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### **Arlington Community Foundation appoints Wanda L. Pierce Executive Director**

The Arlington Community Foundation (ACF) Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of its new Executive Director Wanda L. Pierce, effective May 1, 2008.

As Executive Director, Pierce will lead the organization as it grows and serves Arlington and will have responsibility for all administrative functions of the Foundation.

“After an extensive search, the ACF Board selected Ms. Pierce for this important assignment. She brings an ideal mix of management experience, not-for-profit experience, professional acumen and community knowledge necessary to work with the Board to launch the ACF on its upcoming strategic initiative,” said John Andelin, President of the Board of Trustees.

Pierce has over 20 years of experience in for profit and not-for-profit leadership positions and has also been an entrepreneur. Prior to joining ACF, Pierce was Principal Consultant for her management consulting company, Consulting Works, which provides management assistance to nonprofit organizations. She was also the Founding Executive Director of the African American Nonprofit Network, where she led the organization from a concept to a fully running organization, managing all aspects of the start up through its first year of operations. Pierce also served as Executive Director of the Washington Tennis and Education Foundation where she managed an award winning organization including being named a finalist in the *Washington Post's* Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management and receiving a \$1 million grant -- the largest grant in the organization's history. Previously, Pierce served as national Vice President of Marketing and Communications for United Way of America where she was also General Manager of United Way Productions. Prior to her nonprofit work, Pierce was a manager with two Fortune 500 companies. Pierce graduated from Harvard University with a degree in Economics and earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Columbia University.

A long time Arlington resident, Pierce volunteers with several Arlington nonprofits and civic organizations. She is also involved with Arlington County's foster care and adoptive programs.

“The Arlington Community Foundation has made a significant difference over 17 years in the betterment of Arlington. I am honored to accept this position and look forward to working with the board and staff as well as our donors and partners to help ensure Arlington continues to be a wonderful place to live and work.” said Pierce.

The Arlington Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is a public charity, which raises, receives, invests, manages and distributes funds for charitable and educational purposes in Arlington, Virginia. The mission of the Foundation is to serve as a charitable resource, linking donors with community needs. The Foundation awards about \$1million annually in grants to nonprofits and college scholarships to students. It has a 28-member Board of Trustees composed of dedicated civic and business leaders from throughout the community.

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