

DOORWAYS

for women and families

Formerly The Arlington Community Temporary Shelter (TACTS) • (703) 522-8858

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Doorways is a non-profit, community-based organization providing services to those who are abused, homeless or at-risk.

Safehouse Provides Much More Than Shelter

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Doorways has planned intensified community outreach to raise awareness and support for the issue. Please see the pull-out in the center section for a complete listing of activities planned for October.

“The most dangerous time for an abused woman is the first 30 to 60 days after breaking off from an abusive relationship. That’s when the abuser is often most violent,” according to Doorways’ Safehouse Director Vicki Price. That’s also the average length of stay at the Doorways Safehouse, the only shelter of its kind in Arlington. Located in a quiet, residential setting, many clients are pleasantly surprised to find a shelter that is homey, comfortable and clean.

Most victims enter the Safehouse by first calling the Doorways hotline, which like the shelter, is managed by staff and volunteers 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Because Doorways is an independent organization, the Safehouse can take in victims from outside the region. “Denise” is one such example. She and her children relocated to Arlington County due to safety concerns in her home town after being referred to Doorways by another domestic violence program. Denise had endured years of physical, emotional and verbal abuse and made the decision to flee her home when her husband threatened to kill her.

Denise, like so many abused women, faced a wide range of legal, financial and health issues. While in the Safehouse, all of her and her children’s basic necessities for nutritious food, clean clothing, bedding and transportation were met. She received assistance from counselors and a support group with whom she could safely express her feelings. Denise also met regularly with the Doorways Financial Independence Educator and created an ‘in-shelter’ savings plan and regularly deposited

money into the escrow account. The Doorways Court Advocate helped Denise work through legal issues regarding violations of her Protective Order.

Denise had made numerous attempts in the past to leave her abusive situation. This time she succeeded. Last year, the Doorways Safehouse served 87 women and children—each facing a different set of challenges and circumstances. Through the comprehensive services of the Safehouse, Doorways strives to meet the unique needs of each individual, help them heal and begin to recover. If you are experiencing domestic violence in your life, please call our Safehouse hotline at (703) 237-0881. If you would like to learn how to become a Safehouse volunteer, contact Khyati Desai at kdesai@doorwaysVA.org. ■

Doorways Shelter Receives State Funding

Doorways is pleased to announce that the two-year budget approved by the Virginia General Assembly on June 26, 2006 included \$137,500 to support the rebuilding of the Doorways family emergency shelter, the future Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home. Doorways thanks Delegate Adam Ebbin and Senator Mary Margaret Whipple and their fellow Arlington Delegation colleagues for their leadership in securing this vital state funding and for their strong support of improving shelter services in Northern Virginia. ■



State Delegate Adam Ebbin (right) and Senator Mary Margaret Whipple present Doorways Board Member Mark Riley with a check commemorating new state funding at the site of the future Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home.

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Center Section: Domestic Violence Awareness Month Information and Events

from the executive director

Dear Friends,

Nearly every day I find a story in The Washington Post reporting on a family or domestic violence incident. The vast majority involve victims who are women and/or children and these are just the cases that are newsworthy enough for our area's major newsprint—usually because a death or near death is involved.

One of the most horrific came to trial in June and involved a Maryland woman, now fairly nationally known, who was doused with gasoline by her estranged husband and set on fire. The incident occurred after a judge rescinded the protective order that legally required the abuser to stay away from his wife.

The lesser known stories are heard at Doorways every day whether through our Safehouse shelter, our Court Advocacy program, support groups or hotline. In Arlington County alone, X intimate partner violence cases were responded to in 2005 and X emergency protective orders were requested.

The national statistics* are shocking too:

- Nearly one in three American women report being physically or sexually abused by an intimate partner at some point in their lives.
- The health-related costs of rape, physical assault, stalking and homicide by intimate partners exceed \$5.8 billion each year.
- In 2000, intimate partner homicides accounted for 33.5% of the murders of women.
- Studies suggest that between 3.3 and 10 million children witness some form of domestic violence annually.

