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Creating Pathways
Out of Domestic
Violence and
Homelessness Toward
Safe and Stable Lives

www.DoorwaysVA.org

New Words for a Familiar Mission: Creating Pathways

Every request for help is unique. It may come from a concerned father who calls our **Domestic Violence Hotline** seeking advice because he fears his daughter is in an abusive relationship. Or from a young mother who walks into the Arlington County Courthouse seeking a protective order from her abusive partner. One family may need immediate shelter in our **Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home**, while another, with our help, may be able to move directly into long-term housing of their own.

Every woman and family that walks through our doorway is at a different point on their pathway out of domestic violence and homelessness. But one thing is consistent: our vision is for everyone in our community to live free of violence in safe, affordable housing. It is a simple vision, but one that requires a full range of responses to achieve. And to best reflect the many ways in which we achieve this vision, we are proud to announce our new mission statement:

Doorways for Women and Families creates pathways out of domestic violence and homelessness leading to safe and stable lives.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying spring's arrival.

With rising numbers of families falling into homelessness, we must continue to evolve new approaches and strive to reach more people needing our help. The multiple pathways highlighted in this newsletter include many of these newer approaches that are helping survivors and families move into housing of their own sooner. This is an exciting time in our work, as we are beginning to see shifts in our national policies that guide our responses to homeless families and survivors of domestic violence. We are elated by these developments because they are expected to bring new resources to these unique populations, and we embrace the renewed opportunity to help women and families escape violence and chaos, both urgently and permanently.

It's nothing short of heartbreaking when I hear the things our clients endure daily while they attempt to live with abuse. For so many of the people who call our **Domestic Violence Hotline**, they want the abuse to end yet are terrified at the thought of not having a home of their own. It used to surprise me that well over half of the callers did not want to come to our shelter. But it didn't take me long to understand. As a parent, I would find it difficult to take my children from what they knew as home and enter a group living environment. After all, as parents, our primary duties include ensuring our children have a home, with meals we make and rules we establish.

By offering more immediate pathways to independent housing for survivors and homeless families, we can accelerate the process of stabilization. Until now, there have been limited options for families and survivors to obtain long-term housing of their own. I'm excited by this new emphasis, as it is in our independent housing programs where I have seen the most profound and long-lasting changes take place in our families. I cannot thank you enough for your support and compassion in making stability possible for so many in our community.

In partnership and with appreciation,



Caroline Jones, MSW

MISSION

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VISION

We envision a community where all people live free of violence and have safe and stable lives.

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Welcome to our new board members: John Kell, Joanne Petty, Trey Walker, and Alisa Wong!

Unless otherwise noted, all men, women and children in photographs are models whose images have been used for illustrative purposes only.

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It All Starts With a Call

For some individuals, a phone call may be all they need right now. Our trained staff and volunteers help each person who calls our **24-Hour Domestic Violence Hotline** identify safety tools and resources to improve their situation or that of a loved one. In the same manner, our **Court Advocacy and Companionship Program** serves more than 500 people each year with legal assistance and personalized safety plans as they enter the legal system seeking help.

Safe Housing

Sadly, many who call for help are in need of more than a plan or resource; they need a safe place to call home. And by the time they reach us, most have run out of options.

A safe home is the first step in moving out of harm's way - the quicker we can place someone into housing, the quicker we can address the root causes of their homelessness. It's why we work with women and families to provide nurturing, confidential, and secure housing options where they can escape from trauma. We have three key strategies that can be customized to best meet the needs of those we serve and provide a pathway to a safe home:

- **Homeless Prevention:** Whenever possible, we attempt to prevent women and families from becoming homeless. Homeless prevention can be the most cost-effective and least traumatic way to help families avoid shelter or re-housing. For families who are facing eviction due to a short-term crisis, we can work with their landlords and provide emergency financial assistance and supportive services that will enable them to remain in their homes and recover their independence.
- **Rapid Re-Housing:** When prevention is not possible, we work with homeless women and families to rapidly re-house them in a home of their own. Our **HomeStart Supportive Housing Program** rapidly houses families directly into subsidized apartments throughout Arlington. Knowing that families have endured enough instability, this program affords the opportunity to "transition-in-place," as families retain their housing during and after completion of our program.

- **Shelter & Re-Housing:** If affordable housing is not readily available and a woman or family needs instant safety, we can provide immediate, short-term placement in one of our two emergency shelters, our **Domestic Violence Safehouse** or **Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home**. These programs provide a critical part of our safety net by ensuring people have a place to live in times of emergency and crisis. But shelter is not a permanent solution, which is why we work with each woman and family to create a plan that will move them quickly into safe and affordable housing of their own.

