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## \$171,000 in Giving Circle Grants Awarded to Advance Equity and Collective Impact for Those in Need

Dear,

8 January 2024 (Fairfax, VA): The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia through its Business Women's Giving Circle has awarded \$55,000 in total to three organizations making a difference in the lives of young women and girls in the region. Likewise, the Loudoun Impact Fund, which is jointly administered by the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia and the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties, awarded \$116,000 in grants to 15 nonprofits serving Loudoun County, reaching a milestone of surpassing \$1 million in grants distributed since 2014.

Community Foundation for Northern Virginia Business Women's Giving Circle Grants:

# Boolean Girl Inc. — \$15,000

Boolean Girl's Saturday STEM Clubhouse

Serving Arlington County

Funding will support a STEM Clubhouse that provides a fun and supportive community for elementary school girls. Girls will explore coding and engineering and engage in hands-on creative learning. The Clubhouse seeks to encourage girls to develop and pursue their interests in STEM by providing peer support and mentors.

### Sustainability Matters - \$20,000

**EcologiGALS** 

Serving Fairfax County

EcologiGALS immerses middle- and high-school girls in environmental science through hands-on field work, classroom education, mentorship by college conservation majors, and connections with female environmental leaders.

#### Year Up National Capital Region — \$20,000

Talent for Tomorrow Alliance

Serving All of Northern Virginia

Funding will support the Talent for Tomorrow Alliance's STEM training for 140 women in Northern Virginia to provide technical skills training, industry specific based-certifications, internships, and wraparound support to prepare women for in-demand jobs.

### **Loudoun Impact Fund Grants:**

\$7,000 to A Farm Less Ordinary to support year-round training for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities

**\$5,000 to All Ages Read Together** to support free, quality preschool for under-served children residing in Loudoun County

**\$10,000 to A Place To Be** to support employment transition, socialization, life skills and leadership program for youth and young adults with disabilities

**\$10,000 to Crossroads** Jobs to support job search training, placement and post placement support services for disabled Loudoun County residents

**\$9,000 to Dulles South Food Pantry** to support infants and senior adults in Loudoun County facing food insecurity and lack of essential needs

**\$5,000 to Insight Memory Care Center** to support older adults with mild cognitive impairment and their caregivers in Loudoun County through socialization, peer support and education

**\$10,000 to Legacy Farms** to support apprenticeship-style learning and vocational training to neurodivergent individuals ages 16 and older in Loudoun County

**\$10,000 to Loudoun Cares** to support an emergency financial assistance and referral program for low-income families with children

**\$10,000 to Loudoun Hunger Relief** to support an emergency grocery program for low-income senior adults in Loudoun County

**\$5,000** to Loudoun Literacy Council to support expanding their Loudoun County Public Schools STEP partnership for family literacy programming in ten schools that serve low-income families

**\$5,000 to Loudoun Serenity House** to support a transportation fund for financially and vehicle-challenged Leesburg-based recovery house residents and program participants

**\$8,000 to Loudoun Volunteer Caregivers** to support expanded transportation services for seniors and adults with disabilities in Loudoun County

**\$7,000 to Ryan Bartel Foundation** to support a new training program for youth mental wellness program facilitators serving Loudoun County youth

**\$5,000 to The Arc of Loudoun** to support affordable preschool and therapies for children, many with disabilities in Loudoun County

**\$10,000 to Women Giving Back** to support expanded and renovated facilities to support programming for children and youth in crisis in Loudoun County

### **About the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia**

Founded in 1978, the Community Foundation has been the premier charitable partner trusted by thousands of generous Northern Virginians for decades. Our mission is to advance equity through philanthropy and community leadership. Comprised of donor advised funds, permanent funds, giving circles, and other charitable endowments, the Community Foundation's vision is to build a community that works for everyone. Our Community Foundation serves the entire region, including Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William Counties and the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park. For more information please visit us at <a href="https://www.cfnova.org">www.cfnova.org</a>, or follow up on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

The Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier is a broad and flexible vehicle for charitable giving and community investment. They join with some 30 community foundations in Virginia and 850 across America to advance meaningful philanthropy in their geographic footprint serving Loudoun and northern Fauquier Counties and surrounding areas. Visit their Website and follow them on Facebook.