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ELLEN ALLEN, FOUNDER AND CEO OF ELLEN ALLEN ANNAPOLIS TO SHARE HER SECRETS TO GRACEFUL LIVING AT ANNUAL PHILANTHROPY DAY LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 7, WALDORF, MD – The COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF CHARLES COUNTY (CFCC) is thrilled to announce, Ellen Allen of Ellen Allen Annapolis, CEO and Founder, as this year's keynote speaker for the CFCC's 6th annual Philanthropy Day Luncheon. The luncheon is the Community Foundation's annual event to recognize and thank the many volunteers, philanthropists, and nonprofits who have given an extraordinary amount of time and money to make Charles County the 'best place to live and give'. This year's luncheon will be held on Friday, November 18, 11:30 – 1:30 at the Greater Waldorf Jaycees Community Center.

About Ellen Allen

Ellen Allen, a southern Maryland native, was born and raised on a working farm on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay. As a working Mom, Ellen's need for function and flexibility and her eye for fashion and design led her to establish her own signature brand of lifestyle products, Ellen Allen Annapolis. Ellen's totes and handbags are made of durable fabrics, vibrant colors, and classic stripes combined with patterns inspired by Annapolis architecture. In addition to creating the perfect bag, Ellen believes strongly in the "fabric" of community and has been a generous donor to countless community nonprofit organizations. As a woman who loves her career and is devoted to her family, graceful living and balance define her life and guide her everyday choices. For more information about Ellen, go to www.ellenallen.com.

Recognition of Philanthropy in Community

The following individuals and organizations have been nominated for their exemplary philanthropy in the community and will be recognized at the luncheon. They are: Joyce Dean, Henry Scharles, Dorothea Smith, Future Next Corporation, Charles County Rotary Club of La Plata and Swan Point Yacht & Country Club. In addition, two women will be inducted into the Philanthropy Hall of Fame for their lifetime of giving and they are Mary Hancock and Lillian Richardson. Tickets to the luncheon are \$30 per person, all are welcome. All guests are encouraged to bring two non-perishable food items to be donated to the Southern Maryland Food Pantry. Folks can pay online at www.somdgiving.org or by mailing a check payable to: Community Foundation of Charles County at 3055 Old Washington Road, Waldorf, MD 20601. Please RSVP with payment by Friday, November 11. For questions, call the Community Foundation at 301.885.0108. Thank you to the following sponsors: Premier: Chaney Enterprises and Greater Waldorf Jaycees Community Center; Presenting: Facchina Group of Companies, LLC; Ambassador: Community Bank of Tri-County; Patron: College of Southern Maryland, GenOn Energy, Inc. and Leadership Southern Maryland; Friend: Charles County Public Library, PNC Bank, Swan Point Yacht & Country Club; and Supporters Bernie's Frame Shop, Crown Trophy, JDS Associates, Inc., and Ann Cipriano Rees, ASID/Ann Rees Lighting and Design.

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