This October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Doorways is playing lead and partnership roles in organizing events to educate the public about domestic violence, to support victims of abuse and to disseminate information about how to get help within our community. Please look at the center section for a listing of scheduled events including educational and legislative forums and the display of our Clothesline Project.

While this month marks a time of intensive focus, Doorways is determined to become a greater agent for domestic violence prevention and will focus most of all on fostering stronger collaborative community partnerships to improve our overall impact. If you have ever considered becoming a domestic violence volunteer, this would be a great time to take that step.



Linda Dunphy, MSW
Executive Director

*Source of statistics:
Family Violence Prevention Fund, a national non-profit organization.

NEWS & NOTES

from the Doorways Office

Doorways extends a warm welcome to four new Board Members:

Monica M. Gardner, a longtime Doorways supporter, is a Municipal Asset Portfolio Director at Fannie Mae.

Shelley Goode brings her expertise as the Vice President for External Affairs at the National Children's Museum, and is already an active member of the Doorways Development Committee.

Kathleen McSweeney, our new Lyon Park Civic Association representative, is President and Managing Partner of Impel Consulting Solutions, LLC.

Mary Lou Christy, VP & Interim Head of Investor Relations at Fannie Mae, is the newest addition to Doorways' Help the Homeless Walkathon Committee.

The diverse professional and philanthropic experience of all four will make excellent additions to our talented Board of Directors!

Farewell to Staff

Doorways bids a fond farewell and best of luck to **Hillary Bendiksen**, Client Services Counselor and to **Denise Conte**, Shelter Coordinator. They will be missed! ■

DOORWAYS for women and families

Doorways for Women and Families, formerly The Arlington Community Temporary Shelter (TACTS), empowers women and families who are abused, homeless or at risk to live safe, secure and self-sufficient lives. We provide shelter and services, advocate, educate the community, build and work in coalitions, and influence policy.

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We value your feedback

Have a question about a Doorways project or program? Want information on how to volunteer? Ask a question or share your opinion by calling us at (703) 522-8858 or sending an e-mail to info@doorwaysVA.org.

Protect Victims of Domestic Violence: Vote “No” in November

The protection of unmarried domestic violence victims will be hanging in the balance when Virginians go to the polls on November 7th to vote on the Marriage Amendment to the Virginia Constitution. Currently, unmarried domestic violence victims who have lived with their abusers in the past year or who have children with their abusers, are treated the same as married domestic violence victims under Virginia law. If the Virginia law is amended as proposed, these laws will be challenged, and the protections they provide such as access to civil protective orders, enhanced penalties for repeat offenders, temporary child support and counseling for the abuser may disappear for unmarried Virginians.

An amendment similar to the one proposed in Virginia passed in Ohio in 2004. Since then, domestic violence cases involving unmarried victims have been dismissed and protective orders have been denied. Virginia defense attorneys are already indicating that if the amendment is approved they will use it to get abusers' charges dropped or pleaded down.

Doorways is aligning with the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance (VSDVAA) to oppose the “Marriage” Amendment to the Virginia Constitution and urges our Virginia supporters take the following actions:

1. Register to vote
2. Vote NO on November 7th
3. Educate others about the impact the amendment will have on domestic violence victims and their children.
4. Join The Commonwealth Coalition www.voteNOva.org
5. Write letters to the editor

Voting “no” to this amendment will not legalize same-sex marriage which was outlawed in Virginia more than thirty years ago, but it will prevent protection for unmarried domestic violence victims from being eroded. ■

Over 55% of victims served by domestic violence programs are not married to their abusers.

volunteer happenings

Volunteers Tend Safehouse Yard

Thank you to the following volunteers who came out on a hot Saturday morning to clean up the Safehouse yard. Volunteers spent two hours pulling weeds and adding mulch. A tremendous thank you from the Safehouse staff and clients to: Jessica Maceyras, Bonnie Flynn and Ron Wang.

Arlington County Fair

Thank you so much to the following volunteers for their help at the Arlington County Fair. We are grateful for their commitment to help Doorways increase name recognition and to raise awareness about domestic violence and homelessness in the community.

