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Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home Opens for Families

HOME

HOME IS WHERE YOU ARE PROTECTED FROM THE ELEMENTS.

HOME IS WHERE YOU FEED AND CARE FOR YOUR FAMILY.

HOME IS WHERE YOU CAN BREATHE EASIER.

HOME IS WHERE YOU ARE SAFE.

HOME IS A SANCTUARY.

More than 200 people braved the cold and wind one day last November to witness the dedication of an historic undertaking in Arlington. Just over three years in the making, the Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home was ready for its debut. Doorways supporters, staff, and board joined key contributors to unveil the newly built home with a ribbon cutting, dedication ceremony, tour and luncheon. This new state-of-the-art residence is now ready to provide safe, temporary housing and intensive support services for homeless women and families in the community.

November 7, 2007 was a special day for Linda Dunphy, who began this journey shortly after she became Doorways' executive director in 2003. "The first year I got here, I started looking at renovating the house," said Dunphy, who set up a meeting with HomeAid Northern Virginia. "Our goals were to enhance capacity, make the home safer and more secure, enlarge the structure to make it easier to run our programs and meet the needs of clients and staff."



Dignitaries and Doorways Board Members join Linda Dunphy in cutting the ribbon to the new Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home.

After reviewing the state of the old shelter and the scope of renovations necessary, HomeAid recommended tearing down the house and building a new home from the ground up. While Doorways was thrilled at the prospect of a new facility, a new house also meant staff and board had to find the money to make it happen. Through generous lead gifts from the Freddie
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from the executive director

Dear Friends,

Doorways marked a major milestone when we opened our new Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home this past year. Dedicated on November 7, we had over 200 of our partners and supporters at the dedication. The new facility, which we call a 'Home' rather than a 'shelter,' begins a journey where hundreds of families will rebuild their lives with dignity while pursuing their dreams of a stable home for themselves and their children. All people need a home—it's a basic human need. No one can thrive in the absence of adequate and safe housing.

As I reflected on what to share from the podium on our dedication day, I thought about inspiration. It should be no wonder that "inspiration is the root of all great endeavors," and what is most interesting about this endeavor that began over three years ago, is that it inspired all who got involved and will continue to inspire in the future.

The Home began with the inspiration of Doorways' founding board and staff who purchased this home in 1989 and of the county leaders who agreed to place shelters within neighborhoods, instead of banishing them to the undesirable fringes of the community.

When I joined Doorways as Executive Director five years ago, I became inspired by the long history of service, the quality of programs, and the generous commitment of our partners and supporters. I knew that Doorways could do much better than a run-down old house that was ill-designed and unsafe to serve families in crisis. Our board of directors was inspired and set a strategic course to rebuild the shelter, undeterred by various challenges that arose as we moved forward.

When our good friends at the Freddie Mac Foundation heard about the project, they too became inspired and quickly offered \$500,000 towards the cause and profoundly propelled the project forward. Then representatives from HomeAid Northern Virginia heard about this project and came out for a site visit. They were inspired not merely to renovate the shelter, but offered instead to tear down the entire structure and completely rebuild a home. When NVHomes stepped forward as builder captain, the crew from NVHomes became inspired as well and pledged their commitment to a high-quality product.

When we shared this new vision with Arlington County, they got inspired and quickly said yes to our \$600,000 request. Likewise, Senator Mary Margaret Whipple and Delegate Adam Ebbin were inspired and led the charge that secured nearly \$400,000 in state funds.

Then Wayne Neale, our creative and talented architect, became really inspired and designed an amazing custom structure that looks and feels like an ordinary home, not a cold institution. Neale's design retained fine craftsmanship details while integrating the commercial upgrades required by code for a multi-resident facility with an emphasis on environmentally friendly components. At our groundbreaking, former Freddie Mac Foundation CEO Maxine Baker, was

so inspired that she suggested transforming the name of the new building from 'shelter' to 'home.'

When we realized the opportunity that our new home created, the board and staff of Doorways were inspired to launch a \$7.2 million Campaign to Do More. The campaign was designed not only to raise the building costs but also the funds for the full spectrum of family services that support residents of the new home, as well as the many others that we serve.

