Becoming Better Employers Through Corporate Social Responsibility

“Be the change you wish to see in the world.” – Gandhi

Opportunities to get involved in your community are endless and now, more than ever, employers and their employees are taking an interest in giving back to the community within the workplace. As [corporate social responsibility](#) (CSR) makes its way to the forefront of employee’s minds, it’s no wonder many organizations are finding new and innovative ways to increase CSR integration into their company’s culture.
CSR has become an effective tool for not only making waves within the community, but also by increasing employment engagement, productivity and workplace wellness. And it’s something you can start today.

**Training Futures Graduates Shine Light on Dedication and Diversity**

On Feb. 9, trainees celebrated six months of hard work through NVFS’ [Training Futures](#) workforce development program. Through the graduation ceremony, trainees celebrated not only lessons learned through the program, which focuses on teaching office skills in a simulated U.S. corporate environment, but the journeys they each took to get there. Trainees gained certificates of achievement, as well as bonds with one another that will last beyond the program.

**Help grow Northern Virginia’s professional workforce - support our next trainees!**

**Program Supply Wishlist**

**Apple Federal Credit Union Provides Community Impact Through NVFS**

Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS) dedicates its time to ensuring our neighbors in need receive the tools and resources needed in order to thrive. One of the greatest aspects of our overall impact is partnering with other organizations who connect with our mission to empower those who need it most.

For more than a decade, [Apple Federal Credit Union](#) (AFCU) has been instrumental in ensuring clients of NVFS are provided with opportunities to thrive. From donating funds to our [SERVE Campus](#) to volunteering at the [CARE Awards](#) to donating time and resources to our [Training Futures](#) workforce program, AFCU has made its mark on the Northern Virginia community through NVFS — and on its employees as well.
Training Futures Trainees Hone Skills with Corporate Internships

NVFS’ Training Futures program provides individuals looking to secure professional careers with the tools and resources they need to thrive in the workforce.

Before completing a 25-week training program, trainees complete internships with organizations to continue to hone their skills, build confidence and boost their resumes before they enter corporate jobs.

See how interning with Women Giving Back and at NVFS’ SERVE Campus helped prepare two Training Futures graduates for their next steps.
Top Donation Needs

**SERVE and Hilda Barg family shelters:**
toilet paper, paper towels, gift cards in $10 increments, double and single strollers, bus tokens, welcome home baskets (kitchen tools, cleaning supplies, sheets, and towels), air mattresses, lamps and kitchen items (pots and pans, plates, silverware, small appliances).

**Head Start:** playdough, bubbles, outdoor games, arts and crafts supplies and activities, size 5T pull-ups for both girls and boys.

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