Bonnie Allen, Blanche Anderson, Khyati Desai, Linda Dunphy, Claire Erlanger, Kelly Ferris, Katie Nieweg, Lila Reinold, Linda Rohwer, Margo Sheridan, Katrina Tabb, Raina Rose Tagle, Trip Tagle and Sharyn Tully

Volunteers of the Month

June 2006: Claire Superfine

Claire is a wonderfully dedicated Safehouse shelter volunteer. She covers shifts and provides childcare. Most recently, Claire provided shelter coverage to give the staff a night off.

July 2006: Cindy Hanig

Cindy is currently a mentor working one-on-one with a teenage client who is facing a number of personal challenges. Cindy has penetrated many barriers through her genuine care and concern for the well being of this client.

August 2006: Ron Wang

Ron is a Financial Independence Training volunteer. He assists Doorways' families with financial matters such as credit report retrieval, explaining credit profiles and preparing tax returns.

First Children's Volunteer Training

Doorways recently hosted its first children's volunteer training. Two new volunteers participated successfully in a six-hour training session over two weeknights. Thank you to Sharyn Tulley and Monique Brown for participating so actively. To sign up for a future Children's Volunteer Training, contact Khyati at kdesai@doorwaysva.org with Children's Training in subject.

If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents, or if you are interested in group volunteer projects, please join us:

Volunteer Information Night

First Tuesday EVERY Month

3179 Wilson Boulevard

6:30–8:00 PM

All are welcome!

RSVP: 703-522-8858 or kdesai@doorwaysva.org

Unique Ways to Give

Please consider the many ways to support Doorways and our programs for abused women, homeless families and children at risk:

Good Neighbor Club—Make a monthly donation to Doorways through our Good Neighbor Club and help provide the daily necessities of nutritious food, clean clothing and transportation for shelter residents and counseling, medical care and educational support for children in our program.

Matching Gifts—Ask your employer if they will match your donation to Doorways. Many companies have programs that match employee gifts to non-profit organizations dollar for dollar—some even at three times the amount!

Tribute Gifts—Make a gift to Doorways in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone you especially admire. Doorways will send a special acknowledgement according to your wishes.

Legacy Gifts—Leave a legacy of opportunity for women and children in your community. Your gift through a bequest in your will or living trust will create a reservoir of future support for the most vulnerable women and children in Arlington.

Combined Federal Campaign—Consider giving to Doorways through the United Way or CFC if you are a federal, postal or military employee. Simply designate the Doorways United Way/CFC #8031 on your campaign enrollment form.



For more information on these and other ways to give to Doorways, please contact Kelly Ferris at kferris@doorwaysVA.org or 703-522-8858 x14.

Lidia's Story: Seeking Protection from an Abuser through Doorways' Court Advocacy and Companionship Program

Editor's Note: *The following is based on the true story of a woman who sought help from the Doorways Court Advocacy and Companionship Program. Out of respect for her privacy, safety and confidentiality, fictitious names and nuances have been used.*

In July, a Spanish-speaking woman, "Lidia," came into the intake office at the Arlington County Courthouse with her son, asking to file for custody. Her husband had assaulted her and fled their home the night before and she feared he might return to abduct their son.

The Doorways bilingual Court Advocate, Andrea Smith, who is based at the courthouse, met with Lidia and explained the legal steps available to her. Together they navigated the legal system, first going to the police station to file a police report. Lidia who was badly bruised emotionally and physically was further intimidated by her inability to speak English. Because there were no Spanish-speaking police available, Andrea interpreted for Lidia and accompanied her as photos were taken of the bruises and marks on her body resulting from the assault.

From there, they went to the Magistrate's office where Lidia, again through Andrea's interpretation, explained what had happened. The Magistrate issued a warrant and Emergency Protective Order. Before leaving that afternoon, Lidia and Andrea developed a safety plan, discussing what to do if her husband came back and what safety precautions to take. Within 24 hours, a Preliminary Protective Order was issued giving Lidia exclusive use of the apartment she and her husband had shared, and ordering the abuser not to have contact with Lidia or their son who had witnessed the events. Today, Lidia is awaiting a court decision on the permanent Protective Order and criminal hearing. Andrea has provided her several referrals to additional county resources and Lidia is now seeking counseling services for herself, support for her son and considering hiring a Legal Aid attorney for her custody case.

