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## Community Foundation for Northern Virginia Announces New Director of Insight Region Center for Community Research

September 10, 2020 (Oakton, VA) – The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia, the leader in local philanthropy in the region, welcomes Elizabeth Hughes as the new Senior Director of Insight Region, an independent research center at the Community Foundation launched earlier this year that analyzes local trends, convenes civic leaders, and promotes civic and social action.

Ms. Hughes has spent her career at the intersection of research and policy, helping decision-makers sort through the noise and find relevant, actionable insights to help guide operations, maximize productivity, and achieve strategic goals.

“Through the collection and curation of relevant, reliable, and actionable data, *Insight Region* will allow the community to explore the unique strengths and needs that define this region and to understand how investments in programs and services can make Northern Virginia more resilient, healthy, and equitable,” said Hughes.

Prior to joining the Community Foundation, Hughes served as a researcher for the Pew Charitable Trusts, first as a Principal Associate with the Results First Initiative, which works with government leaders to support investments in evidence-based policies and programs, and as an Associate Manager of Research Review and Support, where she helped manage the review of all research conducted by the institution and advised policy teams on methodology, data, and general research methods. Hughes holds a B.S. in Policy Analysis and Management from Cornell University.

“After a very thorough search we’re excited to welcome Elizabeth Hughes to lead Insight Region,” said Eileen Ellsworth, President and CEO at the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia. “Building a community that works for everyone means access to and analysis of data that not only points a way towards economic independence for all our residents, but also brokers their capabilities with the available open, living wage jobs in our local economy.”

To learn about Insight Region Center for Community Research visit:

<https://www.cfnova.org/community-leadership/insight-region>

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The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia grows philanthropy to respond to critical need, seed innovation and lead and convene the community. Comprised of donor advised funds, permanent funds, giving circles, and other charitable endowments, the Community Foundation connects donors to community and promotes a more equitable and inclusive prosperity that marries our economic strength with the full breadth of our diverse community.

In 2020 the Community Foundation awarded more than \$13 million in grants and scholarships and reported \$70.5 million in managed philanthropic assets. For more information please visit us at [www.cfnova.org](http://www.cfnova.org), follow up on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#).