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## Clark moves from interim director to Women's Center CEO

**Shirley Clark**, a well-known business leader in Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C., with more than 30 years of business, private and nonprofit experience, has been named CEO and executive director of The Women's Center of Northern Virginia. A former member of the Vienna center's Board of Directors, Clark has been interim executive director since December.

She has revitalized the organization in those seven months by expanding its outreach to the community, with a new, intense focus on teens and the issues they find most challenging to maintaining good mental health.

"We've been joined by a great champion of The Women's Center," said **Sally Turner**, chairwoman of the Board of Directors. "Shirley's dedication to our mission to provide families with more and better access to mental health services has been tireless."

The Teen Resiliency Project, offering new workshops that teach life skills to teens and promote personal effectiveness and resilience, "is a great example of [Shirley's] commitment to the whole family," Turner added.

Clark, of **Oakton**, founded the Choose 2 Lead Women's Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to empowering women to create more sustainable community and workplace



photo from Joyce Harris  
 Plant better trees The McLean Neighborhood Tree Program, a new initiative of the McLean Trees Foundation funded in part by the McLean Community Foundation, encourages homeowners to thoughtfully select and care for their trees, in part to restore and diversify McLean's tree canopy. Volunteers will work with homeowners to properly plant trees and offer guidance on watering and maintenance. (From left) MCF trustee Janet Tysee, MTF board member Alan Denko, MCF president Ameer Burgoyne, MTF chairman Joyce Harris, MCF trustee Rip Sullivan, MTF board member Bob Koenig and MCF vice president Joann Berkson endorse the new initiative. For details, visit [www.McLeanTreesFoundation.org](http://www.McLeanTreesFoundation.org).

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environments. While there, she co-authored two studies funded by the Department of Labor: "Win-Win Workplace Strategies: The Study of Improved Quality of Life," and "Are We Losing the Best and Brightest?: Highly Skilled

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