Lidia is thankful for the support she received from the Doorways Court Advocate. Receiving immediate legal protection helped ease her fear and knowing there was someone who could explain her rights and help look after them, made all the difference during such a difficult time in her life. ■



Back-to-School Drive Gets A+

This year's Back-to-School Drive was a huge success! A record number of donors and supporters responded to our request to fill needs of school supplies and gift cards for school clothing. Doorways received \$4,500 in donations for children in our programs going back to school, along with more than 50 lunch boxes, backpacks and enough school supplies to fill them, ensuring that kids going back to school this fall as well as kids served year round will be ready for school. We are immensely grateful to the following individuals and groups for their help:

- Ralph & Janet Cook
- Peter & Pam D'Ambrosio
- John & Estelle Damoulakis
- Rachel & Rebecca Goldring
- Barbara Hightower
- Junior League of Northern Virginia
- Elizabeth Keys & Friedman, Billings, Ramsey
- Ruth Levin & Aurora Hills
- Jane & Andrew Mullen
- Deanna Pineda
- Kathy Rudin
- St. Michael's Episcopal Church
- Tzu Chi Foundation
- Univ. of So. California-ISI East
- Heidi Wagner
- Michelle West
- Jill Zimmerman



Rebecca and Rachel Goldring display some of the Back-to-School Drive items collected.

Making Dinner with Friends Happen

A heartfelt thank you to the following community groups for their commitment to our shelter families in providing a warm meal and good company at our monthly Dinner with Friends program:

- July**—Tzu Chi Foundation
- August**—Kiwanis
- September**—Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
- October**—National Automobile Dealers Association

Eagle Scout Makes a Difference

Thank you so much to Victor Zhu and his Troop 167 for their amazing collection drive resulting in donations of 300 bags of nonperishable food, paper towels, baby items and more!



Helping fill a trailer with donations are (standing left to right) Mark Muir, Helen Hines, Chris Muir, Victor Zhu, James McConaughy, George Gurney with Tommy Muir and Matt Hines sitting.

A Fun Time for the Children

Volunteers are the key to our successful "Dinner With Friends" program. A big thank you goes to the following volunteers who join us every month to work and play with the children while their parents participate in a self-development activity during our Dinner with Friends program:

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| Elise Colella | Janelle Gustinucci |
| Taylor Chang | Cindy Hanig |
| Christine Chang | Molly Harkin |
| Courtney Cross | Ruth Ann Hudson |
| Lisa Dudek | Anna Murphy |
| Sheryl Dunn | |

Tzu Chi Foundation's Ongoing Commitment

The Tzu Chi Foundation and liaisons Carol Quach and Frances Hong continue their unique commitment to helping Doorways' families get back on their feet through contributions of household items such as shower curtains and bed sheets, in addition to their monthly donations. Thank You!



Rita Tu, Ada Tseng and Shuo-Hung Ling (left to right) with some of their wonderful donations.

Back-To-School Backpack Stuffing

Thanks to our young and enthusiastic volunteers, Annu, Avni, and Aria Sharma, and Rachel, Rebecca, and Natalie Goldring and their moms, for stuffing back-to-school backpacks with school supplies and goodies for our young clients.



Aria and Avni Sharma along with Rebecca Goldring (left to right) organize the backpack stuffing project.

Working Together at SRI International

Scott Bottoms and SRI International held a supply drive in the workplace to benefit Doorways. Their efforts resulted in donations of hundreds of dollars worth of food and household products, in addition to cell phones. Thank you for this workplace support!

Shelter Rebuild Update

On July 21, 2006, Arlington County issued the building permit for rebuilding of Doorways' family emergency shelter, the future Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home. The issuance of the permit was the culmination of many months of filing, re-filing and constant follow-up. The site work began the end of August by Total Development Solutions (TDS) to upgrade the water and sewer connections and to place all shelter utilities underground. Because of the very limited maneuvering room available at the building site, this work needed to be completed before demolition by Tysons Services Corporation could take place and the actual construction of the shelter started.

