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2023 recipient for “The Landy Teller Champion for Culture & the Arts Award” named at SCHF Christmas Party

(VICKSBURG, MS): In 2016, an anonymous gift was made in memory of Landy Teller. The gift was meant to start an endowment that would fund an award that would be presented to an individual who contributes to culture and the arts in Vicksburg. The Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation (SCHF) did this, and the first award was presented in 2017.

“Landy Teller was a founding member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation and in the early days when there were just a few of us who believed in the crazy notion that you could turn a block of buildings into a cultural center that could support itself, he was a rock,” said Nancy Bell, president of SCHF Board. “He believed that it needed to be done and could be done and because his counsel was so well respected, he was able to encourage those people who we needed in order to make the project a success, to get on board. Landy was always available to answer legal questions, to write contracts, or to provide whatever support he could to all of our directors. He always had an encouraging word for our staff. We would not be where we are today without the leadership of Landy Teller.”

“The Landy Teller Champion for Culture & the Arts Award” for 2023 was presented at the SCHF Christmas party. The recipient was **Kevin Mahoney**. Kevin has spent much of his time over the past 10 years volunteering at most SCHC events, working around the property, and giving of his time for whatever is needed the most. We appreciate all his dedication to the SCHF and are excited to honor him with this most special award.