# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



#### **CASA BRUMAR FOUNDATION**



This **PRIDE** Month, we shine a spotlight on Alliance Board Member, Evelyn BruMar. Evelyn is the founder and executive director of the Casa BruMar Foundation, a nonprofit advancing LGBTQ+ equity in education, social services, and human dignity across Virginia. A dedicated advocate and leader, she played a key role in passing the first LGBTQ+ Pride resolutions in Prince William County and its public school system.

Casa BruMar Foundation works with government, business, and nonprofit partners addresses gaps in education, social services, and human dignity. The foundation also provides safe spaces and vital support for at-risk and underserved individuals, especially those facing homelessness, abandonment, or abuse in the LGBTQ+ community.

Evelyn is the first queer woman of color to serve on the county's Human Rights Commission, where she is Vice Chair, and is a founding member of Virginia's LGBTQ+ Advisory Board. Her advocacy extends to educating law enforcement agencies, including the Department of Justice and DEA, on LGBTQ+ inclusion. She's been recognized with numerous honors, including the 2018 Prince William County Human Rights Award, 2019 Equality Virginia OUTStanding Virginian, and the 2024 Gerald B. Roemer Community Service Award from DOJ Pride. She also supports LGBTQ+ aging services and joined the Board of The Alliance in 2024.

Evelyn, we celebrate your commitment to making a positive impact on our community.







## 2025 Annual Meeting

# GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> 9 AM - 11 AM

The Virginia Portuguese Community Center 9509 Lee Ave W, Manassas, VA 20110

Register at: https://www.alliancegpw.org/our-events





## EXCITING PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY: EMPOWERING YOUTH THROUGH HANDS-ON LEARNING & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Written by Samantha Simpore (Executive Director of Project Mend-A-House)

I'm thrilled to share that Project Mend-A-House (PMAH) is collaborating with the Career & Technical Education (CTE) Program at Manassas City Public Schools to provide students with meaningful, hands-on volunteer experiences that make a real difference in the lives of our seniors, veterans, and individuals with disabilities.

Through this partnership, students in trades like carpentry, masonry, construction, plumbing, and electrical will have the chance to apply their skills in real-world settings—by volunteering with PMAH on essential home repairs, safety modifications, and accessibility projects across our community.

Not only will students gain valuable work-based learning experience aligned with their studies, but they'll also fulfill community service hours while seeing firsthand the impact of giving back.

This initiative is about building skills, building character, and building community.

We're excited to foster the next generation of compassionate trades professionals while advancing our mission to keep homes safe and accessible for those who need it most.

If you're a parent, educator, trades professional, or community leader interested in supporting or expanding this partnership, let's connect! Together, we can empower students and uplift our neighbors.

Reach out to Samantha Simpore (Executive Director) for more information on ways to get involved <a href="mailto:ssimpore@pmah.org">ssimpore@pmah.org</a> or 703-792-7663







# PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING ORDINANCE KEY INFORMATION

#### PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE

Establish zoning regulations to increase affordable housing options for residents earning at or below the area median income.

#### **INCENTIVES**

Incentive zoning mechanisms would motivate developers to include affordable units.

#### **FUNDING COMMITMENT**

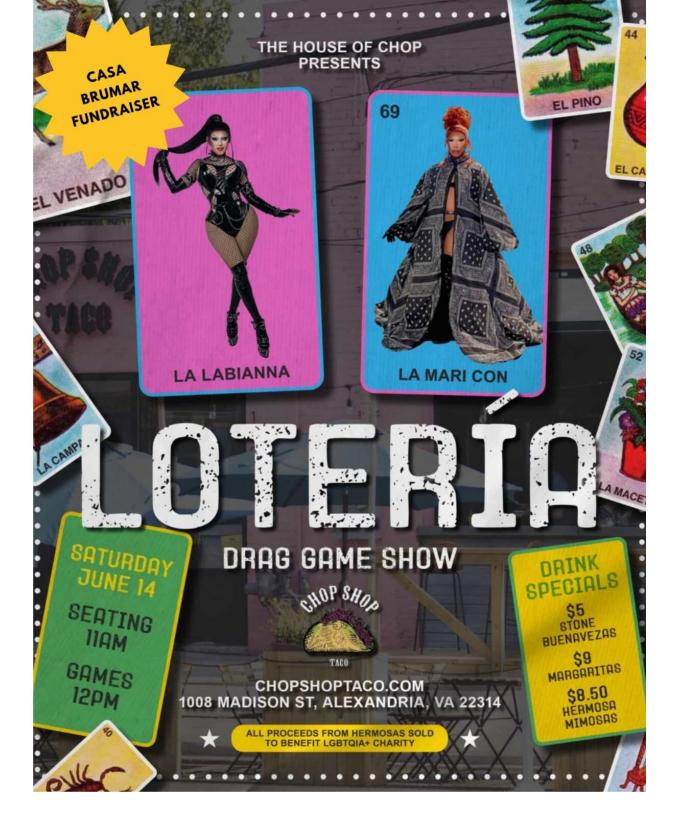
The Board has authorized \$15 million to be allocated to a housing trust fund.

#### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Extensive outreach and public meetings took place to gather input.

### RESULTS FROM TODAY'S VOTE

- PASSED: Affordable Housing Ordinance
- PASSED: \$15M Housing Trust Fund with Bipartisan Support



## NORTHERN VIRGINIA KAPPA ACHIEVEMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA KAPPA ACHIEVEMENT FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2025 HONOREES FOR WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Northern Virginia, June 4, 2025 – The Northern Virginia Kappa Achievement Foundation (NVKAF) is proud to present its distinguished 2025 Honorees for Women of Achievement. Established in 2011, NVKAF is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering youth and young adults in Northern Virginia through scholarships, financial aid, academic services, leadership training, and career exposure.

Each year, NVKAF honors extraordinary women who have made significant contributions to business, education, science and technology, leadership, and community service. The 9th Annual Women of Achievement Luncheon will continue this tradition, recognizing seven exceptional individuals whose impact has shaped their respective fields and uplifted the community.

The 2025 Women of Achievement Luncheon will take place on Saturday, June 21, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles. This celebratory event promises an inspiring afternoon of recognition, reflection, and community engagement.

#### A Celebration with Purpose

More than just an awards ceremony, the Women of Achievement Luncheon serves as a meaningful opportunity to invest in the future. Proceeds from the event will directly support scholarships for deserving high school seniors, enabling them to pursue higher education and unlock their full potential.

NVKAF proudly congratulates the 2025 Honorees—women who exemplify excellence, perseverance, and leadership in their respective fields.

- Dr. Myra Branch, CRNA at Inova Fairfax Hospital
- Dr. Diana Dixon, Founder Pump with a Purpose
- · Martina Jackson Green, Executive Director Human Services Alliance of Greater Prince William County
- Dr. Bridget Nkumbe, Founder and President of She Believed, Inc.
- Jameece Pinckney, Founder and Chairman of The Ophelia Foundation
- Janet Simmons, President LaweLawe Training Services, Inc.
- Crystal Wheeler, Chief People Officer KG&P Strategies

These remarkable individuals serve as a beacon of inspiration, demonstrating the power of innovation, service, and dedication to progress.

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