

DOORWAYS

for women and families

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

Increasing Help for Children Surviving Domestic Violence and Homelessness

Children transitioning out of homeless or escaping domestic violence often carry emotional scars from the trauma they have experienced. For these children to successfully transition to safe secure lives they need specialized counseling and support services to help them heal from the past.

Despite a 55% decrease in state funding for Doorways children's services, Doorways has reaffirmed its commitment to providing high quality services to each child who enters, with his or her family, any of our three programs: The Domestic Violence Program, The Family Home, or The HomeStart Supportive Housing Program.

The current economic downturn, in addition to resulting in less government funding, has also increased the need for our services. In the past year, Doorways has served 55% more children than in the previous year. Thanks to the generous support of foundations and donations from individuals in our community, Doorways was able to not only provide services to the increased number of children who needed them, but to also increase the depth of the services we offer children.

Doorways has grown Children's Services from one part-time position to a team of three individuals who address each child's unique needs. Our new full-time bilingual Children's Services Counselor allows almost every child (99% of those who stayed five days or longer in the past 10 months) entering Doorways programs to receive a thorough individual assessment and a goal

plan. The ability of our Children's Service Coordinator to work directly with our Spanish-speaking children and families without the use of an interpreter has brought about a new level of understanding and trust, thereby improving the overall quality of service to these children and families tremendously.

The third member of the Doorways Children's Services team is our new part-time Child Mental Health Specialist. She allows Doorways to provide one-on-one therapy with children who otherwise may not receive the assistance necessary to heal from the trauma they have experienced. The Child Mental Health Specialist also allows for family therapy and offers individual assistance and insight to parents struggling to understand their children.

Doorways also now offers regular Parenting Groups at both the Safehouse and Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home, co-facilitated by the Child Mental Health Specialist and Child Services Counselor. These meetings provide opportunities for parents to share and process their experiences with one another, as well as learn new parenting strategies.

Doorways' weekly Huddle Support Groups, help children process their experiences of homelessness and domestic violence with their peers.

To learn how these new services have made a difference for three-year-old Ana and 12-year-old Adam, read their stories on page 5.

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from the executive director

Dear Friends,

Doorways has so much to celebrate, and I'm especially grateful to our most loyal and committed donors.

Together, we built a brand new 7,200-square-foot, two-story *Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home* that opened in February 2008 and has served 19 families and provided 4181 nights of shelter to children and their parents. Your support has also allowed Doorways to serve 83 women and 107 children with 3,995 nights of shelter at our Safehouse, and provide 16,668 nights of shelter through our Homestart Supportive Housing Program. We have also expanded the Financial Independence Track program, which helped 73 clients increase their net worth by an average of \$33,000 per household by teaching them how to reduce debt, build savings, and obtain benefits and employment.

With your support, Doorways also served as a key leader in launching Project Peace—Arlington's new coordinated community response to domestic violence. This October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, will reign in a new era of coordinated efforts across the community to marshal a stronger and more extensive community awareness and education effort building on Doorways previous efforts.

We are also increasing primary prevention efforts through our Red Flag Dating Violence Prevention Campaign on local college campuses and are aiming to develop partnerships with schools to ensure all youth receive the skills and knowledge they need to develop healthy relationships and ask for help when confronted with violence—whether in their home or among their peers.

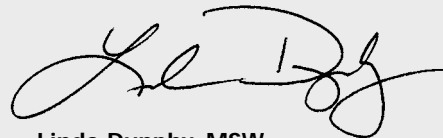
The current economic times are challenging to us all, but are most challenging to those whose financial situations were already precarious. In times like these domestic violence and homelessness spike leaving women, children, and families in our community in desperate need of our support. Unfortunately, economic downturns often bring cuts to the very same critical safety nets and support services that are increasingly needed, as demonstrated by the state's 55% reduction in funding for Doorways' Children's Services.

