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The Arlington Community Foundation Awards Nearly \$100,000 to Nineteen Nonprofit Organizations and Schools

December 3, 2015 - Arlington, VA -- The Arlington Community Foundation's Board of Trustees recently approved grant awards totaling \$97,424 to 19 nonprofit organizations and schools through its **Homelessness Prevention** and **Arlington Education Fund** grant programs. These awards bring the total amount of grants and scholarships distributed through the Foundation in 2015 to over \$980,000. Since the Foundation's inception 24 years ago, it has distributed more than \$12 million in grants and scholarships.

These grant awards will broadly benefit the Arlington community through programs that serve a wide cross section of our community: This fall's Arlington Education Fund grants make possible such curriculum enhancements as tricycles for a road safety program for pre-k students at a Title I school and laptop computers for a study room at a transitional residential program for young mothers who are also full time students. The Homelessness Prevention grants, meanwhile, will support such efforts as vocational training for recently rehoused formerly homeless individuals and same-day financial assistance for families facing the threat of homelessness.

Grant proposals are carefully considered and reviewed by volunteers from the community who make recommendations to the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Volunteering as grant reviewers has become one of the many ways that Foundation helps Arlington's citizens involve themselves with local philanthropy.

These most recent grant awards were made possible by contributions of all sizes from individuals as well as corporations in our community, in the form of gifts to both the **Homelessness Prevention Fund** and the **Arlington Education Fund**.

Wanda L. Pierce, Executive Director of the Foundation, noted, "The grants awarded this year reflect the work of stellar nonprofits and educators in the Arlington area and the commitment of the Arlington Community Foundation to support their work in the community. The Foundation has embarked upon a Campaign for Arlington which will help to further grow the Foundation's pool of funds to provide even more support to nonprofits, schools and students."

Please see below for a complete listing of awards by grant program.

2015 Looking toward Tomorrow Grant Recipients

The **Homelessness Prevention – Looking toward Tomorrow** grants program is an annual grant cycle which seeks to reduce future need for safety-net services by funding organizations that develop and use new and innovative approaches to provide more effective support for their clients. This year's grant awards range from \$5,000 - \$10,000.

- Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC)
- Arlington Landlord Partnership
- Arlington Street People's Assistance Network (A-SPAN)
- Arlington Thrive
- Borromeo Housing, Inc.
- Bridges to Independence (b2i)
- CARE, Inc.
- Doorways for Women and Families
- La Cocina VA
- Legal Services of Northern Virginia
- Offender Aid and Restoration of Arlington (OAR)
- Residential Youth Services, Inc.
- Shirlington Employment and Education Center

2015 Arlington Education Fund Grant Recipients

The **Arlington Education Fund** grants program is a biannual competitive grant cycle which provides grants to schools and nonprofits for innovative projects, programs and partnerships. Since its inception in 1995, the Arlington Education Fund has awarded more than 460 grants totaling over \$420,000 – all made possible by the broad support of hundreds of community members. This year's grant awards range from \$724 - \$1,500.

- AHC Inc.
- Barrett Elementary School
- Borromeo Housing, Inc.
- BU-GATA Buckingham Youth Brigade
- Greenbrier Learning Center
- Washington-Lee High School

For more information about how to apply to any of the Foundation's grant programs, to donate to or volunteer with the Foundation's grant-making programs, please call 703-243-4785 or visit our website at www.arlcf.org.

The Arlington Community Foundation is an independent charitable organization that actively promotes, protects and improves the quality of life for those who live or work in Arlington. The Foundation provides philanthropic leadership and raises capital for grants and scholarships to address community needs now and in the future. The Foundation has awarded more than \$12 million in grants to nonprofits and schools and in college scholarships to Arlington students over the last 24 years.