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Friday, October 17, 2025





2025 community leadership award honoree

Warren M. Thompson

President & Chairman,
Thompson Hospitality





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tonight's program

Reception and Silent Auction

Ballroom doors open for Dinner
at 7:30 pm

Welcome

Jim Handy, Emcee

*Television Journalist and News Anchor,
NBC4*

Harry Klaff, Gala Co-Chair

Avison Young

Amy Wells Mackay, Gala Co-Chair

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Dinner is Served

Music by THE NOTORIOUS S.T.R.

Making More Possible...for Northern Virginia

Renée Byng Yancey

*President and CEO, Community
Foundation for Northern Virginia*

“Dear Future Me”

Annaroger Gresani

Student poet

Accompanied by CFNOVA Grantee Sound Impact

*Gino Madrid (Violin),
Tiffany Richardson (Viola),
Anne Donaldson (Violin),
Danielle Cho (Cello)*

Live Auction & Stand Up and Give

Matt Quinn

Quinn's Auction Galleries

2025 Community Leadership Award Recipient

Warren M. Thompson

*President and Chairman, Thompson
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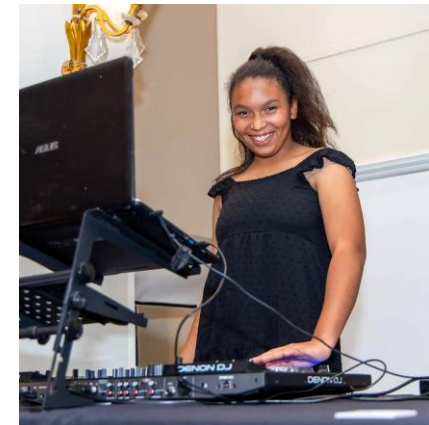
Spoken Word & Quartet Performance



Gallery



DJ





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Silent Auction will close at 9:00 pm





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October 17, 2025

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia's Raise the Region Gala. This annual celebration is one of our region's most meaningful gatherings, bringing together business, philanthropic, and community leaders who share a deep commitment to strengthening Northern Virginia.

Your support tonight will support the Foundation's vital work to advance equity through philanthropy and community leadership. Year after year, the Community Foundation continues to be a powerful force, mobilizing generosity, inspiring collaboration, and ensuring that all who call our region home have the opportunity to thrive.

I also extend my heartfelt congratulations to this *year's* Community Leadership Award honoree, my friend Warren M. Thompson, President and Chairman of Thompson Hospitality. Warren's visionary leadership, entrepreneurial spirit, and lifelong dedication to education and opportunity, particularly through his steadfast support of HBCUs, have made an extraordinary impact both here in Northern Virginia and across the nation. His example reminds us of what is possible when success is paired with purpose and service.

Congratulations once again to the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia for hosting another inspiring gala and thank you to everyone here tonight for your generosity, leadership, and unwavering belief in the power of community. Together, we are building a stronger, more equitable Northern Virginia for all.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey C. McKay
Chairman



Greetings

2025 Raise the Region Gala

October 17, 2025

As Mayor of Washington, DC, it is my pleasure to extend heartfelt greetings to attendees, honorees, and guests at the 2025 Raise the Region Gala.

Hosted by the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia (CFNOVA), the 2025 Raise the Region Gala provides a remarkable opportunity for hundreds of Northern Virginia leaders in business, philanthropy, and community advocacy to unite in support of the organization's more than worthy cause. Since 1978 the (CFNOVA) has had a major impact on advancing equity in Northern Virginia through strategic philanthropy efforts including research, responsive grantmaking, and awarding over \$100 million in grants and scholarships. In doing so, the organization effectively invests in the potential of those who may otherwise go overlooked and it continues to be a catalyst for equitable progress. Thank you for driving change, and for constantly working to meet the needs of your surrounding community.

Each year, the CFNOVA presents its Community Leadership Award to individuals or businesses who have demonstrated outstanding community service and dedication to improving the quality of life for all Northern Virginians throughout the year. It is my distinct privilege to help recognize the achievements of the 2025 Community Leadership Award recipient, Mr. Warren M. Thompson, President and Chairman of Thompson Hospitality. Through his leadership, Mr. Thompson's nearly \$1 billion operation served Fortune 100 corporations, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and healthcare systems, leading to national recognition including honors from the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), SmartCEO Magazine, and the National Black MBA Association. In every capacity, Mr. Thompson exemplifies what it means to lead with purpose, and I offer congratulations to him once more. Tonight, we celebrate not only Mr. Thompson's contributions to the Northern Virginia community, but also the scope of what can be accomplished through the united efforts of institutions, businesses, and community partners.