Despite the downturn in the economy, you, our supporters, stepped up to the plate and ensured we met our *Kresge Foundation Challenge* of raising \$800,000 by June 30th securing a \$400,000 capital grant. In response to the number of donors who have shown a consistent, on-going dedication to investing in Doorways, we launched our new *Leadership Circle* that allows donors to deepen their commitment to serving women, children, and families in our community.

With your continued support, our work will continue to provide "doorways" out of crisis, out of hopelessness, and out of insecurity for women, children, and families. . . . and "doorways" leading into new lives of safety, stability, and dignity.

The Board of Directors, staff, and I are truly grateful for your generous, loyal support of Doorways, and I sincerely hope you will continue our journey "Beyond Shelter", bring enduring hope and real opportunity to abused women and their children and homeless families.

In peace,



Linda Dunphy, MSW
Executive Director

NEWS & NOTES

from the Doorways Office

Doorways welcomes **Melanie Gray** as our new Director of Human Relations and Quality Assurance. She will be helping us to continue to improve our organizational efficiency, accuracy, and best practices.

Within the Development Program we welcome **Bridget Decker** as our new Donor Relations Manager. She will be a key contact person for our wonderful donors and will be managing our communications efforts. We also welcome **Lara Lukaszek** as our new Special Events Coordinator and **Daniel Davila** as our new Development Associate. Welcome!

Doorways is also very pleased that **Kelly Blanchard** has transitioned from her position as Safehouse Coordinator to Volunteer Coordinator. She will be helping our team organize

and coordinate our amazing volunteers who allow us to serve our clients more efficiently. Our shelter staff is also pleased to welcome **Sarah Williams** as a mid-week Shelter Coordinator at the Safehouse. Sarah will replace **Laura Grandy** who has transitioned to weekend Shelter Coordinator. We also congratulate **Kristen Barnes** as she transitions from the Client Services Coordinator for the Safehouse to Client Services Coordinator for the HomeStart Program.

We welcome **Jamie Friedman** as our new Court Advocate. Jamie is bilingual in English and Spanish and will help our clients navigate their court proceedings.

Doorways congratulates Board Member **Christy Cole** and her Husband Donald Cole on the birth of their son Andrew. ■

Doorways Meets Ambitious Kresge Foundation Challenge Grant Goal

On March 15, 2007, the nationally prominent Kresge Foundation expressed its confidence in Doorways mission, leadership, and ability to provide a comprehensive array of services for women, children, and families.

The Kresge Foundation, a \$3 billion national foundation whose mission is to strengthen nonprofit organizations that advance the well-being of humanity, awarded Doorways a Kresge Foundation Challenge Grant. Given that Doorways is a community-based agency, receiving the nationally recognized grant is a significant vote of confidence.

As stated by Rip Rapson, President and CEO of The Kresge Foundation, "Our trustees noted, in approving the grant, their wish to endorse Doorways' good work, not only in assisting women and children with the immediate rescue from domestic violence and homelessness, but also with longer term empowerment for independence through social services and education."

The grant was an all or nothing challenge designed to help Doorways further galvanize and expand its community of supporters as part of its Campaign to Do More. Doorways

was challenged to raise \$800,000 by June 30, 2008 in order to receive a \$400,000 grant to ensure the completion of the Freddie Mac Family Home and the expansion of services necessary to continue answering the growing need in our community.

Doorways is thrilled to announce that, together with all of you—We Did It! Individuals, foundations, corporations as well as faith communities and civic groups—long time supporters and those new to the agency—all came together and helped us meet the \$800,000 challenge. Not only did we raise the needed capital, we also increased the number of community members invested in Doorways by 54%! Thank you to the many donors who responded to our Kresge Foundation Challenge Grant.

"These funds will be invaluable in allowing Doorways for Women and Families to continue to provide life-saving care, hope, and safety for thousands of women and families experiencing domestic violence and homelessness in our community," said Linda Dunphy, Executive Director of Doorways.

