



A Giving Circle for Young Professionals
at the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia

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Future Fund to Celebrate Philanthropy on May 8th – “Masked ‘Til Midnight”

***Young Professional Giving Circle at the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia
Invites Community Members to Annual Awards Gala***

April 15, 2015 (Oakton, VA) – **The Future Fund** will celebrate its successful grantmaking in 2015 and raise funds to support its grant cycle in 2016 at its annual Awards Gala, “Masked ‘Til Midnight,” on **Friday, May 8, 2015** at Artisphere in Arlington, Virginia. Tickets are \$90 for Future Fund members and \$115 for nonmembers. Prices will go up after May 1st. More information is available at <http://www.cfnova.org/ffgala>.

The Future Fund is the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia’s giving circle for young professionals. It offers members opportunities to learn about the critical needs of the region, donate at affordable levels to the causes they care about most, and meet their professional peers – other community advocates who see the benefit of pooling monetary contributions to increase the impact of their support to local charitable organizations.

The annual Awards Gala is a chance for Future Fund members and friends to meet the grant-winning organizations who were recipients of the group’s competitive grant cycle. This year, the group focused its philanthropy to benefit organizations supporting individuals age 13 and above and families with limited access to mental health care. Access Hope in Fairfax and Youth for Tomorrow in Bristow both received grants of \$20,000.

Members of the Future Fund take pride in the impact they are making in the community. “This year the Future Fund has challenged the stigma surrounding the area of mental health, and I am proud to be a part of an organization whose members drive sustainable change in our community,” says Sylvia Parsons, Human Resources Business Partner at Northrop Grumman and Future Fund Grants Committee co-chair.

Co-founder of the Future Fund and Managing Director of Human Capital Strategic Consulting, Julie Simmons, says “meeting the recipients of our grants at the Awards Gala each year has been eye opening – we are able to truly understand and see the impact of our time, money and relationships. It is amazing to see how the community benefits from our efforts to help support critical needs in Northern Virginia.”

The evening will feature hors d’oeuvres, an open bar and dancing. Creative cocktail attire is encouraged, and masks are optional.

Support for the Future Fund is provided by the **Claude Moore Charitable Foundation** and **Steve Gladis Leadership Partners**.

Annual Future Fund sponsorships start at \$1,000 and include visibility throughout the year and entertainment benefits for individuals or companies that include additional ticket discounts. For more information, contact Jen McCollum, Vice President of Donor Relations at the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia, at jen.mccollum@cfnova.org or (703) 879-7636.

The Future Fund was established in 2011 as the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia's giving circle for young professionals. It helps its members connect both personally and professionally, learn about the critical needs of the region, and donate at affordable levels to the causes they care about most while increasing the impact of their support through collective giving. In its first four years, the Future Fund has raised more than \$200,000, provided local organizations with more than 400 volunteer hours, collaborated with more than 15 community-led organizations to raise awareness of local needs, and developed its own endowment for future giving. www.cfnova.org/futurefund

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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