Support Services All Along the Way

Coupled with housing, we work with families to establish individual goals that enable them to build self-sufficient lives. Our **Financial Independence Track** teaches critical financial management skills through one-on-one counseling, while our **Counseling Services** create a safe space for each member of the family to address the trauma experienced in the journey out of domestic violence and homelessness. With children representing over 50% of the individuals in our programs, our **Children's Services** offer vital emotional and social support to youth, while providing parents with guidance on their child's development.

Safe and Stable Lives

While there are many pathways out of domestic violence and homelessness, they all lead to one place: a safe and stable life for women and families. Along their path, each individual faces unique challenges, but together, we can ensure that they have the skills, resources, and support needed to overcome these challenges. While the thought of ending domestic violence and homelessness is daunting, we are fortunate enough to see families do it every day.

See pages 8-9 for a visual representation of the multiple pathways we create out of domestic violence and family homelessness.



Confronting Stereotypes

Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness among women. Families represent the fastest growing segment of the homeless population. Now, possibly more than ever, women and families need a pathway out of domestic violence and homelessness.

To best serve our clients, we need to confront the stereotypes that prevent our community from recognizing and addressing the problems facing too many of our neighbors. Debunking these myths in our daily interactions goes a long way to developing a community where all live free of violence and in safe housing.

"Why Doesn't She Just Leave?"

Leaving one's abusive partner can be one of the most difficult decisions to make. Abusive partners typically isolate their partners from their friends and families, leaving them with little to no support network to turn to when attempting to leave. Further, financial abuse often prevents victims from working or having access to money, which means they may lack the resources and skills to adequately provide for themselves and their children upon leaving.



For violent relationships, the time right after leaving one's abusive partner is when the survivor is most vulnerable. Separation has been identified as a trigger for extreme violence, including homicide risk. The situation is difficult for all these reasons and more, not the least of which being the love that one feels for their abusive partner and the hope that the relationship will get better with time.

Where would you turn if your friends no longer understood why you stay? Leaving an abusive partner is a difficult process - one that typically takes several attempts. Fortunately, our **24-Hour Domestic Violence Hotline** is available to help every caller develop a safety plan, identify resources, and, ultimately, find their pathway to safety.

Doorways 24-Hour Domestic Violence Hotline: (703) 237-0881

"Why Don't They Just Get a Job?"

How many minimum-wage jobs does it take to afford a two-bedroom apartment in Arlington? At \$7.25 per hour, a person would have to work 70 hours per week in order to afford the average rent of \$2,036. Add in the cost of utilities, food, transportation, childcare, and healthcare - and you can begin to see that we are asking the wrong question.

While finding employment can certainly be a struggle for those recovering from abuse, the primary difficulty in our community comes from the lack of affordable housing. Doorways' **Financial Independence Track**

teaches families how to manage their finances and, on average, helps households increase their annual wealth accumulation by \$30,000. Even with employment and better financial management, it can still be a long road to finding permanent housing. Further complicating an already difficult situation, when affordable units become available they often cannot accommodate a modest-sized family.



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GOOD WORKS

Holiday Wishes

Our community responded in droves this past holiday season. More than 125 donors came together to provide the families at Doorways with critical needs and presents as part of our annual **Holiday Wishes Program**. In an amazingly touching display of generosity, more than \$22,000 in gift cards and \$27,000 worth of supplies were given to the women and families in our programs. Thank you for helping give neighbors in need the uplifting support and opportunities that we all appreciate.

Caring Community

Doorways could not provide vital necessities to our families without in-kind donations from **The Caring Community**. With these donations, our programs are able to provide more than just shelter. By organizing drives for needed household items, your donations will allow Doorways to help families begin on the path to stability and independence. Our families so often speak about how big a difference it made for them in a difficult time to know that someone cared about them. On behalf of so many, we thank you. Here is how you can get involved:

- **Individuals:** Sign up for our "Caring Community on Call" email list. Go to our Homepage (www.DoorwaysVA.org) and sign up for our email list on the right side of the page. Be sure to check that you want to receive "Updates on Needs for Goods and Services." Our emails will keep you informed on how you can get involved with **The Caring Community**.
- **Organizations and Groups:** Adopt a needed item and host a collection drive to provide for that need. Select an item and a month where the families at Doorways can count on your donation each year.

Learn more at:
<http://www.DoorwaysVA.org/caringcommunity>



Thank you from all the staff at Doorways

Thank You to Our Amazing Volunteers!

Doorways volunteers provided more than 2,700 hours of service from October 2011 through March 2012! We appreciate our volunteers' dedication to Doorways and our clients.