Thank you all for your generous support and for your investment in Doorways for Women and Families!



*Doorways for Women and Families
has refined its Mission and Vision Statements*

Mission Statement:

Doorways for Women and Families strives to end homelessness and family and intimate partner violence by offering safe shelter and housing, life-changing support services, and community advocacy.

Vision Statement:

We envision a community where all people live free of violence and have safe and stable housing.

Administrative Offices 703-522-8858

Domestic Violence Programs

Safehouse & Hotline 703-237-0881

Court Advocacy and Companionship Program 703-244-5165

Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home 703-907-0022

HomeStart Supportive Housing Program 703-522-8858

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We value your feedback

Please share your opinion or ask your questions by calling 703-522-8858, sending an e-mail to info@doorwaysva.org, or visiting our website at www.doorwaysva.org.

Fifty-one Doorways Kids Go Back to School Proud and Packed for Success



A few of the many backpacks provided for Doorways' children.

Each year Doorways conducts a Back to School drive to ensure all of the children in Doorways' programs have the necessary items they need to have a successful start to the new school year.

This year, with the opening of the Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home and a close to full Safehouse and Homestart Program, we had fifty-one

children to outfit for school- more than in any previous year. To meet this challenge, we called out to the community for help.

Individuals, friends and family groups, and community organizations answered our call by holding collection drives or sponsoring specific children. Through these generous donations we provided each child with a backpack filled with grade, age, and gender appropriate items, including everything required by their schools. In addition, they received a gift card to purchase new school clothing and shoes.

"The kids couldn't believe that it was all for them. After unpacking their back packs and examining each item, they put on their race car and Hello Kitty themed backpacks, opened up their matching umbrellas, and marched all around the apartment with their umbrellas open over their heads. They absolutely loved them," shared one HomeStart staff member.

"One mother was so amazed at the outpouring of generosity for her three kids, she just kept thanking me while her kids proudly

showed their new school supplies to anyone and everyone they could find around the office," says another Doorways counselor.

Thank you to all of you who rallied to provide each Doorways child with school supplies and made their return back to school an experience filled less with the shame of going without and more with the pride of coming to school as prepared as their class mates.

A special thank you to the members of MONA (Mothers of North Arlington) who sponsored more than half of our families this summer!

Thank you to the following people who provided 1-4 children In Doorways HomeStart Program with all of the essential back to school items:

- Members of Curves- VA Square and Cherrydale
- Arlington Science Focus School
- Tzu Chi Foundation
- Latham and Watkins
- Elizabeth Keys and Friends
- Boeing
- Chris DeRosa and Friends
- Bonnie Flynn
- Daphne Papamichael
- Heidi Wagner
- Meghan Rogers
- Ralph and Janet Cook
- Jane Mullen
- Pam and Peter D'Ambrosio
- Diane Greenhalgh
- Ann Isacco

If you are interested in sponsoring a family for the holidays or supplying winter coats, please contact Candice Lopez at 703-522-8858 x 19 or clopez@doorwaysVA.org.

Increasing Help for Children (continued from page 1)

In the past year, hundreds of children were helped by Doorways' services.

- 569 individuals called our hotline and received help for themselves and for the 346 children in their families.
- 172 women were assisted by our Court Advocacy Program, helping ensure safety and security for 182 children.
- 79 individuals found safety, support, and hope in our Safehouse, 35 of whom were children.

- 99% of children across all programs were quickly assessed for mental health needs and referred for follow up services.

Among our three housing programs—the Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home, the Safehouse, and the HomeStart Program—we increased the total number of children served by 55% in the past year. ■

Two Children's Journeys to Escape and Heal from Domestic Violence

Ana's Story

Three-year-old Ana arrived at the Doorways Safehouse with her mother as her mother fled her abusive husband.