In turn, the campaign inspired numerous new and existing funders from foundations to individuals to give generously by pledging, dedicating walkway bricks, and naming rooms within the home.

Even amidst tough times in the home building sector, the NVHomes employees remained inspired and shared that inspiration with their vendors and subcontractors who donated services, labor and materials. Consider the inspiration by vendors to donate all the windows, all the appliances, all the granite, the television and numerous other building supplies.

Even the staff and volunteers of HomeAid became inspired. Russ Rosenberg of Madison Homes gave his volunteer time to be a key resource for the project long after he retired from the role of board chair for HomeAid. Maggie Johnston, HomeAid Director, also worked tirelessly to keep the project on track.

Michael Roberson of Michael Roberson Interior Design toured the home on a hard hat tour and was so inspired that she not only offered to donate her interior design services, but also leveraged numerous vendor contributions to create the beautiful, warm, and inviting interior living spaces.

All along the staff at Doorways became increasingly inspired, including our fearless Facilities Director Jud Potter and our program staff who designed the best possible spectrum of services to foster success.

Ultimately, all this tremendous inspiration culminated into a glorious sanctuary for our most vulnerable families to begin a journey to their own home. The Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home will no doubt provide inspiration to the parents and children who walk through our purple front door to realize their dreams for a more joyful and stable life.

This, my friends is a wonderful example of how collectively we should never underestimate the power of a 'few good people' to change the world. Collectively, their inspiration has made such a big difference in Doorways' success and we have only begun to express our immense gratitude to all of those who made this magnificent home possible.



Linda Dunphy, MSW
Executive Director



Doorways Launches Project PEACE

Doorways joined forces with Arlington County to launch **Project PEACE: A Blueprint for Partnering to End Abuse in the Community for Everyone**, a coordinated community response with a tactical call to action for addressing and ending domestic violence in a best-practice framework.

This new community-wide campaign unites more than 25 public and private entities under a unified vision, set of values, and strategic course for how Arlington will prevent domestic violence and protect and provide services for those affected by domestic violence. Among the numerous strategies to accomplish in next few years, Doorways will most actively employ these four:

- Educating young people in every grade in school about domestic and dating violence, anti-bullying techniques, harassment and conflict mediation.
- Strengthening response from law enforcement officials so that survivors of domestic violence are immediately connected with the services they need.
- Expanding affordable housing options for survivors so they do not have to return to abusive partners.
- Reducing the cycle of violence and victimization by providing specialized treatment for children, teens and young adults who have witnessed acts of domestic violence.

“Effectively addressing the actual and potential consequences of domestic violence requires a thoughtful, intentional, and inclusive approach,” said Doorways Executive Director Linda Dunphy. “Engagement of a wide range of perspectives and skills from many community partners resulted in a unified vision, set of values, and strategic course for how Arlington will prevent domestic violence and protect and provide services for those affected by domestic violence.”

Doorways is proud of our advocacy and leadership that contributed to this significant endeavor. To learn more, visit our website at www.doorwaysVA.org

NEWS & NOTES

from the Doorways Office

New Additions:

Lisa Groat, MSW, LGSW, Client Service Counselor, Safehouse; **Gabriela Uro** and **Teresa Valdez**, Financial Independence Track Program counselors; **Lauren Harrick**, Client Services Coordinator at the Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home; **Scott Perkins**, Development Director; **Gale Curcio**, Communications and Special Events Coordinator; **Melanie McGarry**, Community Resources Associate.

Changes:

Triina Tennelo, former Client Services Coordinator for Family Home promoted to Family Home Director; **Kristen Barnes**, former Safehouse Client Services Counselor transferred to HomeStart Program; **Kelly Ferris** moved into the role of Donor Relations Director. ■

DOORWAYS for women and families

Founded in 1978, Doorways for Women and Families (formerly The Arlington Community Temporary Shelter) is Arlington's leading provider and advocate for victims of homelessness, violence, abuse, and a range of related situations and risks to living healthy, vibrant lives.

