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## **Community Foundation for Northern Virginia's Eileen Ellsworth to Receive Washington Business Journal's 2020 "Women Who Mean Business" Award**

September 16, 2020 (Oakton, VA) – The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia, the leader in local philanthropy in the region is pleased to announce that President and CEO Eileen Ellsworth is one of this year's recipients of the Washington Business Journal's (WBJ) 2020 "Women Who Mean Business" award.

This award celebrates the distinguished achievements of the most influential businesswomen of 2020 in the Greater Washington, D.C. region. Ellsworth will receive the award during WBJ's *virtual* awards ceremony on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

"This award is a wonderful honor. I am delighted to receive it and to be a part of yet another distinguished class of remarkably influential, powerful, and impressive women," said Ellsworth. "But clearly, the award belongs to the entire staff, board, and family of friends and donors at the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia who makes possible all that we have accomplished."



During her 15 years as President and CEO, Ellsworth has helped reinvent and reimagine the Community Foundation's work and purpose. Today, it is an influential social and civic voice that helps grow local philanthropy, seed innovation, and lead and convene the community. Last year the Community Foundation awarded \$13 million in grants and scholarships, a record level of impact, and reported \$70 million in charitable assets.

In recent years Ellsworth has crafted and driven the Community Foundation's community leadership role, launching a myriad of informative data-driven publications and events to help inform and inspire our community. In March of 2020, the Community Foundation launched its [COVID-19 Response Fund for Northern Virginia](#) that was established to provide flexible funding resources for nonprofit organizations and other programs responding to COVID-19 and its impacts. To date, the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia has awarded nearly \$2.1 million in grants to more than 100 organizations.

Ellsworth serves on the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce Board, the Northern Virginia Regional Board for GO Virginia, the Advisory Board for George Mason University's Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, the Northern Virginia Region Cyber Node, and the Design Team for the Community Foundation Opportunity Network's Aligned Action Network

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**About 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 2020 the Community Foundation awarded more than \$13 million in grants and scholarships and reported \$70.5 million in managed philanthropic assets.

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