Doorways' Spanish-speaking Children's Program Coordinator met with Ana and her mother, performed an initial assessment of Ana's needs, and made a goal plan for her. As Doorways staff spent more time with Ana they became concerned about Ana's emerging behaviors. Ana exhibited age-inappropriate eating habits such as refusing to eat solid food and demanding multiple bottles of milk throughout the day and night. Ana also often yelled, screamed, and hit her mother if her needs were not immediately met. Her mother also appeared to be struggling in relating to her daughter, responding to her behavior, and providing her with consistent care.



The Children's Services Counselor quickly began to assess Ana for possible emotional and physical delays, finding none. Ana's mother was offered, but declined the opportunity for her daughter to meet with the Child Mental Health Specialist. The Children's Services Counselor worked with Ana and her mother on something Ana's mother was comfortable addressing- Ana's eating habits. Through these meetings, Ana's mother began trusting the Children's Services Counselor and confided in her that she was worried about being able to work, since that would require that Ana behave well enough for daycare. This concern and her increased comfort with Doorways staff prompted her to agree to have Ana meet with our Child Mental Health Specialist.

By utilizing play therapy techniques, the Child Mental Health Specialist was able to determine that Ana was attempting to control her mother through her behaviors, as she had seen her father do to her mother. Both the Children's Services Counselor and the Child Mental Health Specialist worked with Ana and her mother to help them form a healthy attachment and to empower Ana's mother to parent her daughter more effectively.

The hard work of Ana, her mother, and Doorways staff paid off. With improved behavior and a stronger mother-daughter relationship Ana was able to begin childcare and her mother found employment. The family has now moved on from Doorways' Safehouse and into their own housing and continues to do well. ■

Adam's Story

At age 12, Adam was reunited with his mother and younger brother after months of separation. Earlier that year, Adam's mother fled from the United States with her sons to escape domestic violence. She made plans to return to the U.S., but due to financial struggles had to leave Adam behind with a family member.

As she began her work with Doorways in the HomeStart Supportive Housing Program, she shared her desire for Adam to return to her care. He soon was able to rejoin his mother in the U.S., but struggled with anxiety and fear for his mother's safety. He often called her numerous times throughout the day and refused to go to bed at night. His mother was perplexed and frustrated by his behavior.

Adam began meeting with the Doorways Child Mental Health therapist after school. Through talk and play therapy Adam was able to process the domestic violence he had routinely witnessed between his mother and younger brother's father. Through a family therapy session facilitated by both the Child Mental Health Specialist and the Children's Service Counselor, Adam was able to express to his mother his fears surrounding her safety; he worried that she would become involved with another abusive partner.

Adam's mother was able to understand her son's feelings and assured him that the family would never again live with an abusive man. Adam's negative behaviors subsided and he began to once again enjoy soccer and other activities. Adam no longer feels the burden of ensuring his family's safety and wellbeing. Receiving services from the Child Mental Health therapist allowed Adam the opportunity to heal from the trauma brought on by domestic violence, and to finally be a child. ■

Out of respect for the privacy, safety and confidentiality of our clients, fictitious names and nuances have been used. The woman and child in the photograph are models whose images have been used for illustrative purposes only.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church Monthly Collection Drives

St. Mary's Episcopal Church has long been a vital partner in helping Doorways provide food and household items for our three residential programs.

St. Mary's made a considerable three-year Campaign to Do More gift to support the construction of the Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home and in commemoration the pantry was named for them.

Since the opening of the Family Home, St. Mary's has helped supply Doorways' residential programs with the pantry and household items they need to be successful. St. Mary's has also committed to hosting a monthly collection drive for Doorways throughout the school year. Each month, alternating grade levels of the St. Mary's Sunday school classes donate the items that Doorways needs most. These items include personal care items, baby supplies, household cleaning supplies, and grocery store gift cards. **We thank St. Mary's dedicated staff and congregation** for keeping us stocked with supplies for our residents. Extra thanks to Margie Finn and Mary Beth Emerson for helping us keep the supplies organized and accessible with their amazing organizing skills.