We open doors to a brighter future by providing shelter and housing, support and advocacy, financial literacy and a range of essential life skills. Our therapeutic, preventive and educational services lift those we serve to a place where they are capable of making their own lives more vibrant and self-reliant.

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

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We value your feedback

Have a question about a Doorways project or program? Want to volunteer?

Ask a question or share your opinion by calling us at 703-522-8858, sending an e-mail to info@doorwaysVA.org, or visiting our website at www.doorwaysVA.org.

Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home Dedication (continued from page 1)

Mac Foundation and numerous contributions from businesses, foundations, individuals, and faith and civic groups, the project was underway. HomeAid Northern Virginia partnered with NVHomes to donate substantial labor and materials valued at over \$400,000. Other key supporters included the Philip L. Graham Fund, the Vicky Collins Charitable Foundation, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, the Virginia General Assembly, and the Kresge Foundation. See page 5 for information on how you can help us meet our Kresge Foundation Challenge Grant!

The project's lead architect, Wayne Neale of Neale Architects, donated countless hours, creating the concept for the Home, overseeing the execution and helping his blueprints come to life. Michael Roberson of Michael Roberson Design lent her aesthetic expertise to visualizing and building warm and inviting interior living spaces. Both Neale and Roberson solicited substantial contributions of wall coverings, comforters, furniture, bricks and other items that made the house a Home.

"In 2005, Doorways turned away more than 1,300 individuals seeking shelter (both for homelessness and domestic violence), half of whom were children with their parents," said Linda Dunphy. "With family homelessness on the rise, this Home will do more than just provide the basics of food and shelter. It will bring respect, dignity, and inspiration to women and families, allowing them to focus on the developmental steps needed to rebuild their lives and avoid future homelessness."

Highlights of the dedication ceremony included remarks by Congressman Jim Moran, Freddie Mac Foundation Chairman and CEO Ralph F. Boyd, Arlington County Board Chair Paul Ferguson, HomeAid Northern Virginia Chair Barry Schwartz, Vice President of NVHomes Ron Orrie, Doorways Board Chair Mark Riley, and Doorways Executive Director Linda Dunphy.



Guests gather on the porch during the dedication of the new Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home.



Ralph Boyd, Freddie Mac Foundation Chairman and CEO, Linda Dunphy and Congressman Jim Moran at the dedication

continuum of care, hope, and safety for 21 individuals or four to seven families at any given time. The new three-level, energy-efficient home has 10 bedrooms with 21 beds, which is six more bedrooms and five more beds than Doorways' previous shelter. The Family Home will better serve families with a new layout that includes a full-size double kitchen, laundry facilities, a family room, a children's playroom and a back porch. Many "green" features were incorporated into the Home's design and construction, such as Marmoleum flooring, Energy Star-rated appliances, low-VOC paints, and landscaping with low-maintenance, native species. The Home has an ADA-accessible bed, bath, and laundry.

"This is our largest project to date providing in-kind support and materials to take this building from blueprint to reality," said Barry H. Schwartz of HomeAid Northern Virginia. "HomeAid wants to eradicate homelessness for families and especially children, so after three years of meetings, planning and construction, we are excited to see this come to fruition."

Family homelessness continues to be a serious and growing issue throughout the DC region. Nearly half of the area's homeless are families, and children make up one-quarter of the homeless population. Doorways serves an even greater proportion of children as approximately 52% of our clients are children.

As the more than 200 guests strolled up the new Home's brick walkway for a tour and lunch after the ribbon cutting, they were welcomed with dedication bricks donated through Doorways "Buy a Brick" campaign as well as bricks given in honor of those who made the home possible.

"Every special touch of the new Family Home" reflects the very special people who made the Home possible, remarked Doorways Board Chair Mark Riley. "Futures of promise will take root for vulnerable families because of the generosity and creativity of so many who cared. Now we can say we are officially re-opened for the important business of ending family homelessness!" ■

"Helping our region's children and families succeed is at the heart of our Foundation's work. That is why we are happy to play a role in helping provide not just a new temporary home but a new beginning for families in the region," Boyd said.