On behalf of the more than 700,000 residents of Washington, DC, it my hope that tonight will be a joyous occasion of inspiration, fellowship, and renewed commitment towards reaching a collective goal.

Muriel Bowser
Mayor, Washington, DC





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dinner menu

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special meal requests by table.*

First Course

Kale Salad

*Baby kale, dried ranberries, quinoa,
apple, feta, cherry tomato, alnuts,
white balsamic dressing*

Entrée

Baked Mediterranean Salmon & Teres Major Steak

*Yukon gold potatoes, roasted baby
zucchini, blistered tomatoes, red wine
au jus*

Or

Eggplant Steak & Sliced Ratatouille

*Charred broccolini, blistered heirloom
tomato, gremolata, romesco sauce*

Mixed Berry Cheesecake

Chambord, raspberry coulis

-And-

Magnum Bar

*Milk chocolate mousse, sable cookie,
caramel sauce*

Dinner Wines

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behind the ballroom for additional beverage
requests during dinner.*



Dessert





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about the community foundation for northern virginia

The Community Foundation is committed to building a Northern Virginia that works for everyone.



The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia advances equity through philanthropy and community leadership to build a region that works for everyone. Since 1978, we've connected donors with causes they care about, provided data-driven insights to inform lasting impact, and partnered with nonprofits, businesses, foundations, and government to drive meaningful change.

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- **Fundraiser:** We unlock private capital for public good—connecting generosity with opportunity.



2025 community leadership award

Warren M. Thompson

President & Chairman, Thompson Hospitality



The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia is proud to honor **Warren M. Thompson** with the 2025 Community Leadership Award. As the founder, President, and Chairman of Thompson Hospitality Corporation, Warren has built one of the nation's largest minority-owned food service and facilities management companies. His visionary leadership has transformed a bold 1992 leveraged buyout into a \$1 billion enterprise operating in 48 states and six countries, with over 6,000 associates serving Fortune 100 companies, universities, hospitals, and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Warren's impact extends far beyond business. Under his leadership, Thompson Hospitality has revitalized neighborhoods, created thousands of jobs, and expanded access to essential services—especially in underrepresented communities. His commitment to inclusive growth and

strategic partnerships reflects a deep belief that business success must be paired with service to others.

Widely recognized for his achievements, Warren has received the Humanitarian Award from the Congressional Black Caucus, been named CEO of the Year by *SmartCEO Magazine*, and honored as Entrepreneur of the Year by the National Black MBA Association. He also lends his expertise through board service with organizations such as the Compass Group, Performance Food Group, the American Heart Association CEO Roundtable, and the University of Virginia. Warren Thompson's legacy is one of purpose-driven leadership that continues to uplift communities across Northern Virginia and beyond.



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past community leadership award recipients

2024	Kristina Bouweiri	2002	Michael G. Anzillotti
2023	Sumeet Shrivastava	2001	Ralph W. Shrader
2022	Micron	2000	Michael A. Daniels
2021	Karen G. Schaufeld	1999	Mark Warner & Lisa Collis
2019	MG Carl H. McNair, Jr.	1998	Phil & Marge Odeen
2018	Ellen and Jim Dyke	1997	Thomas E. Waldrop
2017	Mark and Brenda Moore	1996	Charles "Chuck" Vance
2016	Knox Singleton	1995	Edward H. Bersoff
2015	Jim Wordsworth	1994	Daniel M. Ross
2014	Richard Duvall and Holland & Knight LLP	1993	Community Care Awards
2013	J. Hamilton Lambert	1992	Dan R. Bannister
2012	BB&T	1991	Sidney O. Dewberry
2011	Washington Gas	1990	Joe Gibbs
2010	Booz Allen Hamilton	1989	Joanne F. & George W. Johnson
2009	Sudhakar & Suresh Shenoy	1988	Milton L. Drewer, Jr.
2008	Donna Morea	1987	Virginia E. & John T. Hazel
2007	F. Kevin Reynolds	1986	James T. Lewis
2006	Alan & Sally Merten	1985	John M. Touns
2005	Gary McCollum	1984	Earle C. Williams
2004	Hon. Frank Wolf	1983	Charles G. Gullledge
2003	Hon. Thomas M. Davis, III		



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Jim Handly

Television Journalist and NBC4 News Anchor

Jim Handly anchors News4 at 6 and 11 for NBC4, both top-rated newscasts in the Washington, D.C., area.

