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GOOD BYES AND BUYS AT DOORWAYS THRIFT SHOP

Doorways Thrift Shop Closes Doors on September 30

(Arlington, VA, August 29, 2006) — **Doorways for Women and Families** will be closing the doors of its Thrift Shop on Saturday, September 23rd. The Thrift Shop, which has been in existence since 1998, was an active resource for cost-saving sales of clothes, household items, toys, books, jewelry, and other items to the greater Arlington community.

The Thrift Shop, located at 5643 Lee Highway, began on Wilson Blvd and moved to its new location two years ago. The Thrift Shop relied on donations from the community to support the needs of families in shelter and to appeal to treasure hunters everywhere. All of Doorways' clients shopped for free at the Thrift Shop, and proceeds from any sales to the public went directly to funding Doorways' services, serving women and families who are homeless or in domestic violence programs. Several volunteers from the local community generously provided their time over the years by sorting donating items, cleaning out racks, and providing superior customer service.

According to Linda Dunphy, Executive Director of Doorways, "This past June, the Doorways Board of Directors reluctantly voted to close the Thrift Shop based upon an independent review of the shop's viability to adequately cover essential expenditures. We are currently researching several unique opportunities to keep the sales of the items going through various events and other creative venues."

The last day for donations to the Thrift Shop will be Saturday, September 2nd and the last shopping day at the Thrift Shop will be on Saturday, September 23rd. The Shop will be offering incredible savings all month long including:

September 4-9, 50% off all items

September 11-16, 75% off all items

September 18-23, \$1 or less for all remaining items



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Doorways would like to thank their donors and customers whose generosity made the success of the Thrift Shop possible these past two years at its new location. Please stop by to bid farewell to Doorways' wonderful Thrift Shop staff and volunteers and take advantage of incredible deals on the Shop's remaining inventory of clothing and other household goods.

For ideas on how you can continue to support Doorways for Women and Families, please visit www.doorwaysVA.org.

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Doorways for Women and Families, formerly The Arlington Temporary Shelter (TACTS) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that empowers women and families who are abused, homeless or at-risk to live safe, secure and self-sufficient lives. For over 25 years, Doorways has provided shelter and services and educated the larger community about violence and homelessness. Doorways is the 2006 recipient of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce Best Business Award (ABBIE) in the nonprofit category. Doorways was selected as a featured charity in the 2005 issue of The Catalogue of Philanthropy, and is the winner of the 2006 Arlington County's Community Hero Award for Volunteers. Doorways is also the 2006 recipient of the James B. Hunter Community Hero Award and the 2005 James B. Hunter Human Rights Award. Doorways is the 2006-2008 nonprofit pro-bono client for Washington Women in PR (WWPR). Doorways for Women and Families can be found on the Web at www.doorwaysVA.org.