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Community Foundation for Northern Virginia Celebrates Year of Community Leadership *2013-2014 Annual Report Released*

Oakton, VA (February 5, 2015) – The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia released its 2013-2014 Annual Report, “A Year of Community Leadership,” highlighting its work in the region to educate the community about best practices in philanthropy, and partner with donors and organizations to move the needle on the most critical needs in the region.

In 2014, the Community Foundation helped donors think differently about their philanthropy by presenting education events such as “Do More Than Give” in April, engaging attendees in a conversation about how they can make the biggest possible difference. It commissioned and published two extensive, data driven research studies to help clarify philanthropy’s role in addressing the most critical needs in the region. It increased its focus on STEM education and entrepreneurship through the launch of the Business Women’s Giving Circle to support the educational and business interests of girls and women. The Community Foundation also supported innovative, new initiatives that help diversify the local economy and promote creative thinking – the Mason Innovation Lab at George Mason University’s School of Businesses and the inaugural NOVA Mini Maker Faire.

Eileen Ellsworth, President of the Community Foundation, says “Community leadership in all of its forms is an important and ever growing focus for the Community Foundation. We view our mission as nothing short of becoming the ‘go-to’ place for donors and funders as they consider how to do good in Northern Virginia.”

During 2013-2014, the Community Foundation awarded over \$3.7 million in total grants and over \$500,000 from its discretionary funds to local nonprofits, schools and community based programs. It awarded nearly \$225,000 in scholarships to support 75 students from Northern Virginia, held 148 separate charitable funds for grant making, and reported \$35.6 million in managed assets.

The report is available for download on the Community Foundation’s website –
www.cfnova.org.

About the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia:

The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia is a public charity that grows philanthropy to help meet the most critical needs of the community. Comprised of giving circles, donor advised funds, community investment funds and scholarship funds, the Community Foundation engages donors and

grantees in building the Northern Virginia community, and engages in research to assess the region's critical needs.

During FY2014, the Community Foundation:

- Awarded \$3.7 million in grants to nonprofits, interfaith groups and schools addressing critical community needs
- Awarded \$225,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors in our region
- Reported approximately \$35 million in philanthropic funds established by individual and corporate donors.

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