Our able partners in this project, HomeAid of Northern Virginia and NVHomes have been instrumental in expediting all the details that are required to get a major project like this underway and moving forward. We also thank HomeAid Chair Russ Rosenberger of Madison Homes for skillfully securing TDS during a very busy construction season. ■



The Total Development Solutions crew prepares the building site for Doorways' future Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home. The existing structure is slated to be demolished in late September.



Holiday Wishes 2006— Share the Hope of the Season with Those Less Fortunate

The holiday season is quickly approaching and we are looking to the support of our community to provide for our homeless families and children. From adopting a family for the holidays or coordinating a gift card drive to collecting winter coats, we have many ways for you to share your holiday giving spirit with those less fortunate. Give the gift of empowerment while helping Doorways to meet the needs and desires of our clients this holiday season. For more information or to get involved, contact Khyati at kdesai@doorwaysva.org today!

A Fond Farewell: Thrift Shop Closes

During its June meeting, the Doorways Board of Directors reluctantly voted to close the Thrift Shop in September based upon an independent review of the Shop's viability to adequately cover essential expenditures at the 5643 Lee Highway location.

The Thrift Shop, in operation for more than a decade, was forced to relocate from its Clarendon location two years ago when the rent nearly doubled. The move from a highly visible, centrally-located shopping district to the outskirts of Arlington proved to be an insurmountable obstacle despite the extraordinary and innovative efforts of the Thrift Shop staff and volunteers which included on-line Ebay sales through a partnership with EZAuctioning.

The last day of shopping was Saturday, September 23rd. As a thank you for their service, devotion and hard work, Doorways staff and Board of Directors held an appreciation party in September for the wonderful Thrift Shop staff of Judy McVerry, Millie Bravo and Al Smith and our dedicated volunteers. "I greatly appreciate their high degree of independence in keeping the store fully functioning over the course of its opening and serving as valuable ambassadors for Doorways," remarked Doorways Executive Director Linda Dunphy. Doorways is actively exploring ways for our clients and supporters to continue to participate in cost-saving sales of clothes, household goods, and other items for which the Thrift Shop was a popular resource. ■

A Community of Giving

Doorways for Women and Families is grateful to the following individuals, foundations and corporate supporters for their outstanding contributions made between May 1, 2006 and August 31, 2006. **Thank you for making a difference.**

\$50,000+

Arlington County

\$10,000-\$49,999

Glenn & Gerri Ferguson
John Edward Fowler Memorial Foundation
United Way of the NCA
Wachovia Bank N.A.

\$2,500-\$9,999

Arlington County Bar Foundation
Ralph & Janet Cook
Last Name Left Productions
Joni Reich

\$1,000-\$2,499

Arlington Civitan Club
Arlington Young Democrats
Caruthers Foundation
Dan L. Burkhead
Margaret Dean
Faith Lutheran Church
Virginia Geoffrey & John Andelin
PNC Bank
Saint James Catholic Church
Target
Heidi Wagner

\$500-\$999

Arlington County Medical Society Alliance
Jim Behrend
Melissa Devnich
Claire Erlanger
Carmen Iannacone
Michael Johnson
Little Falls Presbyterian Church
Jeffrey Markowitz
Thomas & Raina Rose Tagle
Temple Rodef Shalom
Tzu Chi Foundation
Walker Chapel United Methodist

\$250-\$499

Arlington Community Foundation
Judy Bradt
Clarendon United Methodist Church
Shanetta & Malik Cutlar
Sandra Slaughter Dent
Richard K. Devaney
Laurie Effron & John L. Goodman, Jr.
EZAuctioning, Inc.
Julie Gould
Laura Jackson & Timothy Cleary
Elizabeth Keys
Gail & Richard Lowery
Kara McCormick
Our Lady Queen of Peace Church
Jeremy & Tamara Preiss
Saint Michael's Episcopal Church

Soroptimist International of Arlington
Christine Zebrak

\$100-\$249

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Morgan Stanley Annual Appeal Campaign
Mount Olivet United Methodist Church
Kirsten Nathanson
Nora E. Palmatier
Mary Faith Pankin
Mary Ann Penning
Dennis & Marion Phelan
Deanna Pineda
William & Kay Pommerening
Cara Pomponio
Resurrection Lutheran Church
Lucinda Robb
Carol J. Rogers



The Doorways exhibit booth at the Arlington County Fair in August.