We also thank the following congregations and community organizations that hosted collection drives for Doorways this year:

- Rabbi Lia Bass and Congregation Etz Hayim
- Clarendon United Methodist Church
- Christ Church of Arlington
- St. Johns Episcopal Church
- Friedman, Billings, & Ramsey (FBR)
- NOVA Catholic Community Center
- Diane Bender and Catholic Daughters
- United Council of Negro Women
- Verizon Shower for Shelters Program
- Clarendon Child Care Center

Thank you all for continuing to support the women and families who use Doorways' services! These collection drives help us to reduce our food and household item costs, which frees up funds to provide additional holistic services for people in need in Arlington. We could not do it without you!

To learn more about how you can conduct a collection drive, contact Candice Lopez, Community Education and Outreach Manager, at clopez@doorwaysva.org or 703-522-8858 x 19.

Family Photos

Many of the families who seek services at Doorways arrive without personal effects such as family pictures. We would like to say thank you to **Rodney Choice with Choice Photography** for donating his exceptional talent and time to give professional family portraits to several of our families. The families enjoyed the experience and continue to enjoy their family pictures.

Project FIN—Families in Need

Project FIN (Families In Need) has filled a vital gap left by the closing of the Arlington Furniture Bank, providing furniture and other basic household items free of charge to the HomeStart Supportive Housing Program at Doorways.

"I wanted to volunteer my time to Doorways in some manner," Teresa, founder of Project FIN, explains. She attended a volunteer session to learn more, but was disappointed to discover that the opportunities available didn't match with her schedule or goals for volunteering. She wanted to work directly with families but couldn't attend the training required for Client Services Volunteers. "I found another way I could utilize my time and resources to help these families directly," she says. "Project FIN was born."

Teresa is committed to continuing to make Project FIN an easy and comfortable place for families in the program at Doorways to find the furniture they need at no cost. She is also working toward transforming Project FIN into an official 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Project FIN operates thanks to individual donations of time and money. Teresa says the group always needs volunteers to help move furniture. If you can donate a few hours of time or your gently used furniture to help Teresa assist our families transitioning out of homelessness and into permanent supportive housing, please contact her at projectfin@mac.com.

Thank you Theresa and Project FIN supporters! We would not be able to assist families in creating stable permanent homes without your assistance.

Spring Baskets

As in past years the women and children in our programs received a homemade spring basket. Floris United Methodist Church (UMC) gave baskets, filled with age- and gender-appropriate goodies to the many youth at Doorways. High Country Basketry Guild presented handcrafted baskets filled with personal care items to the women in our programs. It is such a treat to be able to give our clients these beautifully handmade items.

Thank you to both organizations for their continued support of women and children in Arlington!



Floris UMC family delivers baskets for Doorways children.

Mother's Day Wishes

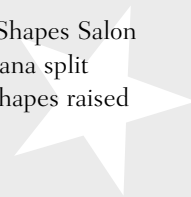
Mother's Day can be a difficult time for those families living in shelter or transitioning out of homelessness. This May we were able to offer two great boosts for the women in our programs. For the second year in a row, a local friends and family group called "Sip, Stitch, and Bitch" donated 20 beautifully hand-wrapped Mother's Day baskets that included journals, feminine pampering items, and a CVS gift card. All of the women in Doorways' programs received these baskets during our monthly Dinner with Friends program in May. In addition to this great gift, a group of volunteers led by Christine Pomeroy from the Paul Mitchell The School-Virginia provided haircuts, styling, and makeup application for more than a dozen women at the

event. As one HomeStart client expressed, "They made me feel special and treated me like a real person. They did not judge me. It really made my day."

Thank you to both of these groups for your amazing efforts to ensure that the women in Doorways' programs received a treat on Mother's Day!

