness – qualities that supported Dr. Broderick, Princeton University Class of 1943, in his courageous efforts to achieve racial integration of the Princeton Summer Camp and to mobilize those who advocated for racial integration of Princeton University in the 1940s.

Jane Fremon '75, PBC Advisory Council Member and Head of Princeton Friends School, proudly introduced Reverend McAlpin in front of the 175 guests who attended the annual event and said, "I have had the privilege of knowing Dave for decades." She then went on to recall her personal memories of him through the years, saying he was "universally adored."

A Princeton native, Reverend McAlpin received a Master of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in 1953. After graduation, he settled in Princeton with his wife, Joan Rockefeller McAlpin. He met with Benjamin Anderson, the minister of the Witherspoon Presbyterian Church, who invited Reverend McAlpin to assist him. In 1957 Reverend McAlpin was installed as the first associate pastor of the historically black congregation. "I don't see anything unusual about my new position," he told the local press at the time. "It's quite natural for me, quite natural for the people of the Witherspoon Church, and quite natural for Christians."

In this role, Reverend McAlpin became keenly aware of discriminatory housing practices affecting African-Americans who were beginning to purchase homes in all-white neighborhoods. He was soon determined to establish an integrated housing development in the Princeton area. His efforts helped to establish two acclaimed integrated housing developments: "Glen Acres" in West Windsor Township off Alexander Road and "Maplecrest" at Dempsey Avenue and Walnut Lane in Princeton.

In 1970, he and his family moved to Detroit, where he served as a pastor working on civil rights and establishing affordable housing organizations. In the early 1980s, he and his family returned



to the Princeton area where he helped found the Trenton chapter of Habitat for Humanity in 1986 and served as President of the Board until 2012.

Reverend McAlpin has a deep commitment to the Mercer County community. He has served on the Boards of the Princeton Area Community Foundation, The New Jersey Association on Correction, The Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association, The Historical Society of Princeton, Union Theological Seminary in NYC, and the Princeton-Blairstown Center. In 2015, he received the Vivian Award for Community Service from the Princeton Area Community Foundation. He was also honored by the Witherspoon Presbyterian Church and the Robeson House Committee in 2015.

About the Princeton-Blairstown Center

PBC is an independent nonprofit with a mission to empower young people, primarily from under-resourced communities, to strengthen their social-emotional skills through experiential, environmental, and adventure-based programming. Social Emotional Learning (SEL) includes five core competencies: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. Our wide variety of year-round, multi-service programs serve more than 7,000 students each year, including 450 in our award-winning Summer Bridge Program which combats summer learning loss and teaches critical 21st Century skills.

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