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DOORWAYS FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES HOSTS 17TH ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

Keys to the Future

(Arlington, VA, February 26, 2007) — Doorways for Women and Families, Arlington's only shelter for homeless and abused women and their families, is hosting its 17th Annual Benefit Auction on Sunday, March 4th from 2-4:30 PM at the Westin Arlington Gateway Hotel.

"Keys to the Future," this year's theme, draws awareness to the needs of the many women and their families who can build successful futures with some assistance. Funds raised support the services that Doorways offers to women and their families in the community, including the new Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home, which will be completed by Fall 2007.

"We are grateful and excited that so many people are committed to supporting women in our community who are in need of a safe, secure place to turn," said **Linda Dunphy, Doorways' Executive Director**. "Thanks to the generosity of the people who attend the benefit and make donations for the auction, Doorways is able to continue to provide needed services and programs for women, children, and families in crisis in Northern Virginia."

The benefit afternoon tea and silent auction will be followed by a live auction. Maureen Bunyan, ABC-7 newscaster, will be taking part for the second year in a row by serving as the emcee of the benefit auction, which is expected to draw over 300 community members and key constituents.

The silent auction features over 125 items from local retailers and organizations that are showing their support for Doorways, including Abaca Imports, Capitol Steps, Henderson's Wharf, Luray Caverns, The Mayflower, Periwinkle, Reston Limo, The River'd Inn, Signature Theatre, Strathmore, Sun & Moon Yoga, The National Zoo of Washington, Willowcroft Vineyards, and Zaytinya Restaurant.

Every guest will receive a key, but only one will unlock a prize! For more information about Doorways for Women and Families, or to purchase tickets to attend the 17th Annual Benefit Auction, please visit: <http://www.doorwaysva.org/>.

Doorways for Women and Families is a nonprofit, tax exempt organization that has provided safe shelter to abused, homeless, or at-risk women and families for over 25 years. Doorways helps clients develop the tools and resources necessary to reclaim their self-sufficiency. In Northern Virginia, Doorways provides an Emergency Family Shelter, Transitional Housing Program, Domestic Violence Safehouse Shelter, support groups, therapeutic services, community outreach and education, court advocacy, children's services, and a 24/7 domestic violence hotline. Doorways is the 2006-2008 pro-bono client of Washington Women in PR (WWPR).

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