Banana Split Fundraiser

Thank you to Heather Nickens and the staff at Shapes Salon and Day Spa in Fairfax Station for hosting a banana split fundraiser for Doorways this June. In one day, Shapes raised over \$250 for Doorways—thank you. ■



volunteer happenings

Volunteer Information Night: First Tuesdays at 6:30pm

If you, your family, your community group, or your company would like to learn how you can become involved, or more involved, with Doorways, please attend our monthly Volunteer Information Night. For more information contact Kelly at kblanchard@doorwaysVA.org or visit our website at www.doorwaysva.org.

New Volunteers

Doorways welcomes our newest Client Service Volunteers. These volunteers have completed 20- to 32-hours of classroom training to work with adults and children at the Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home and the Domestic Violence Program Safehouse. Thank you for your commitment to assisting the Arlington community.

Dorothy Steinberg	Orien Kuang	Lindsay Viellieu
Terrie Franks	Channi Parihar	Dhivya
Susanne Leslie	Liz Lanni	Venkataraman
Sharon Viellieu	Katie Griffiths	
Elise Freeman	Theresa Beatty	

Volunteers of the Month

March: Domestic Violence Program Court Advocate Volunteers Janet, Kimberley, Stefanie, and Ashley

The Doorways Domestic Violence Program volunteer team has rallied again! We are extremely grateful for the extra dedication the Court Advocacy Program volunteers have shown while our full-time position was vacant. All four volunteers donated additional hours while juggling busy schedules. Your efforts allowed Doorways to serve 31% more clients through court advocacy—thank you.

April: Mothers of North Arlington (MONA)

Mothers of North Arlington collected and organized critically needed items for Doorways such as diapers, wipes, and other infant and toddler needs. The group also donated toys, gift cards, and other presents during our Holiday Wishes program this past holiday season and provided back packs and school supplies for over half of Doorways' children this fall. We appreciate everything that Sharalyn Hoffman and all the other wonderful Mothers of North Arlington do for Doorways and the women, children, and families we serve.

May: Grocery Store Shoppers Ellie, Peg, Blanche, Martha, Dawn, Dorothy, and Ericka

Ellie, Peg, Blanche, Martha, Dawn, Dorothy, and Ericka spend hours each week grocery shopping for the over 30 women and children living in Doorways Safehouse and Family Home. Thank you for giving your time, organization skills, sensitivity to the wishes of our families, and ability to balance clients' needs with the increasingly difficult task of being frugal.



June: Family Home Volunteers Shannon, Jesse, Naomi, and Hope

Thank you to Shannon, Jesse, Naomi, and Hope for your time and dedication, which helps Doorways ensure the Family Home is running safely and meeting the needs of our clients 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week. You are valuable players on the Family Home team—thank you. ■

Riding for Change

Spurred on by a sense of adventure and social responsibility local metropolitan cowboys Mr. Morris and Dr. Lackamy rode on horseback an estimated 1,600 miles, from Portland, Maine to Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. Morris used the ride to raise awareness and funds for Doorways and the Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo scholarship fund, which provides money to black students pursuing careers in rodeos or animal science.

Domestic violence is an important issue for Morris because his mother was a survivor. "My mother had to change her identity and move in order to escape the abuse," says Mr. Morris. "No woman is immune to the risk of being abused and no one should have to endure it. We must raise awareness of one of the greatest stains on our society."

Morris' efforts brought an often hidden topic out into the open by generating conversation and media coverage. Additionally, Mr. Morris' ride has both highlighted the help available to survivors of domestic violence at Doorways and raised funds to support those services.

When asked about his impressive venture, the ever modest Morris replied, "Aw man, we just love riding and we're trying to make a little change." ■



Support Doorways through Workplace Giving

Workplace Giving

Contribute to Doorways through the United Way Campaign, the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), America's Charities, or your company's designated workplace giving program. Simply designate Doorways using the following codes:

United Way #8031

Combined Federal Campaign #60586

Matching Gifts

Many companies have programs that match employee gifts to non-profit organizations dollar for dollar—some even at two or three times the amount! Contact your human resources department for more information on your company's matching gifts program.