In 2022, Handly celebrated 30 years with NBC4 after spending most of those years anchoring evening newscasts and reporting on stories throughout our community. Handly has been honored with multiple Emmy Awards and an Edward R. Murrow Award during his career, which has taken him to the Middle East, Russia and the Caribbean. He's also reported live on big breaking news stories in the D.C. area. Along the way, he's also covered seven inaugurations, countless election nights and four U.S. papal visits and, as a Florida native, his share of

hurricanes. Handly has also enjoyed covering the Olympics, the Super Bowl, and, most of all, Nationals and Caps championship celebrations.

During his time in Washington, Handly has been involved in many organizations, including the Washington Tennis and Education Foundation, Humane Rescue Alliance, Junior Tennis Champions Center in Maryland and Thanks USA, which provides scholarships for families of military soldiers.



raise the region gala co-chair

The Honorable James W. Dyke, Jr.

Sr. Advisor, State Government Relations, McGuireWoods Consulting LLC



Jim Dyke is a senior advisor at McGuireWoods Consulting whose distinguished career spans corporate law, education policy, government relations, and economic development. He previously served as Virginia's Secretary of Education under Governor L. Douglas Wilder and as a domestic policy advisor to Vice President Walter Mondale. Known for his bipartisan leadership and deep regional influence, Jim has advised governors from both parties and held key roles on numerous boards and commissions across Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C.

A tireless advocate for inclusive growth and civic engagement, Jim has chaired the Greater Washington Board of Trade, the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce, and the Northern Virginia Business

Roundtable. His leadership has shaped transportation policy, higher education, and minority business development throughout the region. He has received numerous accolades, including the Northern Virginia Chamber's Lifetime Achievement Award and recognition as one of Virginia Business Magazine's "50 Most Influential Virginians." In 2018, Jim and his wife Ellen were honored with the Community Leadership Award from the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia for their enduring commitment to public service and community betterment.

Jim is a graduate of Howard University and its School of Law, where he earned honors and later taught legal writing.

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Harry Klaff

Principal, Avison Young

Community Foundation for Northern Virginia's Board of Directors



Harry Klaff is Principal and President of Clients at Avison Young, where he leads the firm's global client engagement platform and serves on its Executive Committee. With more than 30 years of experience in commercial real estate, Harry has structured over \$10 billion in transactions across sectors including technology, government, healthcare, and financial services. Prior to joining Avison Young, he was an Executive Managing Director at JLL, specializing in occupier services and complex real estate strategies.

Deeply committed to civic leadership, Harry serves as Board Chair of the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia. He also sits on the boards of the Northern

Virginia Chamber of Commerce, Mindshare, and The Madeira School, where he serves as Treasurer and Finance Chair. His dedication to the region's economic and social vitality is reflected in his longstanding involvement with organizations such as the Northern Virginia Technology Council and CORENET.

Harry holds an M.B.A. in Finance from Loyola College and a B.A. in Business Administration and History from Vanderbilt University. His career and community service reflect a consistent focus on innovation, collaboration, and impact across both the private and nonprofit sectors.

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Amy Wells Mackay

**Managing Director, Senior Wealth Advisor, Truist Wealth
Community Foundation for Northern Virginia's Board of Directors**



Amy Wells Mackay is a wealth management professional with more than 35 years of experience serving clients in the Washington D.C. Metro area. Throughout her career, she has focused on helping high-net-worth individuals and multi-generational families achieve their financial goals, specializing in simplifying complex financial strategies and managing investment, estate, banking, business transition, and philanthropic planning. She currently serves as Managing Director and Senior Wealth Advisor at Truist Wealth in McLean.

