



Doorways' for Women and Families Provides "Keys to the Future"

*18th Annual Benefit Auction Draws Awareness to
Arlington's Women and Families in Need*

Arlington, VA (February 10, 2008) -- Doorways for Women and Families, Arlington's only shelter for homeless and abused women and their families, is hosting their 18th Annual Benefit Auction on Sunday, April 6th from 2 to 5 p.m., at the Westin Arlington Gateway Hotel.

As part of this year's "Keys to the Future" theme, every guest will receive a key and one lucky person will win a wonderful prize.

The benefit features an afternoon tea and silent auction. It also includes a short program emceed by Maureen Bunyan, ABC-7 News, with an address from Executive Director, Linda Dunphy, client stories and a live auction, run by local auctioneer, Sherry Truhlar. The silent auction features over 100 items from local retailers and organizations and all funds raised will help support the services that Doorways offers to women and their families in the community.

Some of the auction items include:

- 42" Plasma TV (donated by Costco)
- Four seats to a 2008 Washington Nationals home game in the Beers & Cutler Lincoln suite
- A two-hour gig by local band, SPILT
- Winery Tour for 10 to Basignani Winery
- Dinner for 10 at Marrakesh Restaurant
- Sailing Trip on the Chesapeake Bay
- Rooftop Party room for 75, complete with music and catering
- Handcrafted jewelry and artwork
- Beautiful theme baskets

When: Sunday, April 6, 2008 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Where: Westin Arlington Gateway Hotel
801 N. Glebe Street

RSVP: For more information about Doorways for Women and Families, or to purchase tickets to attend, please visit: <http://www.doorwaysva.org>.

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ABOUT DOORWAYS FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES: For almost 30 years, Doorways for Women and Families has been empowering women and families who are abused, homeless or at risk to live safe, secure and self-sufficient lives. Doorways provides shelter and services and educates the larger community about violence and homelessness. Doorways received the 2006 Arlington Chamber of Commerce Best Business Award (ABBIE) in the nonprofit category; it was selected as a featured charity in the 2005 and 2007 issues of *The Catalogue of Philanthropy*, and is the winner of the 2006 Arlington County's Community Hero Award for Volunteers. Doorways is also the 2006 recipient of the James B. Hunter Community Hero Award and the 2005 James B. Hunter Human Rights Award.

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Doorways is the 2006-2009 nonprofit pro-bono client for Washington Women in PR (WWPR).
Doorways for Women and Families can be found on the Web at www.doorwaysVA.org.
Doorways is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization based in Arlington.

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