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**Community Foundation to Honor Mark and Brenda Moore at
the 2017 Raise the Region Gala**

Nearly 650 guests will join us to support critical needs in Northern Virginia

September 7, 2017 (Oakton, VA) – Mark A. and Brenda L. Moore of the Mark and Brenda Moore Family Foundation will be recognized by the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia for their history of passionate leadership and philanthropy with the 2017 Community Leadership Award. This award is the longest standing community based recognition award in Northern Virginia, and will be presented at the Community Foundation’s annual Raise the Region Gala on October 6, 2017 at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner.

The award is presented annually for outstanding commitment and dedication to improving the quality of life for all Northern Virginians. Nearly 650 business leaders, philanthropists, and community organizers participate in this event to celebrate the charitable work of the Community Foundation and to raise funds to support the critical needs of the Northern Virginia community.

“As champions of advancements in health care, education, music and the arts, and Christian evangelism, Mark and Brenda Moore demonstrate their lifelong commitment to the underserved,” said Eileen Ellsworth, President of the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia. “What make their gifts of philanthropic leadership unique is their level of activism and engagement in the causes they care about – they volunteer their time, energy and resources to organizations throughout our region and beyond, and we are delighted to honor Mark and Brenda Moore with the 2017 Community Leadership Award.”

The evening will feature a cocktail reception and silent auction followed by dinner, live auction and award presentation. Dress is black tie attire.

Support for the Community Foundation's Raise the Region Gala is provided by Challenge Sponsor John and Virginia Chapel; Vanguard Sponsor Inova Health System; and Visionary Sponsors Booz Allen Hamilton, Mark and Brenda Moore Family Foundation, and John and Nina Toups Charitable Fund.

Raise the Region Gala sponsorships start at \$750 and include tickets and recognition at the event and in Community Foundation publications throughout the year. Individual tickets are \$300. More information, along with a sneak preview of the auction, is available at www.cfnova.org/gala or please contact Tara Nadel, Vice President of Communications and Events at the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia, at tara.nadel@cfnova.org or (703) 879-7637.

About the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia:

The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia grows philanthropy to respond to critical need and seed innovation in the region. Comprised of donor advised funds, permanent funds, giving circles, and other charitable endowments, the Community Foundation connects donors to community, and helps meet community needs with community resources.

In 2017 the Community Foundation awarded more than \$4.7 million in grants and scholarships and reported \$47 million in managed philanthropic assets.

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