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“We are Northern Virginia”

Hundreds Gather at the Community Foundation’s Raise the Region Gala

Fairfax, VA (October 24, 2024) – The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia’s *2024 Raise the Region Gala*, held on October 18, gathered hundreds of supporters to celebrate the power of local philanthropy. The evening featured a silent auction, a dinner program, and a live auction led by Antiques Roadshow’s Matt Quinn of Quinn’s Auction Galleries. This year’s gala emphasized the transformative impact of charitable giving in the region.

A major highlight of the evening was the announcement that the Community Foundation has granted over \$100 million to nonprofits since its founding in 1978—marking a significant milestone as it approaches its 50th anniversary. Through a special video presentation, guests learned about the cascading effects of donors’ contributions, showcasing the Foundation’s [ongoing support](#) for education, workforce development, and critical services across Northern Virginia.

Renée Byng Yancey, President and CEO, delivered an inspiring address, sharing her own story of being shaped by nonprofit programs and urging guests to continue their generous support. “Let’s show the world... we are Northern Virginia,” she encouraged, uniting the room with a call to action with a resounding sense of purpose to continue to address the region’s most pressing needs.



Kristina (center) received a standing ovation as she accepted the 2024 honor from Sumeet Shrivastava (left) of Unissant and Carolyn Howell (right) of Events USA.

The Community Leadership Award dates to 1983 and is presented annually for outstanding commitment and dedication to improving the quality of life for all Northern Virginians. The [2024 Community Leadership Award](#) honored Kristina Bouweiri, President & CEO of Reston Limousine, the largest luxury transportation provider in the DC area. A committed philanthropist, Kristina has donated over \$1.5 million in transportation to charities, while empowering women entrepreneurs and supporting education and children’s welfare initiatives.

The Community Foundation raised more than \$730,000 through community support to strengthen Northern Virginia and further their vision to build a region that works for everyone. For questions about the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia, contact Tara Nadel at tara.nadel@cfnova.org. See the full 2024 Raise the Region Gala [photo album](#).

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Founded in 1978, the Community Foundation has been the premier charitable partner trusted by thousands of generous Northern Virginians for decades. Our mission is to advance equity through philanthropy and community leadership. Comprised of donor advised funds, permanent funds, giving circles, and other charitable endowments, the Community Foundation's vision is to build a community that works for everyone. Our Community Foundation serves the entire region, including Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William Counties and the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park.