



# CHARITY NAVIGATOR

## Four Star Charity

### **DOORWAYS FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES RECEIVES HIGHEST RATING FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR**

Arlington, Va. (May 19, 2008) – Doorways for Women and Families proudly announced this week that it has been awarded the highest rating from Charity Navigator, America’s leading charity evaluator. Doorways, soon to be celebrating its 30th year of community service in Arlington, Virginia, received the coveted 4-star rating.

“Charity Navigator’s rating indicates that Doorways for Women and Families is outperforming 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 4-star rating from Charity Navigator designates Doorways as outperforming most charities who advocate for victims of domestic violence and homelessness. The ratings are on a scale from zero to 4 stars with 4 stars being the highest. The exceptional designation demonstrates publicly that Doorways is a trusted, valuable consideration for charitable investments, particularly given the high reliance on private giving, which accounts for 60 percent of Doorways’ annual budget.

Of the more than 5,000 charities across the United States evaluated by Charity Navigator, approximately 1,500 have 4-star ratings. There are just 77 in Virginia with the highest designation like that of Doorways. Donors can be confident that in supporting those charities rated highly by Charity Navigator; they will be supporting organizations that are fiscally responsible and financially healthy.

#### About Charity Navigator

Founded in 2001, Charity Navigator has become the nation’s largest and most-utilized evaluator of charities. Its team of professional analysts has examined tens of thousands of non-profit financial documents to develop an unbiased, objective, numbers-based rating system that assesses health of over 5,000 of America’s best-known charities. Last year alone, more than four million donors used Charity Navigator’s web site that TIME Magazine called “One of America’s 50 Coolest Websites for 2006.” The site is a two-time Forbes award winner for “Best of the Web,” and was selected by Reader’s Digest as one of the “100 Best Things about America.” In 2007, Business Week inducted Charity Navigator into its “Philanthropy Hall of Fame” for “revolutionizing the process of giving.” Many of Charity Navigator’s leaders have provided expert analysis on the charitable sector CNN and Fox news programs, and each of the network morning shows—NBC’s The Today Show, ABC’s Good Morning America, and CBS’s The Early Show. Analysts have also been quoted in nearly every major U.S. newspaper or weekly magazine. Charity Navigator is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization and can be found on the Web at [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org).