With the new 7,200-square-foot facility, Doorways provides a lifesaving

Doorways Enters Last Stretch of Kresge Foundation Challenge Grant!

Last spring the Kresge Foundation, a prominent national foundation, awarded Doorways a \$400,000 challenge grant that required us to raise \$800,000 in new private funds. To date, we have raised over \$650,000 toward that goal! We have until June 30 to raise the final \$150,000 and leverage an additional \$400,000 from Kresge toward Doorways' Campaign to Do More.

Every new gift or pledged gift will count toward our fundraising goal (for example, Doorways can count the full pledged amount even though pledge payments may occur over multiple years), and we need everyone's help to get us to our goal.

This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Doorways to receive critical funding for victims of domestic violence and women, children and families experiencing homelessness. ***We are so close. Please help us reach our goal today! To make a donation and help us reach this goal, you can use the enclosed reply envelope, visit our website at www.doorwaysVA.org or call Kelly Ferris at 703-522-8858 x. 14.*** ■

Third Time's a Charm! Another Successful Doorways Holiday Shopping Night at Crate & Barrel

Thank you to everybody who purchased tickets or made contributions to support Doorways' Third Annual Holiday Shopping Event at the Clarendon Crate & Barrel last November. With your support, over 900 tickets were sold, generating more than \$35,000 for Doorways' new Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home, Domestic Violence Programs, and our HomeStart supportive housing program.

Thank you to our Special Events Committee and Host Committee Members and Volunteers who diligently worked to advertise and promote the event and reach out to their friends, families and associates to sell tickets. Thank you also the sponsors and especially the restaurants who made the event particularly exciting by contributing delicious food and drinks. We are grateful for each and every one of you.



Jackie Ventura, Linda Dunphy, Mark Riley Jen Smith, Celeste Killmer and Kim Harding enjoy a successful event at Crate & Barrel.

Special Events Committee and Host Committee Members and Volunteers

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How Doorways Financial Literacy and Children's Programs Paved the Way for a New and Brighter Life

Brenda came to the Safehouse with her two-year-old daughter to escape severe verbal, emotional, and sexual abuse by her husband. Having immigrated to the U.S. from a small, African village three years prior into an arranged marriage, Brenda had never before lived independently. In Africa, she lived in a house with her parents and eight siblings. For the past three years she had lived in a small apartment in DC with her husband and daughter. Brenda worked as a seamstress in her home country, but never found work in the US, despite having earned a home healthcare certificate. Her difficulty in finding work was exacerbated by language and cultural barriers.

Doorways' Children's Services Coordinator worked with Brenda's daughter to address a speech delay and prepare her to attend an Early Head Start program. A year later, her daughter was enrolled in a Montessori preschool.

Through Doorways' Financial Independence Track (FIT) Brenda learned how to develop a budget, open a bank account, write checks, pay bills, and build her savings. Over the past year, Brenda has taken over financial responsibility of all of her living expenses and successfully saved over \$2,000, enabling her to secure a lease in her own name for the first time in her life. Doorways' HomeStart staff also provided her with intensive job search support and helped her enroll in an ESL class. She has since moved into a Doorways-leased apartment and works two jobs as a healthcare aide. Today, Brenda continues to pursue her goals of improving her English skills, earning her Certified Nursing Assistant certificate, and becoming a US citizen.

Out of respect for the privacy, safety and confidentiality of our clients, fictitious names and nuances have been used.



October: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Last October marked Doorways' most successful Domestic Violence Awareness Months in our history. With the aim of ending domestic violence in our community and creating a supportive atmosphere for survivors, Doorways held a wide array of activities and events. We are proud that we:

- Educated 180,000 people with publication inserts (in English and Spanish) that focused on identifying signs of an unhealthy and violent intimate relationship and supporting someone you know who might be in such a relationship. The inserts also listed related resources and events in our area.
- Launched the dating violence prevention Red Flag Campaign (www.theredflagcampaign.org) at Marymount University with Verizon Foundation support.
- Coordinated an awareness-raising campaign by distributing 150 educational posters throughout the community.
- Coordinated the second annual regional legislative and policy briefing for the Northern Virginia state legislators, sponsored by the regional domestic violence and sexual assault providers.
- Displayed the Clothesline Project at the Arlington County Library.
- Hosted 10 educational community events, collaborated with local domestic violence agencies on Silent Witness

and candlelight vigils at Fort Myer and in Alexandria, and held educational workshops with health care providers, the faith community, and the gay and lesbian community.

