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Innovation Breakfast Series: Public Art and Placemaking

Community Foundation Explores Impact of Public Art and Community Building

(Oakton, VA) August 29, 2019 - Cities across America are recognizing the power of public art to break down cultural barriers and advance their missions in housing, workforce, transportation, health, and the environment. The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia will explore the impact of this movement when it presents “**Public Art and Placemaking**” in its next Innovation Breakfast Series event.

“Art has this amazing capacity to help people re-imagine the place they live,” says Eileen Ellsworth, President and CEO at Community Foundation for Northern Virginia.

Event speakers include **Katarzyna Balug**, Co-founder, Department of Play, **Deirdre Ehlen MacWilliams**, Public Art Project Manager, Arlington Arts, **Holly Koons**, Executive Director, Arlington Arts Center, **Lisa Mariam**, Director of Grants and Services ARTSFairfax, and Public Artist **Marly McFly**.

The community is welcome to attend for a fun, engaging, interactive discussion of how we can co-create more vibrant public spaces that engage, interact, and transform the region.

The event will be held from **8 am - 10:30 am** on Friday, September 13, 2019 at Booz Allen Hamilton, 8283 Greensboro Drive, McLean, VA 22102.

Registration is \$40 and includes a continental breakfast and presentations.

Visit www.cfnova.org/innovationbreakfast to register for this event.

About Innovation Breakfast Series:

The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia hosts the Innovation Breakfast Series to bring a fresh perspective on the challenges and opportunities facing our region and the role that innovation and philanthropy can play in addressing them.

About the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia:

The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia helps grow local 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 promotes a more equitable and inclusive prosperity that marries our economic strength with the full breadth of our diverse community.

In 2018 the Community Foundation awarded more than \$7.1 million in grants and scholarships and now reports \$70 million in managed philanthropic assets. For more information please visit us at www.cfnova.org on Facebook

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