For more information on these and other ways to give to Doorways, please contact Bridget Decker at bdecker@doorwaysva.org, or 703-522-8858 x14.

"I like to make my annual Doorways contribution through my agency's CFC Campaign so that everyone benefits—I can contribute to my favorite charity, help women in need, and support achieving my agency's CFC goals."

—Laura Lapin, federal employee and Doorways supporter



Holiday Wishes 2007— 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 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. For more information, or to get involved, contact Bridget Decker at bdecker@doorwaysva.org, or 703-522-8858, ext. 14.



Save these Dates!

Doorways 30th Anniversary Gala Celebration

Sunday, March 29, 2009 from 2pm to 5pm

Washington Golf and Country Club

Join Doorways for this very special occasion—a celebration of 30 years of service to the Arlington community. This milestone will be commemorated with a gala hosted by Arlington's Preston Caruthers at the Washington Golf and Country Club. Please save March 29, 2009 for this special event.

21st Annual Help the Homeless Walkathon

Saturday, November 22, 2008

National Mall, Washington, DC

Registration: \$15–\$30, designation code: VA014

Register at www.helpthehomelessdc.org

Help raise awareness and funds for homeless women, children, and families by joining the Doorways team or by hosting a team from your school, workplace, or faith group.



Arlington Turkey Trot

5K Fun Run/Walk, held by the Christ Church of Arlington Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2008, starting at 8am

Registration: \$10–\$35

Register at www.ccapca.org/turkeytrot

Bring your friends and family to burn-off some Thanksgiving calories while helping the Christ Church of Arlington raise money for Doorways and the Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless.

4th Annual Holiday Shopping Event at Crate & Barrel

Wednesday, December 3, 2008, from 6pm to 9pm

Clarendon Market Commons Crate & Barrel

Come enjoy a fun evening of holiday shopping, great food, and exciting door prizes while supporting Doorways services for Arlington women and families in need.

Doorways for Women and Families is inviting you to:

- **SAVE** the date for our 4th Annual Crate & Barrel Holiday Shopping Event on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 from 6:00–9:00 p.m. at Crate & Barrel at the Clarendon Market Commons.
- **SAVE** your purchases! Planning a major furniture or rug purchase at Crate & Barrel? If you save the purchase for the December 3rd event, 10% of your purchase amount will go toward Doorways' critical services for women and families in need.
- **SAVE** your options for later! Can't decide what to buy when shopping at the Crate & Barrel event? Buy a gift card! You can use the gift card for gifts or items for yourself all year long. 10% of the value of the gift card will benefit Doorways.
- **HOLD** your purchases. Need advice on what to buy from your spouse or a friend? Visit Crate & Barrel in advance, choose your items and ask them to hold the purchase. When you come to the Doorways Holiday Shopping Event, you can pay for your item and have more time to mix, mingle and even do more shopping!



Santa Jam 12—with John Perry

Thursday, December 11, 2008

The State Theatre, Falls Church, VA

Doors open 7:00 pm, Music begins 8:00 pm

Admission: Minimum donation of \$10 at the door and optional donation of toys

Raffle tickets: 1 ticket for \$5, 3 tickets for \$10, or 10 tickets for \$20

For more information: <http://www.santajam.org/>

Join John Perry at his Doorways benefit, the 12th Annual Santa Jam, and enjoy a line-up of great bands and a raffle, including a Costa Rica GetAway, Best Buy Spending Spree, Golfing, Dining, and lots more! All collected toys and 100% of the raffle proceeds will be donated to Doorways for Women and Families.



Leadership Circle Provides New Opportunities for Donors and Doorways

Doorways is pleased to announce a new opportunity for our most committed donors—the Doorways Leadership Circle. Through this exclusive stewardship group, supporters have the opportunity to deepen their involvement with Doorways, thereby increasing their impact on homelessness and domestic violence in Arlington County.

