

Community Foundation Starts Business Women's Giving Circle

The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia has launched a new Business Women's Giving Circle, the first group of its kind in the region comprised of women who are successful business leaders looking to empower girls and women of all ages through philanthropy in the Northern Virginia region.

The giving circle is comprised of 26 founding members. Annual membership in the group is \$1,000, and includes a vote in the annual competitive grant cycle.

The group seeks to empower girls and women of all ages and to prepare them for success by supporting organizations that create connections, opportunities and confidence. Members will connect personally

and professionally, develop a foundation of knowledge for the needs of girls and women in the region, and identify a focus area for annual grantmaking.

"I am thrilled to be a founding member," said Faith Boettger, a community volunteer. "This giving circle leverages our life experiences, harnesses the power and resources of our members, and fosters relationships and networking – all to make a difference in Northern Virginia. It is truly a win-win for myself and our community."

The inaugural grant cycle will launch in September with a goal of \$50,000 to support organizations empowering women to succeed. For more information see the Web site at www.cfnova.org/bwgc.