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**Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Awards a Good Neighbor Grant to Morven Park**

LEESBURG, VA – Morven Park is honored to be a recipient of a Good Neighbor Grant from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. The \$35,000 grant will provide support to Morven Park’s education program that serves thousands of K-12 Loudoun County Public School students.

“We are very grateful that the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation has awarded us this grant,” said Gwyneth Mac Murtrie, Morven Park’s Director of Education. “The foundation’s support will play a key role in allowing us to teach civics education and 21<sup>st</sup>-century skills to LCPS students.”

This year, the Park was one of 12 organizations chosen from a pool of 106 applicants through a very competitive selection process. Since being launched in 2012, the Cooke Foundation’s Good Neighbor Grant program has provided over \$1.2 million to non-profit organizations serving students in Northern Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C.

Morven Park’s civics education program focuses on developing four core characteristics of an active, effective, and informed citizen: knowing your voice matters, examining current and complex issues, taking responsibility, and making an impact. Morven Park’s education team is currently on track to reach over 6,000 Loudoun County students during the 2017-18 academic year.

For more information about the Park’s educational programming, visit [www.MorvenPark.org/Education](http://www.MorvenPark.org/Education).

**About the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation**

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is dedicated to advancing the education of exceptionally promising students who have financial need. Since 2000, the foundation has awarded \$175 million in scholarships to more than 2,300 students from 8th grade through graduate school, along with comprehensive counseling and other support services. The foundation has also provided over \$97 million in grants to organizations that serve such students. [www.jkcf.org](http://www.jkcf.org)

**About Morven Park**

Morven Park is a 1,000-acre nonprofit park in Leesburg, Virginia. Known as the “Central Park” of Loudoun County, Morven Park welcomes over 200,000 visitors each year who come to enjoy exquisite scenery, formal boxwood gardens, the Morven Park International Equestrian Center, the Athletic Field Complex, the iconic Greek Revival mansion, museums, and hiking trails. For more information, or to support the Park, visit [www.MorvenPark.org](http://www.MorvenPark.org).

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