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**Community Organization Celebrates 25 Years of Service to Area Victims  
of Domestic Violence and Homelessness**

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA – The Arlington Community Temporary Shelter (TACTS) will be celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in style this year at the **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Brunch** on **April 9, 2005**, sponsored by Rosenthal Companies, The Bernstein Group, and Walsh, Colucci, Lubelry, Emrich & Terpak. The event, to be held at Fort Myer Officers' Club, will raise funds to support programs and services for women and families who are homeless or fleeing domestic violence, as well as an awareness of these issues.

This year's benefit will focus on the agency's 25 years of service and commemorate current and former board members, volunteers and staff. The event will include a silent auction, a fashion exhibit, speeches by TACTS clients and supporters, and the announcement of TACTS' ambitious plans for the future, including a rebuilding of its Emergency Shelter.

TACTS will present its annual awards to three individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to raise awareness and support the organization. Their achievements demonstrate that all sectors have an important role to play in providing services and understanding of these critical issues.

The **Community Advocate Award** will be presented to Matrix Group, International, for their efforts to bring more awareness of domestic violence and homelessness to the community through the World Wide Web in donating their time and talent to designing TACTS' new interactive website.

The **Unsung Hero Awards** are presented to an individual and a community group that have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help families in need. This year, TACTS will honor Sara Girovasi-Marron and Mothers of Northern Arlington with those awards, respectively, in recognition of their contributions to TACTS and its clients.

The silent auction will give attendees an opportunity to bid on nearly 100 items such as 3-day, 2-night golf package at The Greenbrier, a seven-course dinner plus entertainment at Marrakesh Restaurant, and a group tour for 20 at the Willowcroft Farm Vineyards. During the event, volunteers will also model this spring's new fashion trends dressed by local retailers All About Jane, Cosmo-Tots, South Moon Under, Lady Hamilton and TACTS' own Charity Thrift Store.

Honored guests attending the event include Arlington County Board members J. Walter Tajeda and Barbara Favola, State Delegate Adam Ebbin and School Board member Elaine S. Furlow.

Proceeds from the brunch and silent auction will support TACTS' many programs and critical services for women and families in crisis, Arlington's most vulnerable citizens

For more information about the event, or to learn more about TACTS, visit [www.tacts.org](http://www.tacts.org) or call (703) 522-8858.

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*The Arlington Community Temporary Shelter (TACTS) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that empowers women and families who are abused, homeless or at-risk to live safe, secure and self-sufficient lives. TACTS provides shelter and services and educates the larger community about violence and homelessness. [www.tacts.org](http://www.tacts.org)*