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2019 Raise the Region Gala – Building A Community that Works for Everyone

Community Foundation for Northern Virginia to Honor Maj. Gen. Carl H. McNair, Jr. (RET) with Community Leadership Award

September 24, 2019 (Oakton, VA) – On Friday, October 4, 2019 the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia will hold the 2019 Raise the Region Gala at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner from 6:30 – 10:00 pm. Honorary Chair is Ki Ho Kang, CEO of KIHOMAC. Auctioneer is Matt Quinn, Quinn's Auction Galleries.

Six hundred business leaders, philanthropists, and community organizers participate in the Raise the Region Gala every year to celebrate the charitable work of the Community Foundation and to raise funds to support the critical needs of the Northern Virginia community. This year's theme is **'Building A Community that Works for Everyone.'**

Major General Carl H. McNair, Jr. (RET) will be recognized by the Community Foundation at the Gala for a lifetime of community leadership and public service with the 2019 Community Leadership Award. This award is the longest standing community- based recognition award in Northern Virginia. The award is presented annually for outstanding commitment and dedication to improving the quality of life for all Northern Virginians.

"Major General Carl McNair is a local hero. He had a remarkably distinguished 32 years career in the Air Force, followed by the same in the private sector. We could not be more pleased to honor Major General McNair with the 2019 Community Leadership Award," said Eileen Ellsworth, President and CEO of the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia. "He's one of the most generous local philanthropist Northern Virginia has ever seen," stated Ellsworth.

The Gala event 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 2019 Raise the Region Gala is provided by Challenge Sponsor Phil and Susan Nolan; Vanguard Sponsor KIHOMAC; Salute our Veterans Sponsor Anonymous Donor in honor of the Military Personnel & Their Families Fund; Visionary Sponsors including Claude Moore Charitable Foundation, Inova, and the John and Nina Toups Charitable Fund; Auction Sponsor Cathexis. For a complete list of sponsors please visit our website [here](#):

Raise the Region Gala sponsorships start at \$1000 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 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 2018 the Community Foundation awarded more than \$7.1 million in grants and scholarships and reported \$71 million in managed philanthropic assets.

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