Volunteers of the Month:

October 2011: Lauren Boston, Shelter Volunteer
November 2011: Stan Rubler, Storage Volunteer
December 2011: Tani Lublin, Children's Volunteer
January 2012: Holly Herman, Shelter Volunteer
February 2012: Peyton Palmore, Facilities Volunteer
March 2012: Melissa Kenney, Shelter and Children's Volunteer
April 2012: Mary Brasler, Administrative Volunteer

2011 Dinner with Friends:

Dinner with Friends is a monthly event in which clients from across Doorways' programs come together for a meal and an educational program. Thank you to the Church of God and Saints of Christ, Ernst & Young LLP, Junior League of Washington, Arlington Metaphysical Chapel, the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA), NV Juniors, and Zonta Club for providing delicious dinners for our clients. Additional thanks to the volunteers from the Junior League of Washington for providing childcare at every event.

TAMICKA'S STORY

By Wyatt Schroeder, Communications & Outreach Specialist

Moments after I hung up the phone to schedule my interview with her, Tamicka received the call that she had been waiting for: she had been approved for an apartment and could move in on Saturday. After too many tears cried out of desperation, she cried tears of pure joy. "I couldn't believe I did it. I can't believe it."

I had the privilege of interviewing Tamicka, hoping to tell the story of how Doorways' programs help women and families build brighter futures for themselves. I caught Tamicka in a jubilant mood, because just the day before, she had been approved for her first apartment. She recalled to me, "I was sitting here depressed and sad and I had to tell myself that I've been through this before. But then the phone rang."

Tamicka came to this moment after weeks spent at our **Domestic Violence Safehouse**, following a separation from her abusive partner. "He was deciding everything for me; making me get out of the car in the middle of the highway," Tamicka remembered, "I didn't know where to turn, because he cut me off." But she did work up the courage to call our **24-Hour Domestic Violence Hotline** and was "welcomed with open arms" into one of our two emergency shelters.

"After moving into the shelter, the second day I had an interview and the third day I had a job," recollecting how quickly she found personal success, "It was my first job." Tamicka measures her real progress not in dollars, but in self-esteem. "When I got here I felt like I was worthless and now I feel like I'm somebody." Working with Doorways' cadre of financial educators, children's services staff, and counselors, Tamicka was able to "overcome the obstacles I had with myself."

While she was working intensively on the emotional and personal impacts of her abuse, Tamicka found a beloved community, where others would "share the joy with you" and "always be there." Talking with her, it's easy to notice the nascent nostalgia for her fellow housemates and the

Doorways staff that knew her best. But Tamicka is not one to worry, "I know that these friendships are going to last the rest of my life."

"I would tell any woman or family going through hardship that Doorways is a place where I feel safe and comfortable talking about my issues."

The agreement had been signed; the keys were waiting. Following her departure from her abusive partner, Tamicka had been tirelessly working toward this day. She admitted to having hit speed bumps along the way, including being

recently denied for an apartment. But all of those barriers had prepared her for the path ahead. Taking a moment to reflect, I asked Tamicka what she was most looking forward to now that she is going to have her own place. "I look forward to one day buying my own house, graduating college, and one day having Doorways to thank for everything."

I told Tamicka that I felt privileged to be sharing in the abundant joy she was experiencing. She laughed and said, "You don't understand. I haven't smiled this much in my whole life."

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REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

We receive thousands of requests for help each year. Each is as unique as the pathways we provide to safety and stability.

Pathways out of Domestic Violence and Homelessness

Support Services

COUNSELING SERVICES

Works with families to establish realistic and achievable goals that will enable women to build self-sufficient lives for themselves and their families.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Offers physical, emotional, and social support to help children heal from the traumatic effects of domestic violence and homelessness.

FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE TRACK

Empowers clients one-on-one to manage their daily finances, gain control over their debt, and create a financial safety plan.

Immediate and Long-Term Housing Services

Homeless Prevention

Achieved through emergency financial assistance and supportive services that allow families to maintain their current housing and rebuild their self-sufficiency.

Shelter

- Domestic Violence Safehouse
- Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home

Rapid Long-Term Housing

Quickly moves families from shelter or homelessness into safe and stable housing of their own with financial assistance and supportive services. This includes our **HomeStart Supportive Housing Program**.

Permanent Supportive Housing

Long-term financial assistance and supportive services for the small number of families with the most complex challenges.

Domestic Violence Hotline

24/7 hotline that provides advice, referrals, and safety planning to survivors of domestic violence, their friends and family. Provides a direct pathway to shelter or housing for those in imminent danger.

Court Advocacy & Companionship Program

Provides legal guidance, support, and safety planning to survivors of domestic violence and their families.

WHAT SAFETY & STABILITY LOOKS LIKE:

- 94% of clients exiting our programs transition to safe, positive housing.
- Over 85% of our program graduates have jobs, savings, benefits, and reduced debt.
- 93% of parents report that their families are stronger and more stable.
- On average, families participating in our **Financial Independence Track (FIT)** increase their annual wealth accumulation by \$30,265.





