

*Creating  
Pathways out  
of Domestic  
Violence and  
Homelessness  
Toward Safe and  
Stable Lives*



*In  
1982, Doorways  
purchased the first  
of our two permanent  
shelters—a 1957 cape cod  
style home in the Arlington  
community to serve as an  
emergency, temporary  
home for victims of  
domestic violence  
fleeing imminent  
danger.*

## *Doorways' Domestic Violence Safehouse Gets an Extreme Home Makeover for Our 35th Anniversary!*

Thirty-one years later, that home still stands as **Doorways' Domestic Violence Safehouse** (the only domestic violence shelter in Arlington), serving 11 women and children at a time, and housing our **24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline**. Today, the **Safehouse** is more than just a place to find shelter from domestic violence: it provides a spectrum of life-changing support services and education to help women and families begin a new life of stability, dignity and self-sufficiency.

Over the decades, the **Safehouse** has suffered much wear and tear, and for many years we have been asking ourselves how we could afford to transform the **Safehouse** into the modern, comfortable and dignified home our clients deserved without closing operations, stopping services, or betraying the confidentiality of the home. In addition, with anticipated less funding to operate our shelters in years ahead, we could not risk creating a more costly facility to operate in the near future.

With a \$100,000 surplus resulting from unforeseen cost-saving opportunities in fiscal year 2012, we knew this was the time to make the much needed investment to fully renovate the **Safehouse**. We hoped that with additional support from the community, we could achieve three distinct goals: (1) enhance the confidentiality of the home, (2) increase the safety of the home, and (3) increase the comfort and efficiency of the home. *Continued on page 9...*

# From the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Every month Doorways hosts “Dinner with Friends,” an evening when clients from across our programs—shelter and housing—come together for good food, educational activities, and most importantly, companionship and encouragement from their peers. At last month’s dinner, I met a young mother who recently moved out of our **Domestic Violence Safehouse**. I was immediately struck by how content she looked and by how playful her young son was with other children. Despite being in her early 20s, she had suffered over 5 years of domestic violence before summoning the strength to leave her abusive partner. With much trepidation, she moved into our **Safehouse** unsure if she’d be able to make it on her own and provide for her son.

It was incredible to hear how much the support she received from our **Safehouse** staff helped her move through this uncertainty. After three months of intensive support and counseling, she moved from our **Safehouse** into her own apartment in **Doorways’ HomeStart Supportive Housing Program**. She proudly shared that she is employed full-time and also attending school to complete her degree. I could not help but think that it was just a few months before that she felt such hopelessness, and such an absence of self esteem.

At Doorways, we offer women and families a chance to realize what is possible. We bridge the gap between a past full of crises and a future full of promise. Unfortunately, for many women and families hoping to escape crisis and unsafe living situations, there is nowhere to go. And until we have a better stock of affordable housing options for low income families in Arlington, emergency shelters will continue to play a vital role in our response to homelessness and domestic violence.

Five years ago, with the support of HomeAid of Northern Virginia *and* our caring community, Doorways completed a rebuild and expansion of our **Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home**. This year, with the renewed support of HomeAid, along with our newest partner Sagatov Associates Inc., we were able to invest in a much needed renovation of our **Domestic Violence Safehouse**. As you will read in our cover-story, it was only with the support of many generous members of our community that we were able to take on this significant project while still staying open and responsive to those in need of safe shelter. We are incredibly grateful for those who partnered with us to make this renovation possible, and to all of you who partner with us every day. Perhaps there will come a day when we no longer need emergency shelters—it’s a beautiful thought. But until that day comes, we ensure that those seeking refuge in our shelters have a safe, comfortable and dignified place to live until they are able to move beyond.

In partnership and with appreciation,

*Caroline Jones*

Caroline Jones, MSW

## Mission

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

## 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 newest board member **Kevin Shooshan**, and a special thank you to our former board member **John Michael Knowles!**

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



# MY DOORWAYS: The Call that Changed it All

*Being a new mother of one and having another on the way with unstable housing was so scary for me.*

I remember searching like crazy for some kind of housing program or shelter—anything. Finally, I found and called Doorways. The first interaction was heartwarming and immediately gave me relief. Meeting all of the wonderful ladies that would be working with me was great. Everyone was so nice and very warm. I got into an apartment very fast—I was so surprised. Since then, they all have been working with me to be a better mother and to prepare me to be stable on my own. They referred me to Training Futures, which is a wonderful program. I learned so many great skills for an office environment and also got to have two great internships, experiences which I loved. Not only that, I also earned credits at NOVA Community College toward whatever degree I choose, and I am still going to school.

I truly don’t know where I’d be without Doorways. Today I feel very confident to go out and do things I never thought I could. I have learned so much and gained even more than I thought I would. At the same time, I wish I could stay with Doorways forever, not for them to help me but because they are such great people and I enjoy every meeting and every talk. Every visit was just great and something always came out of it that made me a better me. I wouldn’t even begin to know how to thank them for all they have done and are continuing to do for me and my family. I will make them proud of me as I continue to move forward with all the things I have learned from and through Doorways.

