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Spirit of Nicholas Sailing Fund Recently Established at the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County Announces First Grant to Key School

ANNAPOLIS, MD—On Monday, October 7, the Spirit of Nicholas Sailing Fund Advisors announced the first grant award of \$5,000 to Key School's Varsity and JV Sailing Teams. The grant funding will provide financial assistance to the Key School Sailing Teams for equipment, supplies, travel and STEM sailing education for the Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 athletic seasons. "We are deeply honored to receive this grant from the Spirit of Nicholas Sailing Fund," said Key School Athletic Director Brian Boyd. "Nicholas' passion for sailing and his leadership as Captain of our team left a lasting impact on our school community. This generous support will help us continue to build that legacy, providing our sailors with the tools and opportunities to excel both on the water and in STEM education."

The Spirit of Nicholas Sailing Fund was recently established in July 2023 at the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County (CFAAC) to inspire future generations of sailors to learn to love sailing and create a lasting legacy in memory of sailor Nicholas Papadopoulos. The Donor Advised Fund is administered by the CFAAC and together with the Spirit of Nicholas Sailing Fund Advisors determine where the grants are rewarded annually. "I am pleased to award Key School's Sailing Team with the first grant award. Nicholas sailed competitively at the Key School for four years and was team Captain his senior year. Sailing at Key made a positive impact on Nicholas," said Founder Heather East.

The charitable purpose of the Spirit of Nicholas Sailing Fund is to support organizations who encourage young sailors to actively participate in junior training programs, scholastic teams, competitive racing and related maritime and STEM educational activities in Annapolis and on the Chesapeake Bay. The goal is to permanently endow the fund to support the purpose in perpetuity. Individuals can donate to grow the fund through the CFAAC website. "We are profoundly grateful for the trust that the Spirit of Nicholas Sailing Fund has placed in the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County to honor Nicholas's legacy," said Mary Spencer, President and CEO of CFAAC. "Together, we are committed to sharing the light of his passion for sailing and ensuring that future generations of sailors have the resources and opportunities to thrive."

About the Spirit of Nicholas Sailing Fund:

The Spirit of Nicholas Sailing Fund, a Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County Donor Advised Fund, was established to inspire future generations of sailors to learn to love sailing and to create a lasting legacy in honor of sailor Nicholas Papadopoulos.

About CFAAC: The Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County (CFAAC) is a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3), publicly supported philanthropic organization with the long-term goal of building permanent funds that provide support to local nonprofit organizations through grants and special projects. The mission is to inspire and promote giving in Anne Arundel County by connecting people who care with causes that matter. CFAAC distributes nearly \$5 to \$7 million annually.