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Community Foundation for Northern Virginia New Board Chair, Harry Klaff, will Lead Next Chapter of Growth and thanks outgoing Chair, Bob Kipps

Fairfax, VA (July 3, 2025) – The [Community Foundation for Northern Virginia](#) started its new fiscal year with a leadership change. The appointment of Harry Klaff as Chair of the Board of Directors became effective July 1, 2025. Bob Kipps, Managing Director of KippsDeSanto Co., is



Harry Klaff (Left) and Bob Kipps (right) convening at the latest CFNOVA Board of Directors meeting.

now Immediate Past Chair, following a highly successful two-year term as Chair marked by dedicated community service, and leadership. “I am so proud to have led the expansion of our grantmaking and deepening partnerships across sectors for the Community Foundation. I have full confidence that Harry will not only fill my shoes but outgrow them.” – Bob Kipps.

As Board Chair, [Bob Kipps](#) guided the Community Foundation through a [CEO transition](#) and led the creation of the organization’s 2022-2027 Strategic Plan. Under his leadership, the Foundation crossed the \$100 million milestone in both assets under management and cumulative grants awarded, launched the [Elevate NOVA](#) initiative, and expanded the Foundation’s research and data center, [Insight Region®](#). His vision, commitment, and belief in the power of community have left a lasting impact on the Foundation’s work and future direction.

Incoming Chair, [Harry Klaff](#), is a leader in commercial real estate. Harry is Principal and President, U.S., Avison Young Global, leading the firm’s U.S. markets. Harry has more than 30 years of commercial real estate experience and leads over 2000 professionals in the U.S. while also serving on the company’s Global Executive committee. Committed to his community, Harry has held leadership positions on business and civic organizational boards including seven years of service on the CFNOVA Board of Directors. During his time on the Board, Harry served as Vice Chair and chaired CFNOVA’s Community Leadership Committee at the launch of Insight Region® in 2020. “I am honored to serve in this role at a pivotal time. I’m inspired by the Foundation’s commitment to inclusion, collaboration, and lasting impact. I look forward to working alongside our Board, staff, and partners in this next chapter.”

As the Community Foundation approaches the culmination of its Strategic Plan in 2027 and looks ahead to its 50th anniversary in 2028, this Board Chair transition will propel organizational momentum and launch the Foundation into a new era of future-focused charitable giving. The Community Foundation is emboldened in its mission to build a Northern Virginia that works for everyone. To learn more, visit www.cfnova.org.

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ABOUT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA

The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia is building a region that works for everyone by advancing equity through philanthropy and community leadership. Since 1978, we have united thousands of generous Northern Virginians with the causes they care about through donor-advised funds, permanent funds, giving circles, and charitable endowments. We cultivate enduring partnerships with nonprofits, foundations, government, businesses, and community members, maximizing impact to drive meaningful change. Through Insight Region®, our original research initiative, we deliver data-driven insights that reveal the trends and issues shaping Northern Virginia's future.

The Community Foundation proudly serves all Northern Virginians in Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William Counties and the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park. Learn more at cfnova.org.



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