George & Rebecca Saitta
Robert & Alice Schmidt
Kathleen & Matteson Scott
Shelter Alliance
John & Mildred Shepherd
Lynn & Alan Smith
Marcia Smith
Brian & Cassandra Smith
Britt & Ginger Snider
SRI International
Karen Stewart
Steve Swann
Daniel & Jeanne Sweeney
Lesley K. Tillier
Kathleen Alvarez Tritak
W. Karl Van Newkirk
Grace Williams

* We apologize for any omissions, misspellings or other errors and welcome your corrections and suggestions.

Join Team Doorways and Take a Walk to End Homelessness!

Help the Homeless Walkathon
Saturday, November 18, 2006
Begins at 8:30am
The National Mall in Washington, DC



Pre-register: www.helpthehomelessdc.org (\$25 adults/\$15 youth)

The annual Help the Homeless Walkathon, sponsored by the Fannie Mae Foundation, raises awareness and critical funds for homeless programs in the Washington, DC area. You can join "Team Doorways" and ensure that 100% of your registration benefits our programs for homeless families by going to www.helpthehomelessdc.org and selecting Doorways from the list of beneficiary organizations.

Last year, 110,000 people participated and helped 178 organizations such as Doorways by raising funds to support shelter operations, children's services, transitional housing, job training and more. Please join us and take a walk to end homelessness. Contact Kerry Goldstein at 703-522-8858 or kgoldstein@doorwaysVA.org for more information.

Hold that Phone for Doorways

We are looking for groups to hold used cell phone drives during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October and through the holidays. Recruit your business associates, place of work, faith community, neighbors, friends and family involved in an important cause by collecting their unused cell phones to raise money for domestic violence prevention!

Any phones not given to domestic violence clients are sent to our non-profit partner, which pays Doorways for the phones collected. The proceeds from this project directly support our programs. **Please call Khyati Desai at Doorways 703-522-8858 for information about donating cell phones or running a collection drive.**

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Upcoming Special Events—Save These Dates!

Wednesday, November 29, 2006

Crate & Barrel Holiday Shopping Event

6:00 pm–9:00 pm

**Tickets: \$20 at www.doorwaysVA.org
or call 703-522-8858**



Join the holiday shopping fun at the Clarendon Crate & Barrel, featuring festive cuisine provided by area restaurants, **La Tasca, Pinzimini's** and **Dream Dinners Arlington** and terrific deserts by **Natalia's Elegant Creations**. Door prizes include Crate & Barrel gift cards, restaurant gift cards, a winery tour for 20 and much more. While 100% of all ticket sales and contributions benefit Doorways directly, Crate & Barrel donates 10% of all store sales to benefit Doorways' community programs. To purchase tickets or join the host committee, please contact Kerry Goldstein at kgoldstein@doorwaysva.org or 703-522-8858, ext. 19.

Sponsors: **Matrix Group International, PNC Bank**



Sunday, March 4, 2007

17th Annual Benefit Auction

Westin Arlington Gateway Hotel

2:00 pm–4:30 pm

Tickets: \$100/person, \$900/table of 10

Everyone is invited to join us for our annual gala fundraiser to benefit Doorways' programs and families. This lovely afternoon tea will feature a silent auction of more than 100 donated items, an exciting live auction, entertainment, awards and more. Corporate sponsorships are still available. If you would like to attend, be a table host or are interested in sponsorship, please contact Kelly Ferris at kferris@doorwaysVA.org or 703-522-8858, ext. 14.

Host Committee (as of press time):

Linda Dunphy and Charles Chalfant

Kelly Ferris and Robert Nieweg

Joanna Pineda and Maki Kato

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