Thank you to the following volunteers and supporters who helped with Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities.

- The Northern Virginia Junior Women's Club hosted an educational forum with Doorways on domestic violence for its members as well as a drive for much-needed items. The Club presented Doorways with over \$400 in checks and in-kind personal care items.
- Clarendon Day volunteers **Chris DeRosa, Erika Elvander, Amanda Moss,** and **Kwanita Brown** staffed Doorways' booth and garnered 105 handprint pledges against violence.



Children leave their handprints as part of the pledge to end Domestic Violence.

Families Make the Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home Their Home

Two brothers stand at the door with their backpacks and ring the doorbell. It's 2 p.m. and they just got out of school. Once they are let in, the boys bound up the stairs to their rooms—and then back down to the kitchen for a snack! They are home for the day and ready to play.

While this sounds like most students in our area, these brothers are coming home to the Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home. While it is neither permanent nor solely theirs, it is a place to call home while their mother finds employment and more permanent housing.

“They [mother and child] feel they are in a comfortable, safe and loving environment,” said Trina Tennelo, Family Home Program Director. “They are amazed at the amount of time and effort that was put into the Home.”

Since the women currently residing there are the first to live in the home, Tennelo said they are being pro-active and making the most of their unique role as our first residents. “They have an opportunity to guide the future,” said Tennelo. “We have weekly meetings where they are helping to work out the kinks.”

So far, problems have been few and things are truly working out just as the staff, board members, builders, designers and donors had envisioned.

A multi-use playroom allows a range of children to enjoy and share the space. Older children often work on the computer while younger children play board games and the toddlers are



able to explore under the watchful eyes of parents and staff at work in the kitchen.

The kitchen is another busy place. Since the double kitchen includes two of each appliance and enough space, some of the pressures of a 21-member home are eased. Residents have access to the food that is in the kitchen and can bring in their own food with the understanding that anything they bring into the home will be communal. Weekly shopping lists are put together keeping in mind different tastes. As the families cook, aromas of food from around the world co-mingle and fill the home.

All of the other residents have access to a bright and cheerful laundry room in the lower level with three washers and dryers. The fact that the residents can do their own cooking, cleaning,

and laundry is just one example of how this new facility is truly a temporary home and not just a shelter. While many shelters provide a roof over one's head, Doorways provides residents with a glimpse of what life can be like once they are no longer homeless. By doing their own cooking, cleaning, and laundry, residents are better prepared when they move into their own place. Residents work closely with a counselor to learn life skills such as budgeting, child rearing, financial planning, and goal setting. Some also begin learning English.

“My son loves it here. Every time we go out he asks when we can come back to the house.”

—Current resident of the Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home.

How Your Support Makes a Difference

We recently received an email from a 28-year old man who had once spent time in our shelter. When he was 13, he and his mother had come to Doorways in need of housing and security. Like many others over the years, they were welcomed into the Doorways community and provided not only with housing and security but also with the guidance, support, and hope to reclaim their lives.

While acknowledging that the period he spent at Doorways marked a difficult time in his life, he also expressed his deep gratitude for the staff who had helped him and his family then and for those that continue this critical work today.

“Whomever you are, whatever your role, please continue to plant the seeds of hope and possibility in the children that come through those doors. Though I can't remember specific names of those who impacted my life, their faces I will never forget. May God bless you, the staff, and all those who enter through your door.”

Christ Church of Arlington Hosts Turkey Trot

Last Thanksgiving, the Christ Church of Arlington held its second annual Arlington Turkey Trot. The 5K Fun Run/Walk around the Lyon Park and Ashton Heights neighborhood was a huge success, as 1,175 people registered to run, which is nearly four times the number of registrations from last year.