— *Doorways Client*



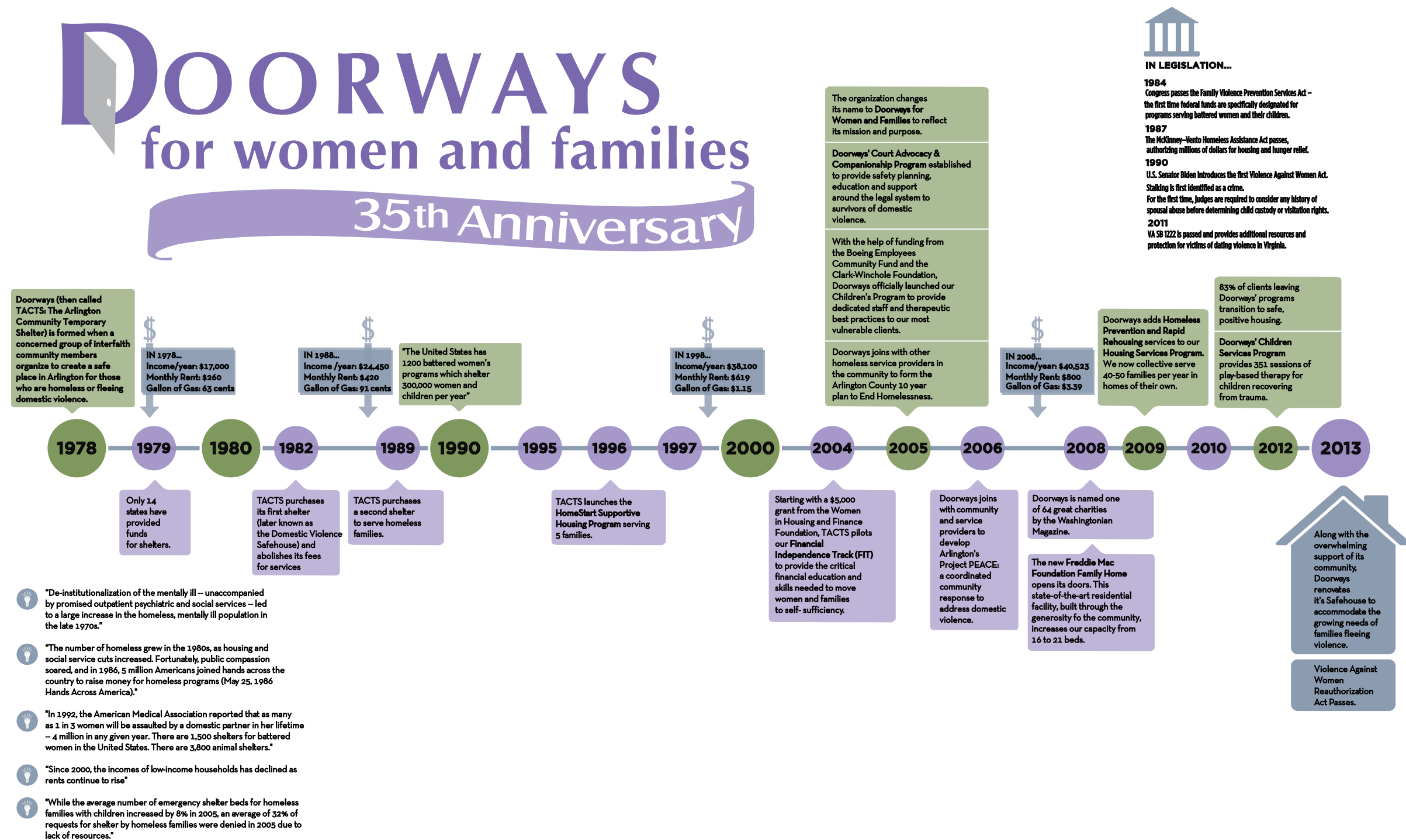
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# DOORWAYS FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES: *A 35th Anniversary Timeline*

*For 35 years, Doorways has been creating pathways out of domestic violence and homelessness leading to safety and stability for thousands of Arlington women, men and children. As we celebrate this milestone we reflect on our growth and look back at how we have impacted — and been impacted by — the Arlington community.*





# GoodWorks



## 2012 HOLIDAY WISHES—IT'S A WRAP!

The holiday cheer you bestowed on our families during the winter months will **not** soon be forgotten! From children's first bikes, to warm, cozy slippers for hard working moms—YOU made their holiday wishes come true and their seasons bright! How do you ask?

