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**Community Foundation for Northern Virginia Announces the 2022 Raise the Region gala to Celebrate Community Resilience**

9 September 2022 (Oakton, VA)- The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia will hold its annual fundraiser, the [Raise the Region Gala](#) on October 7, 2022. For the first time in three years, there will be an in-person component available to those interested. This has been made possible thanks to the work and sacrifices of individuals, organizations, and businesses across civil society. This will enable the Community Foundation to respond to need, seed innovation, and lead and convene the community, helping to build a Northern Virginia that works for everyone. As part of this celebration of local philanthropy in Northern Virginia, hundreds of businesses, philanthropic, and community leaders will be represented online and in-person. In the interest of equity and accessibility, the virtual option is at no cost to interested parties.

Programming for the event will include remarks from our CEO and President Eileen Ellsworth, as well as board members, and grantees A Farm Less Ordinary, United Community, and Safe Spot Children's Advocacy Center. A live auction is scheduled with two raffles- one for a diamond piece of jewelry valued at more than \$3,000, and another to participate in a whisky tasting.

A pillar of the Gala celebration each year is the Community Leadership Award, presented annually for outstanding community service and dedication to improving the quality of life for all Northern Virginians. This year's award will be presented to **Micron Technology, Inc.**, a world leader in innovative memory solutions with deep ties to our region through its base in Manassas, Virginia. Micron transforms the communities where its team members live and work through its philanthropy and people, with more than 60% of its employees engaged in efforts to support local needs, particularly helping underrepresented and underserved students find pathways to STEM careers. We would like to thank our core sponsors for their generous support:

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Raise the Region sponsorships are tax deductible and still available. More information on sponsorships is available [here](#). For a preview of auction items, visit [www.cfnova.org/raisetheregion](http://www.cfnova.org/raisetheregion).

**\* About the Community foundation for Northern Virginia**

The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia grows philanthropy to respond to critical need, seed innovation and lead and convene the community. 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 the past two years the Community Foundation awarded more than \$20 million in grants and scholarships and now reports \$89 million in managed philanthropic assets. For more information please visit us at [www.cfnova.org](http://www.cfnova.org), or follow up on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).