Thanks to Reverend Brian Webster and his entire congregation for making this event a huge success. In addition to raising awareness about homelessness and the critical services provided by Doorways and Arlington-Alexandria

Coalition for the Homeless, Christ Church raised nearly \$9,000 for each agency as well. Stay tuned for 2008 Turkey Trot details in our next newsletter.



Help the Homeless Walkathon

Doorways supporters helped raise over \$52,000 as part of the 2007 Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walk-a-thon. Doorways thanks Fannie Mae not only for their monetary contribution, but also for the visibility and attention they bring to the important issue of helping the homeless.

Thank you to our sponsors and walkers who participated in last year's program. Keep an eye out for exciting new events from Doorways to coincide with the 2008 Help the Homeless Walk-a-thon!



Doorways staff and volunteers gather for Fannie Mae's Help the Homeless Walkathon.

Verizon Puts Out a Call for Donations

Verizon's corporate offices in Arlington designated Doorways as the beneficiary of its 2007 Shower for Shelters collection drive and donated over \$600 worth of personal care and household products for Doorways' residents.

Dinner with Friends

Once a month Doorways clients come together for a meal that is provided and served by a community group volunteering it's time to Doorways' clients and hosted by our good friends at Clarendon United Methodist Church. This monthly dinner provides a valuable opportunity for clients to gather in a supportive, community environment. As one of our residents remarked about the dinner, "It was so helpful and relevant to my situation. I was a little unsure about what to expect and found that it was nice to see others who have been where I have been. It gave me hope, and I need a lot of that right now."



Members of the National Automobile Dealers Association host the October Dinner for Friends.

Thank you to the groups who assisted us during the past six months:

- October—National Automobile Dealers Association
- November—Congregation Etz Hayim
- December—Doorways' Junior League of Washington Committee
- January—Alcova Heights Neighborhood Group
- February—Zonta Club
- March—Congregation Etz Hayim

Ramadan Baskets

Thank you to the Muslim Women's Coalition for its donation of 23 Ramadan baskets overflowing with much needed food and personal care items for our HomeStart Supportive Housing clients.

Oh Baby! Photography of Arlington, VA

Thank you to owner and photographer Liz Vance of *Oh Baby! Photography*, along with fellow photographers Stephanie Millner, Julia MacInnis, and Vicki Freuhauf, who donated an entire day's proceeds of \$1,830 to Doorways and other Arlington nonprofits.

RiRa Irish Pub

Thank you to RiRa Irish Pub and Manager Rob Pearson for raising funds and awareness of domestic violence and homelessness in our community through the pub's Tuesday Trivia Nights during December.

Santa Jam

Thank you to John Perry and Gwen Guion who coordinated the 11th Annual Santa Jam at the State Theater in December. This annual event not only generated \$5,000+ from the proceeds of the charity raffle, but also garnered a truckload of toys for the children in our shelters and programs.



Tom Principato and John Perry at Santa Jam 11.

Holiday Wishes

From bikes to dolls to clothes to gift cards, all of Doorways' families and single women enjoyed an extra special holiday because of our many generous donors. Thank you to the organizations and individuals who made this possible by providing special holiday meals and festivities, supporting our Adopt-A-Family Program, and conducting special collection drives.

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volunteer happenings

Welcome new Doorways Volunteers

Volunteers are the backbone of Doorways' efforts to accomplish our mission. We are thrilled to welcome and congratulate the recent graduates of Doorways' domestic violence, Family Home, court advocate and children's services intensive volunteer training programs.

