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**Doorways for Women and Families Buys Two More Affordable Apartments  
from APAH to Keep Families Out of Homelessness**  
*Innovative Partnership Provides Apartments for Region's Vulnerable*

ARLINGTON, Va.—With the purchase of two more units, [Doorways for Women and Families](#), one of Arlington's leading providers of services to homeless and abused women and families, now has a 31 percent ownership stake in Cameron Commons Apartments, which is owned and managed by the [Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing](#) (APAH), the only nonprofit affordable housing developer to work exclusively in and for Arlington County. This unique partnership between the two organizations will enable Doorways to house five families in family-sized, safe and stable apartments at extremely low rents while providing needed social services to help keep them in their home.

"APAH is committed to helping strengthen the Arlington community by ensuring that affordable housing options are available. Our partnership with Doorways is an important part of this work and ensures that more low-income families stay housed," said Nina Janopaul, president and CEO, APAH.

"This is a major milestone that will keep more families in our community from experiencing homelessness. By owning five apartments, we're able to expand the safety net for more vulnerable families, providing them with a quality place to live and services to stabilize their lives," explained Caroline Jones, interim executive director, Doorways.

Arlington is one of the most densely populated jurisdictions in the country. Increasing cost of living and economic development have reduced the number of affordable homes available in the community. To meet this need, APAH owns, develops, and preserves quality apartment communities that are affordable to Arlingtonians earning between \$20,000 and \$60,000 a year.

In addition, APAH works with community organizations, such as Doorways, to meet the needs of county residents who fall below this threshold and have difficulty finding affordable housing. As part of this effort, APAH sold a portion of APAH property—made possible through a grant from Arlington County and the generous support of private funders—to a partnership composed of APAH and Doorways. Through this innovative

agreement, families working with [Doorways' HomeStart Supportive Housing Program](#) will have more housing options.

Doorways' HomeStart program prevents homelessness through rapid re-housing and long-term supportive housing for families who need assistance to leave Doorways' shelters, as well as those who are at risk of becoming homeless. HomeStart offers housing stability through rental subsidies and intensive support through weekly home visitation that is focused on skill building to prevent the recurrence of homelessness and domestic violence. If a family cannot immediately qualify for a lease, Doorways signs the initial lease and sublets the unit to the family. As the families' stability increases, they are able to take over the lease themselves. All HomeStart families receive rental assistance that progressively decreases as their income increases.

*For 30 years, Doorways for Women and Families, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, strives to end homelessness and family and intimate partner violence by offering safe shelter and housing, life changing support services and community advocacy. Recognized as a well-managed leader and innovator, Doorways has received numerous accolades, including the Washington Post's Excellence in Nonprofit Management, Charity Navigator's Four Stars for financial responsibility and Washingtonian Magazine's Great Charities list. [www.doorwaysva.org](http://www.doorwaysva.org)*

*APAH is a nonprofit that owns, develops, and preserves quality housing that is affordable to low and moderate-income families, and is the only nonprofit affordable housing developer working exclusively in Arlington County. Founded in 1989, APAH now helps 2,300 Arlingtonians live in stable, secure, and affordable homes each year. In 2008 APAH was named Developer of the Year by the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers and Best Small Business of the Year by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. [www.apah.org](http://www.apah.org).*