



## **Community Residences Selected by AmeriCorps to Host Mayor and County Recognition Day for National Service**

*Activities take place April 5, 2016 in Arlington*

**Arlington, Va. – March 28, 2016** – On April 5, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. through 12:30 p.m., [Community Residences, Inc.](#) (CR), will host a [Mayor and County Recognition Day for National Service](#) event at Bluemont Park, 399 N. Manchester Street, Arlington, Virginia. On Mayor and County Recognition Day, mayors and county officials recognize and celebrate national service at public events hosted by area national service programs. The day's volunteer activities, which include a stream cleanup and wild flower seed project, will be supported by members of [Arlington Works!](#), [Community HealthCorps](#), [Aspire! Afterschool](#) and over 30 individuals with disabilities supported in CR's residential and day programming. At the end of the project, all volunteers will be invited to take wildflower packets to distribute throughout the community, along with a message of community service and volunteerism.

Volunteers will be welcomed with a short presentation, speakers to include Arlington County Board Chair [Libby Garvey](#), and [Governor's Advisory Board on Service and Volunteerism](#) Member Jessica Bowser on behalf of Governor Terry McAuliffe.

Amanda Healy, AmeriCorps Program Manager at the [Office on Volunteerism and Community Service](#) (a division of the Virginia Department of Social Services) requested CR's support in making the Recognition Day a success.

The April 5<sup>th</sup> project grew out of CR's ongoing partnership with AmeriCorps. In 2014, CR was selected by AmeriCorps to lead the Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF) in Virginia. Funding through VGF has provided for significant growth in CR's volunteer program (now in its second year). "An unanticipated benefit of our volunteer program's development is having the ability to offer life-enriching and varied volunteer opportunities to the individuals CR supports," says Celia Flye, CR's Assistant Director of Development, "These opportunities are just another example of how we can support community integration and choice for all."

**Community Residences, Inc. (CR)** offers individuals with disabilities supportive housing and the physical, mental and emotional supports needed to facilitate independent and dignified living within the community. CR provides a full spectrum of supports, both in CR's homes and apartments and through community programming. Last year alone, CR supported over 1,000 adults, youth and children with mental health and/or intellectual disabilities throughout Northern Virginia, in Greater Richmond and in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. To learn more, please visit [www.comres.org](http://www.comres.org).

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