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**Announcing Arlington Community Foundation President & CEO**

**ARLINGTON, VA** (August 16, 2018) – The Arlington Community Foundation announces the appointment of Jennifer L. Owens as its President and CEO. With the Foundation’s plans for significant growth in the future, Owens joins the Foundation at an exciting time in its 27-year history.

“We are so pleased to have Jennifer Owens join the Foundation, and welcome her back to our region,” said Jeanne Broyhill, Chair of the Arlington Community Foundation’s Board. “Her experience and expertise in the community foundation arena, coupled with her leadership, fund development success, and community engagement make her an outstanding leader for the foundation going forward.”

With over 20 years’ experience in nonprofit and foundation work, Owens comes to the Foundation from Syracuse, NY where she most recently served as the Senior Vice President and Chief Development Officer for the Central New York Community Foundation, a \$270 million foundation. She has also served in various programmatic and grants management roles with the Summit Foundation and the Public Welfare Foundation here in Washington, DC. An active volunteer, Owens is currently a Board member of Syracuse Community Connections, and a founding Board member of Below 40, an organization dedicated to providing a platform for creative professionals to pursue their passions, and promote Syracuse as a vibrant place to live and work. She is a graduate of Leadership Greater Syracuse, and a member of several professional organizations. Owens has her Masters degree from Seton Hall University in Strategic Communications and Leadership, and her Bachelors degree from American University in Washington, DC.



“I am thrilled to have the opportunity to lead the Arlington Community Foundation, and help grow this fine organization to further impact the lives of those who live and work in Arlington,” Owens said. “The deep commitment and exciting vision of this organization inspire me, and I will do all I can to make that vision a reality in partnership with all those dedicated to its work.”

The Arlington Community Foundation is an independent 501(c)3 organization that offers a variety of opportunities for Arlingtonians to invest in the community’s future, thereby enhancing the lives of those who live, work, play and pray in our community. The leadership Owens brings to the Foundation will strengthen its mission, position it for continued growth, and build its capacity for major impact throughout the County.

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***The mission of the Arlington Community Foundation is to use the power of philanthropy and its role as community convener and catalyst to improve the quality of life for those who live and work in Arlington and beyond.***