The Brighter Futures Society is a special giving society of individual donors who recognize the need for ongoing, sustainable funding. As investors, philanthropists, and change agents, members commit to donate \$1,000 or more on an annual basis for a five-year period. This investment in the long-term sustainability of Doorways' programs and services ensures we will continue to be there for women in need, year after year.

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SPOTLIGHT: Ralph F. Boyd, Jr. Freddie Mac Foundation

Doorways for Women and Families would like to extend a fond farewell and best wishes to Ralph F. Boyd Jr. as he steps down as Executive Vice President for Community Relations for Freddie Mac and President/CEO of the Freddie Mac Foundation. Ralph served in that role since 2005, where he oversaw the national capital region's most philanthropic programs in the fight against homelessness.

Doorways has had the fortune of working with Ralph for many years in his capacity at the Freddie Mac Foundation. The Foundation's \$500,000 grant in 2007 provided a catalyst for the construction of a new shelter, now known as our **Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home**. The Family Home houses 21 individuals at a time in a

dignified, family-friendly setting. Realizing shelter is a first step, Freddie Mac also increased ongoing funding for Doorways' **HomeStart** and Homeless Prevention programs.

"I want to thank Ralph Boyd and the Freddie Mac Foundation for all that they have done for families in our community," Executive Director Caroline Jones shared. "Over the past several years, thanks to Freddie Mac, we've been able to reach more and more people who can get out of a difficult situation and go on to thrive."

Everyone at Doorways wishes the best to Ralph Boyd as he leaves Freddie Mac and continues making a positive impact on his community.



A Community of Giving

Cumulative cash gifts from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011, excluding giving societies (recognized on pages 10-12).

Doorways is deeply grateful for the generous support of all individuals, corporations, foundations, civic groups, and faith communities. Due to space restrictions, only contributions of \$250 and higher are listed.

\$25,000+

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ANSWERING THE CALL: A Volunteer Tells Her Story of Answering the Hotline

By Lauren Boston, Shelter Volunteer



When I first started volunteering at the **Domestic Violence Safehouse** nearly two years ago, I was terrified of receiving my first DV hotline call. I was afraid I would forget all of my training the second the phone rang, freeze up and either say the wrong thing or nothing at all—a daunting possibility when people in need would be relying on me for help.

For better or worse, I got my first call on that very first shift. I can't even remember what I said—most of it was a blur. But I do remember hanging up after I had provided the caller with both resources and a listening ear, taking a deep breath and thinking, "OK, I can do this."

On my second shift, I spoke with a hotline caller who was in her early twenties—the same age as

me. She was very distressed and expressed both hopelessness and frustration with her situation. After the young woman hung up, I could feel my eyes brimming with tears. I was caught off guard by her age and felt such sadness that she was weighed down by so much during a time of her life that should be all about finding yourself and true loves. It was so far beyond my reality and hard to comprehend that I felt a little overwhelmed. But again, I took a deep breath and thought, "OK, I can do this."

Over the last two years, I've been fortunate in that I've never received a call that I felt as though I couldn't handle. Every time the phone rings, I'm still a little nervous, because you never know what will be waiting for you on the other end. But you just trust in your training – and, sometimes more importantly, your kindness and compassion – and hope that you are able to help someone just a little bit.

I don't know what happened to that 20-something who I spoke to on my second day. I'd like to think she is wandering around Europe without a care in the world, eating croissants in Paris or floating through Venice in a gondola. Or chasing her dream—not the



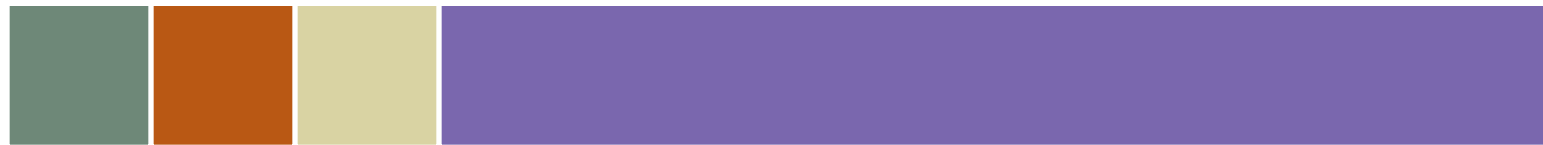
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smart, sensible career her parents wanted her to pursue but the one that makes her feel alive. Or falling in love with a kind, smart, ridiculously good-looking guy. All of the things every 20-something woman deserves.

In reality, I know she is probably doing none of these things. But I hope she is at least safe and beginning to heal and dream again.

You never know how you're going to change someone's life. Did I make a huge impact on that woman two years ago—or anyone who has called since? I hope so. I hope I made her feel just a little bit more confident and courageous about changing her life. Maybe, I showed her a little sliver of light at the end of the tunnel. And maybe she'll eventually book that plane ticket to Europe.

It's why I keep answering the phone.



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