Deborah Adam

Candida Ayala

Christian Battey

Drew Borkovitz

Sheri Burns

Robin Cleveland

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Janet Hawley

Dale Heald

Katherine Ives

Ashley Johnson

Betsy Lippman

Angela Miller

Athena Partik

Carolina Jimenez

Dawn Knott

Sara McDonald

Jay Missal

Shannon Noble

Hope O'Keefe

Abigail Potter

Elizabeth Reuss

Allison Roche

Carol Rogers

Mariella Rojas

Christin Vandegrift

Jesse Weisshaar

Robin Stombler

Mariella Rojas

Special Recognition for Junior League of Washington

The Doorways' Junior League of Washington's committee members deserve a special thank you for their on-going commitment to a variety of volunteer activities. These special women are Jill Burke, Kimberly Reasoner, Mandy Martin, Rives Moore Horta, Adele Shartzter, Lanier Hall, Lindsay Hambright, Kwanita Brown, Stephanie Pai, Juliana Zuccaro, and Kim Martin Turner. A special thank you to Lauren Lawson who has coordinated their activities.

Wondering how you, your family, your community group, or your company can get involved with Doorways?

Attend our monthly Volunteer Information Night and find out more! To RSVP contact Candice Lopez at clopez@doorwaysVA.org or 703-522-8858 ext. 13.

Volunteers still needed for the 2008 benefit auction on April 6.

If you are interested in assisting with this special event, contact Gale Curcio, Doorways Special Events Coordinator, at 703-522-8858 ext. 19 to find out how you can help solicit silent auction items, sell tickets, or staff the event.

A Special Call to Action Furnished and Stocked the Shelves of the New Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home

For two months prior to opening the new Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home, Doorways solicited in-kind and cash donations through a few different campaigns. Our online gift registries with Target, Babies 'R' Us and Kinderhaus Toys proved highly valuable because they allowed community members to buy the particular items we needed, in the right quantities, for all the Family Home rooms so we could open on schedule. These "housewarming gifts" represented a tremendous saving for Doorways and the registries created a great logistical ease for both donors and Doorways staff.

Our Caring Spaces campaign generated over \$31,000 in funds to purchase the furnishings needed for the 27 rooms as well as the back porch and backyard. This program enabled community groups to adopt specific rooms in the home to furnish. For instance, the United Methodist Women's Group—Circle 1 provided the funds to fully outfit one of the six bathrooms in the new Family Home. Girl Scout Troop 1312 and Quilters Unlimited of Northern Virginia made sure our future Family Home families were comforted by special handmade quilts.

Thank you to the following Caring Spaces Donors:

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Eighth graders from Teri Battle's TA Teacher Advisory group at H-B Woodlawn help stock the pantry at the Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home.

Without volunteers we would not have been ready to open the doors of the new Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home the first week of December 2007. Volunteers assisted in coordinating food and

household supply drives to stock our pantry, prepared the new home for occupancy, helped with the dedication ceremony, shopped for last-minute items, and helped with final touches such as lining dresser drawers, making beds, stocking donations, running errands, and setting clocks.

Collection Drives for Food and Household Items:

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| Arlington Metaphysical Chapel | Mt. Olive Baptist Church |
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| Evidence Based Research | Church |
| Faith Lutheran Church | Westover Baptist Church |

Volunteers who donated time to set up the Home:

Priscilla Chisholm
Dawn Dangle
Bonnie Flynn
Freddie Mac Foundation's Enterprise Services Department (pictured in photo from left to right: Deborah Adams, Jordan Gozzi, David Haugh, and Anita van der Merwe)
Janet Hawley,
Katherine Ives
Sue Jewett
Volunteers of Cherrydale Baptist Church



Because of these amazing volunteers and the generosity of the community, the Family Home welcomed six families the first week it opened, offering them a warm, furnished, safe environment to call home.

Keeping food available for two homes with 32 residents and helping our families in HomeStart with occasional food needs, means that we depend on the continuous generosity of the community to conduct food and household collection drives. Please consider conducting one at your place of business, worship, neighborhood, or school. Contact us at 703-522-8858 or volunteer@doorwaysVA.org to learn how.

You can also help stock the shelves by shopping through our Target and Amazon registries. Go to www.doorwaysVA.org/donate and follow the links to our registries.

A Community of Giving

Doorways gratefully acknowledges the following cash contributions received between September 1, 2007 and February 29, 2008.

Thank you for making a difference.

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