Amy earned a BS in Commerce with a concentration

in Finance from the McIntire School of Commerce at the University of Virginia. Passionate about community engagement, she serves on the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia board and the Advisory Board at UVA's McIntire School of Commerce. Her past leadership roles include Chairman of Fairfax Futures and President of the Northern Virginia Estate Planning Council. Amy has also volunteered extensively in education and youth sports.

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The Honorable Mark R. Warner

United States Senator from Virginia



Senator Mark Warner has served Virginia in the U.S. Senate since 2008 and was reelected to a third term in 2020. He is Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and serves on the Finance, Banking, Budget, and Rules Committees. Known for his bipartisan approach, Sen. Warner has played a key role in crafting legislation to strengthen infrastructure, cybersecurity, domestic manufacturing, and national security, while also supporting underserved communities and helping the nation recover from the COVID-19 crisis.

Before his time in the Senate, Sen. Warner served as Governor of Virginia from 2002 to 2006, earning national recognition for making Virginia the best-managed state and a top place for business and public

education. A first-generation college graduate and successful entrepreneur, he co-founded the company that became Nextel and helped launch hundreds of tech startups, creating tens of thousands of jobs across the Commonwealth.

Sen. Warner's advocacy spans from expanding broadband access to supporting servicemembers and families. His leadership has earned him a reputation as a tireless champion for a safer, stronger, and more prosperous Virginia. He lives in Alexandria with his wife Lisa Collis, and they have three daughters.

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Renée Byng Yancey

President and CEO, Community Foundation for Northern Virginia



Renée Byng Yancey is the President & CEO of the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia, a role she assumed in 2024. A Northern Virginia resident since 2007, Renée leads the Foundation's work to build a Northern Virginia that works for everyone through philanthropy and community leadership.

With a career spanning banking and nonprofit leadership, Renée has held senior roles with organizations including the American Institute of Architects, where she managed 200 global chapters and a team of 100, and the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington. Her work has consistently focused on building public-private partnerships and driving social change. She also

serves on the Board of Trustees at Peirce College.

Renée holds a Master of Science from Drexel University and an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Peirce College. Originally from Philadelphia, she is an avid sports fan and proudly supports her hometown teams.



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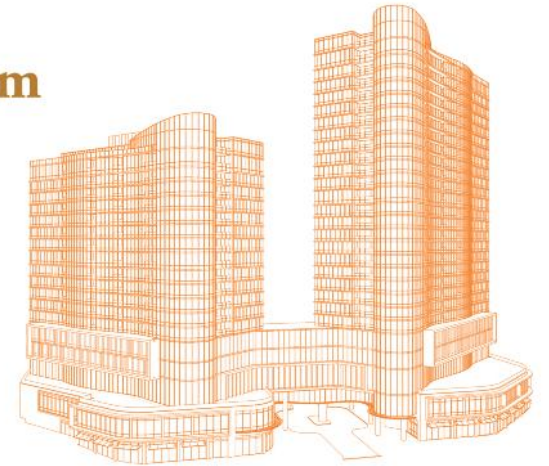


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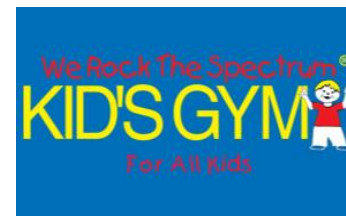


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 - Choice of dates through Jan 31, 2026
- 3 day / 2 night stay at a premium hotel on the Vegas Strip
- \$100 pre-show dinner gift card
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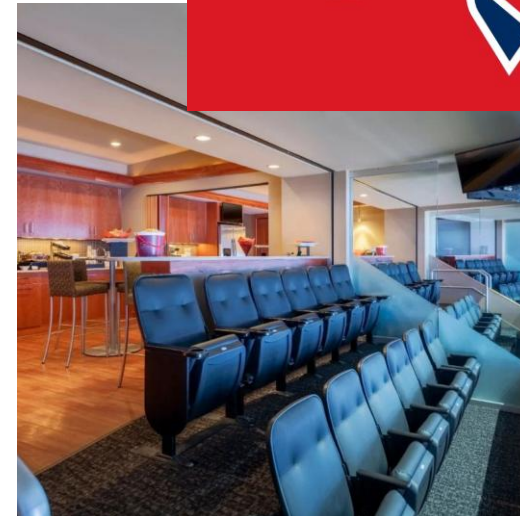
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