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A-SPAN Chosen by Amazon for Employee Match Campaign

June through September, Amazon employee gifts to select local nonprofits matched one-to-one up to $5 million total

ARLINGTON, VA – June 11, 2019 – A-SPAN has been chosen by Amazon as a local nonprofit partner to participate in a $5 million company employee match campaign, now through September 30, 2019. A-SPAN is among 10 local organizations selected to receive these donations and a portion of up to $5 million in one-for-one matching funds from Amazon.

Beginning today, Amazon launched an employee match campaign to encourage employees to donate to A-SPAN and other select homeless and housing nonprofits in the metropolitan Washington region. "A-SPAN is honored to have been selected as a local nonprofit partner with Amazon. We are so proud that Amazon is supporting our shared vision to improve the quality of life for some of Arlington's most vulnerable residents," says Kathleen Sibert, A-SPAN President/CEO.

These gifts will support A-SPAN's goal to eliminate homelessness in Arlington County. A-SPAN is grateful to Amazon for continuing to step up in addressing the pressing needs of our community and creating this collaborative partnership. "Homelessness and affordable housing are real concerns in Seattle and the Washington DC region – as neighbors in both, we selected these organizations because of their work and progress helping individuals improve their quality of life," says Jay Carney, SVP Global Corporate Affairs at Amazon.

Through A-SPAN's strategic Housing First approach, the organization is able to quickly connect homeless individuals to permanent supportive housing regardless of preconditions and barriers to occupancy. After housing individuals, A-SPAN offers various support services, such as mental health care, substance abuse treatment and medical care to help maximize housing stability.

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