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**Michelle Axelson Awarded 2023 Community Service Award
from Provincetown Part-Time Resident Taxpayers Association (PPRTA)**

Provincetown, MA (December 5, 2023) – The Provincetown Part-Time Resident Taxpayers Association (PPRTA) has awarded Michelle Axelson the 2023 Community Service Award. Annually, the PPRTA recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution through voluntary service which positively impacts the Provincetown community. The PPRTA Community Service Award recipients may engage in service either independently or through any local non-profit service organization or local chapter of a non-profit service organization.

Michelle Axelson, Womencrafts owner, is committed to providing a voice and space for underrepresented women. Axelson is a passionate supporter of queer and trans youth and dedicates her time and resources to fight for their rights. She supports a variety of women-centered events, including Women’s Week. Axelson is an active member of Gays Against Guns and has gone to Washington to represent the organization. In May, she organized a town-wide celebration to recognize a local woman who has fostered more than 100 children. She was involved in all aspects of this recognition event, including securing a proclamation from Governor Healy.

“Michelle is one of the greatest and brightest hearts of this community,” said award nominator, Carol Bergen. “She will go to any length to speak up for the under-represented.”

Michelle will receive a plaque and the PPRTA will donate \$500 to a local non-profit service organization. Michelle has chosen the Urvashi Vaid Changemakers Fund as the beneficiary of this year’s contribution. The Urvashi Vaid Changemakers Fund is a non-profit organization that aims to honor the legacy of Urvashi Vaid, a renowned activist for social justice and equality. The fund provides seed grants for initiatives that foster community engagement and tackle the most pressing challenges faced by Provincetown.

“We all love Provincetown, and we’re all in this together,” said Pat Miller, PPRTA President. “It’s an honor to recognize Michelle Axelrod who is making so many positive contributions to our local community and to support the Urvashi Vaid Changemakers Fund.”

About PPRTA

Provincetown Part-time Resident Taxpayers Association (PPRTA), a 501(c)(4) organization, is celebrating its 10-year anniversary and is a 100% volunteer-run. The organization’s mission is to educate, advocate and build community on behalf of part-time Provincetown residents. PPRTA is a proactive and solution-driven voice in both local and regional discussions concerning Provincetown such as infrastructure; fiscal and budget prudence; and tax fairness, as well as equity for all property owners. Of the estimated 4,000 Provincetown households, approximately 3,400 housing units are comprised of part-time residents, contributing 83% of residential property taxes, plus additional personal property taxes. For more information, visit

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