



Bringing hope to women,  
children and families in crisis

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## *MEDIA ADVISORY*

**For Tuesday, March 29**

### ***Community Advocates Approach The Arlington County Board for More Funding for Homeless and Domestic Violence Victims***

**WHAT:** Supporters of The Arlington Community Temporary Shelter (TACTS) will be out in full force at Tuesday's FY06 Arlington County Budget Hearing to urge the County Board for parity in its allocations to nonprofits, and more specifically to victims of domestic violence and homelessness, Arlington's most vulnerable citizens. TACTS supporters intend to make their presence known in an effort to increase County support in the FY06 budget for programs and organizations that serve these women and families in crisis.

**WHY:** Over the past 25 years, the County share of financial support allocated for TACTS' vital safety net services to women and children has dropped from more than 50% to 25%. Though TACTS has raised about 63% of its operating budget from private sources, current economic conditions and the need for increased services have put a strain on the organization's budget. Women, children and families in the community need the County to reverse its erosion of funding in order to ensure that the critical services and programs TACTS provides will not be disrupted or compromised. The presence of concerned citizens at the Board meeting is a measure to signify the need for a more equitable funding base and demonstrates that the community is supportive to the specific needs of homeless and battered women and their children.

TACTS has provided 25 years of shelter and supportive services to women and families who are homeless or victims of domestic violence. Homelessness is a problem that is increasing in the Arlington community despite the outward signs of affluence. While TACTS provided more than 8,000 nights of shelter in 2004, nearly 1,000 eligible single women, parents and children were turned away due to limited capacity. It is the only shelter serving women and families in Arlington County.

**WHEN:        Tuesday, March 29, 2005, 7:00 pm**

**WHERE:        The Arlington County Board, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., County Board Room  
307, Arlington, VA 22201**

**WHO:         30+ Concerned Arlington Citizens Supporting TACTS and Advocating for  
Victims of Domestic Violence and Homeless Women and Children**

**PHOTO OP:** Attendees on behalf of TACTS will carry placards and wear TACTS buttons in a public demonstration of support of TACTS' equitable funding campaign.

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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)*