# NVFS Insider: A Healthy, Supportive Home for Every Child



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### **Ensuring Every Child Has a Healthy, Supportive Home**

At its heart, foster care is about creating a safe, supportive and loving environment for foster children to thrive. These children need this support to rebuild healthy, trusting and mutually rewarding relationships with the people in their lives. This is especially true for those who have experienced trauma stemming from abandonment, death of a caregiver, or behavioral and medical needs not being met.

NVFS' Treatment Foster Care program specializes in caring for these children, and providing handson training and support to adults who are interested in becoming foster parents in these children's journeys of rebuilding.

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### Celebrate 25 Years of CARE at 2017 CARE Awards

Join us for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary CARE Awards tomorrow, Nov. 17, at 7 a.m. at the Hilton Tysons Corner McLean. We will be honoring 25 outstanding companies for their best practices in workplace flexibility, community stewardship and employee well-being, as well as taking a look at what will be impacting the workforce in the future through a special panel discussion of industry leaders:

### 2017 Moderator:

<u>Douglas Fruehling</u>, Editor-in-Chief of Washington Business Journal



#### 2017 Panelists:

Robert Acosta, CEO of Ventera Corp.

Jennifer Aument, Group General Manager North America of Transurban

Alisa Valudes Whyte, Senior Partner & CEO of Merritt Group

Check out what our panelists expect to influence the workplace in the years ahead.

Tickets will still be available at the door for those interested in attending.

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### The Value of Being a CARE Award Winner

# Consumer Technology Association

Since the CARE Awards program began 25 years ago, more than 100 Northern Virginia companies have been recognized as CARE Award recipients. We are proud to count many repeat winners among them in support of workplace flexibility, employee well-being and community stewardship to create a family-friendly workplace.

Consumer Technology Association (CTA), a ninetime CARE Award winner and 2017 Silver Society of Community Impact Sponsor, shares why the award has been so important to the company:

"CTA continues to support NVFS' CARE Awards because it is fundamental to our culture. Everything that the CARE Awards stands for, CTA supports. We are an innovative employer that pushes the envelope on progressive employee benefit packages. We are a strong believer that people can be successful both at home and at work if you invest in them. We expect a return, but we make that investment. The CARE Awards is a platform for employers in the area to get other employers on board, and as it is a core value of CTA to be employee-centric, it is a core value of CTA to support the CARE Awards." – Senior Manager, Human Capital, Loren Wray

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### **Village of Impact: Kids Helping Kids Achieve Healthy Well-Being**

NVFS' Village of Impact gathered together earlier this month to create color wheels for Healthy Families clients and their children to refine motor skills on par with the childrens' age and development levels.

This month's theme was health access, and Village of Impact members had the opportunity to learn about the challenges many of our neighbors face in maintaining good health, as well as factors that

contribute to poor health.



Join Our Village

### **NVFS** in the News



Thank you, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, for supporting NVFS! CareFirst's recent investment benefits our Multicultural Center, providing trauma recovery and behavioral health services to recent immigrants and refugees living in poverty in Northern Virginia.

NVFS was honored to participate in <u>Doorways</u> for Women and Families' <u>Intersection:</u> <u>Immigration + Domestic Violence panel</u> alongside Tahirih Justice Center, Legal Services of Northern Virginia, Just Neighbors and

Arlington County Community Outreach Program. We look forward to continuing the discussion.

<u>4 Key Factors Influencing the Workforce in 2022 and Beyond</u> – NOVA Chamber of Commerce details NVFS' upcoming panel event at the 2017 CARE Awards.

# **'Tis the Season for Holiday Giving!**

• Help spread holiday cheer in Northern Virginia all year long by giving the <u>gift that keeps on</u> giving: volunteering. For a complete list of volunteer opportunities, please see our website.

- Donate food, funds or volunteer hours to Operation Turkey to assist in providing Thanksgiving meals to more than 800 families in Prince William County who would not otherwise be able to participate in the festivities.
- Give children the gift of the magic of opening presents during the month of December by contributing to Gifting for Families, a drive dedicated to ensuring more than 2,100 children in Northern Virginia receive a gift for the holiday



season. To donate funds, gifts or volunteer hours, please visit our website.

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### **Events & Opportunities at NVFS**

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**Giving Tuesday** Tuesday, Nov. 28

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