“The rebuild of the Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home was a tremendous success, but the project was never about bricks and mortar. It’s about having the capacity to serve even more families. I joined the Leadership Circle to help sustain Doorways’ continuing response to the growing need for services in our community,” shares Leadership Circle Founding Member and Doorways Board Member, Raina Rose Tagle.

We invite all supporters of our mission (to end homelessness and family and intimate partner violence by offering safe shelter and housing, life-changing support services, and community advocacy), to join the Doorways Leadership Circle as a Guardian (with a contribution of \$1,000 to \$4,999), a Steward (with a contribution of \$5,000 to \$9,999), or a Champion (with a contribution of \$10,000 or more).

Members of the Leadership Circle are major stakeholders in our organization and will receive a variety of benefits such as quarterly Leadership Circle reports from the Executive Director, invitations to exclusive Leadership Circle events, and an annual meeting with the Board of Directors and the Executive Director.

Doorways Leadership Circle members will help Doorways use the foundation we have built over the past three decades to move into a new phase, “Beyond Shelter,” where together we envision ending homelessness, preventing domestic violence, and protecting those at risk for either. Inaugural goals of the Leadership Circle will include creating affordable housing, expanding employment training and placement capacity, expanding children’s services, and continuing to identify and model best and promising practices for serving women and families in need.

To learn more about this exciting new stewardship opportunity, please contact Bridget Decker, Donor Relations Manager, at bdecker@doorwaysva.org or 703-522-8858 ext. 14. (Information on the Leadership Circle is also available on our website at www.doorwaysva.org.)

Doorways Supporter Plans a Legacy

One woman’s story moved Carol Pickens.

At the invitation of a neighbor, Carol attended the 2000 Doorways Fashion Show. That day a former Doorways client shared her story of how she transformed her life with the support of Doorways’ programs and services, including emergency housing, court advocacy assistance, transitional housing, financial assistance, planning and literacy training, and children’s services.

Carol, a long-time community resident, was impressed by the woman’s courage and resourcefulness in escaping abuse and making a safe and secure life for herself using Doorways’ comprehensive services. “I was impressed by the range of help that Doorways provides,” Carol explains.

The client’s first-hand account of the life-saving impact Doorways had on her family demonstrated to Carol the value of Doorways’ holistic services. Carol appreciated that Doorways works to help women and families strive for independence. “Doorways helps people stand on their own two feet.”

After seeing the important role Doorways plays in our community, Carol became a supporter of our work and her investment has grown with each passing year. Recently, Carol decided to make financial support for Doorways part of her legacy by making a bequest to the organization. By including Doorways in her will, Carol will provide the hope, support, and services needed by women like the fashion show speaker to create safe and self-sufficient lives for themselves and their families. Thank you Carol!

To learn more about including Doorways for Women and Families in your will, please contact Bridget Decker, Donor Relations Manager at 703-522-8858.

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Doorways Receives Top National Rating by Charity Navigator

Doorways for Women and Families has been awarded the highest rating of four stars from Charity Navigator, America's leading charity evaluator. "Charity Navigator's rating indicates that Doorways for Women and Families is out-performing the majority of nonprofits in America with respect to responsible financial management," says Linda Dunphy, Executive Director of Doorways. "Savvy donors are looking for more accountability, transparency, and productive results from charities they choose to support, and Doorways is exceeding industry standards."

The four-star rating from Charity Navigator designates Doorways as surpassing most nonprofits that advocate for survivors of domestic violence and homelessness. Ratings are on a scale from zero to four stars with four stars being the highest. Of the more than 5,000 charities across the United States evaluated by Charity Navigator, only approximately 1,500 have four-star ratings. Only 77 in Virginia earned the highest designation alongside Doorways. The exceptional rating signifies publicly that Doorways is a trusted choice for charitable investments. ■

