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### **Loudoun Impact Fund Grants \$125,000 to Local Nonprofit Organizations**

**Leesburg, VA – November 14, 2018** – Local donors and nonprofit leaders gathered today at Integrus Holdings as The Loudoun Impact Fund awarded \$125,000 in grants to 16 nonprofit organizations serving Loudoun County. The awards were made possible through the generosity of more than 50 individuals and businesses that pooled charitable gifts.

The Loudoun Impact Fund brings together individuals and businesses interested in grantmaking administered through a joint effort of the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia and the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties.

Participants make a gift of \$1,000 per individual or \$5,000 per business to join the giving circle. Members review proposals submitted from local nonprofits and decide together which charities to grant. More than \$270,000 in grant requests were received.

“The quality of the grant requests clearly demonstrates the level of need in our county, our community. We’re trying to make a small dent in the charitable giving deficit in Loudoun,” stated giving circle co-chair, Robert Fiolek. “Doing so with a group of energetic, like-minded, sincere neighbors brings an added level of gratification that, together, we can make an impact.”

Terry Allen, another co-chair of the Loudoun Impact Fund, said “‘Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much’ embodies the spirit of the Loudoun Impact Fund. This is without a doubt my favorite way to donate, as a group, working together, to better our community.”

“We love our partnership with the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties through which both our organizations leverage our entire networks to grow and sustain philanthropy in Loudoun County. It is important work made possible through a joint effort that is making a difference,” said Chief Philanthropy Officer Kelly Blanks of the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia. “I am proud of the impact it is making in my backyard, the education and joy it spreads, and the power amplified through collective giving.”

Amy Owen, President and CEO of the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties, noted the long-term impact of the giving circle’s grantmaking. “In the last five years, the Loudoun Impact Fund has contributed almost \$500,000 in grants,” she said. “We can’t think of a better way to commemorate National Community Foundation Week than to announce these grants to our local nonprofit organizations.”



AHT's annual charity golf tournament dedicated the entirety of its proceeds to the Loudoun Impact Fund adding \$25,000 to the fund. Additional corporate donors included Integrus Holdings, parent company of Sterling Restaurant Supply and Fortessa, Backflow Technology, Madison Wealth Management, and AllTransPack.

This year, participants voted to fund initiatives serving at-risk children, older adults, and people with disabilities. The 2018 grants include:

- A Farm Less Ordinary will receive a \$10,000 grant to support the construction of a greenhouse and employ more adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- A Place To Be will receive a \$10,000 grant to expand music therapy services to at-risk youth residing in the Loudoun Youth Shelter, in partnership with Grafton Integrated Health Network.
- All Ages Read Together will receive a \$5,000 grant to support school readiness programs to at-risk children ages 4 and 5.
- Children's Science Center will receive a \$5,000 grant to support STEM Community Outreach Program, providing Summer Mini-Labs for low-income children.
- Crossroads Jobs will receive a \$5,000 grant to support job counseling for people with disabilities, including employer outreach, and consultation, and follow-up support for newly hired clients.
- ECHO will receive a \$8,500 grant to create a sensory room to help day support program participants with disabilities engage with their senses, leading to increased attention, communication, and mobility.
- Fenwick Foundation will receive a \$7,500 grant to provide dental care to low-income older adults and adults with disabilities through portable dentistry delivered to the patient at their facility, group home or residence.
- INMED Partnerships for Children will receive a \$8,000 grant to support after school programs for at-risk elementary school students, providing academic and social support.
- Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter will receive a \$8,500 grant to provide support group services and recreational activities to child victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.



- Loudoun Habitat for Humanity will receive a \$5,000 grant to support the Home Repair program to help seniors age in place, providing home repair projects to low-income, elderly homeowners.
- Loudoun Hunger Relief will receive a \$10,000 grant to support the Senior Adult Food Security Program, providing food to at-risk older adults, in partnership with HealthWorks for Northern Virginia, Madison House Apartments, and the William Watters House.
- Loudoun Literacy Council will receive a \$7,500 grant to provide literacy enrichment programs to at-risk preschoolers from low-income families.
- Loudoun Volunteer Caregivers will receive a \$10,000 grant to providing transportation, shopping assistance, respite care, home visiting, money management, and home repairs to older adults and adults with disabilities.
- Ryan Bartel Foundation will receive a \$10,000 grant to implement Sources of Strength program, an evidence-based youth suicide prevention program, in partnership with LCPS.
- StoryBook Treasures will receive a \$5,000 grant to provide literacy enrichment with trained teachers to disadvantaged students, in partnership with LCPS STEP preschool program.
- Windy Hill Foundation will receive a \$10,000 grant to support summer day camp for school-aged children residing in WHF affordable housing units, bridging the summer childcare gap for participating families.

### **About the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties**

Founded in 1999 by local volunteers, the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit designed to build local endowment by fostering a community of grantmakers, promoting strategic local leadership, and investing in partnerships for the benefit of the community of Loudoun and Northern Fauquier. Set up as a broad and flexible vehicle for charitable giving and community investment, the Community Foundation advances meaningful philanthropy in Loudoun and northern Fauquier counties, surrounding areas and across the nation. Since its inception, the Community Foundation has granted more than \$5.9 million back into these communities. Donors who include the Community Foundation in their philanthropic vision benefit from low fees, knowledgeable staff, and personal assurance that legal and accounting issues are managed under one cost-effective banner: the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties. [CommunityFoundationLF.org](http://CommunityFoundationLF.org) (703) 779-3505.



### **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. Last year the Community Foundation awarded more than \$7.1 million in grants and scholarships and currently reports \$66 million in managed philanthropic assets. <http://www.cfnova.org>

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