- By fulfilling the wish lists of 120 men, women and children
- By donating almost \$20,000 in gift cards for holiday dinners and gifts
- By providing over \$15,000 in holiday gifts



## THE KINDNESS OF IN-KIND

Each day, clients at Doorways work tirelessly to rebuild their lives, spirits, and families. They are able to work with staff to focus on what's most important in their lives, but without the help of their community, this would not be possible. Grocery drives, Amazon wish list donations, corporate donations—each is an important piece of the equation. We would like to thank all of the organizations, individuals and families in our communities who ensure that each day of our families' lives is a step in the right direction!

## Volunteers Make the Difference!

Volunteers are integral to Doorways' success. From August 2012 through March 2013, Doorways Volunteers generously donated 3,550 hours of their time in support of Doorways' clients and mission. Thank you, Volunteers!

## Volunteers of the Month:

August 2012: **Lyda Mitchell**  
(Shelter Coverage Volunteer)

September 2012: **Jean Meek**  
(Children's Program Volunteer)

October 2012: **Megumi Makisaka**  
(Shelter Coverage & Children's Program Volunteer)

November 2012: **Vanessa Speight**  
(Shelter Coverage Volunteer)

December 2012: **Susan Arnold**  
(Shelter Coverage Volunteer)

January 2013: **Ken Christenson**  
(Shelter Coverage Volunteer)

February 2013: **Jan Burke**  
(Storage and Children's Program Volunteer)

March 2013: **Patrick Benedict**  
(Shelter Coverage Volunteer)



*Northern Virginia Junior Women's Club hosts Dinner with Friends — March 2013*

**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 Carol Rogers' condo group, Kiwanis, St Andrew's Church, NV Juniors, Zonta Club of Arlington, Ernst and Young, The Liberty Tavern/Lyon Hall/Northside Social and Metaphysical Church of Arlington for providing delicious meals for our clients from August 2012 through March 2013.

## 3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY FUNDRAISERS: A GIFT THAT GIVES SO MUCH

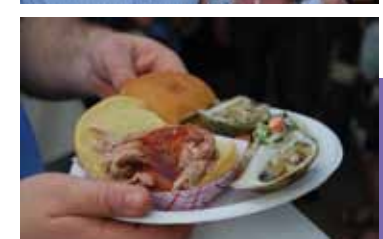
You may not recognize the term 3rd party fundraiser, but you are likely very familiar with it — you may even have participated in one or more! Anytime an individual, group or organization takes on the planning and execution of a fundraiser and donates the revenue to a nonprofit, it is a 3rd party fundraiser. 3rd party fundraisers are invaluable to nonprofits — they bring in much needed revenue for programs and services without overly taxing financial or employee resources. Doorways has benefited from countless 3rd party fundraisers over the years — from large-scale, ticketed events organized by our corporate and community partners, to smaller celebrations like birthdays or Bar Mitzvahs where hosts ask for donations instead of gifts. We are grateful to have so many generous, ambitious community members who donate their time and energy in addition to dollars! Below and on the following page are three examples of 3rd party fundraisers that have benefited Doorways in the last year, though there were many more! If you want to know more about hosting a 3rd party fundraiser to benefit Doorways, contact Rachel Dove at 703-504-9283 or [RDove@DoorwaysVA.org](mailto:RDove@DoorwaysVA.org).



## Keller Williams Arlington Total Community Support (KWACTS): Bridging the Gap Fundraiser



On Thursday, November 8th, 2012, members of *Keller Williams Arlington Community Total Support* (the volunteer and philanthropic arm of Keller Williams Realty in Arlington) hosted the **Bridging the Gap Fundraiser** to support Doorways for Women and Families. The event, with live entertainment, silent auction, and excellent food and drink, raised over \$50,000 to help Doorways serve victims of domestic violence and homelessness. Doorways is grateful for the support of *Keller Williams Arlington Community Total Support* and everyone who came out to support us that night. **Mark your calendars now for next year's event, which will take place on Thursday, November 7th once again at the Clarendon Ballroom!**



## ROCKLANDS BARBEQUE: 5th Annual Shed Your Coats Fundraiser

On Thursday, April 18, 2013 Rocklands Barbeque in Virginia Square invited the community to come out to support Doorways for Women and Families and celebrate the Spring opening of their patio. For a \$25 donation, guests enjoyed Rocklands' world-class BBQ, oysters, beer and wine — not to mention the beautiful weather. We saw our largest turnout in the 5 year history of this event; over 200 people came out in support of Doorways! We are incredibly grateful to owner John Snedden and the Rocklands' team for opening their restaurant to us and providing all the food and drinks, allowing Doorways to raise more than \$7,000 from the event!





## A Wedding Gift

### FOR DOORWAYS

BY BLAIR BROOKS

*I began supporting Doorways about 3 years ago when I became a Family Home volunteer. Homelessness is a circumstance that confounds me in many ways. There tends to be an assumption that people are homeless because they have done something wrong. But the situations that can drive someone into homelessness are shocking: medical illness, cost of living increasing, job loss, a death in the family. These are all things that we take for granted that can affect a life and the life of an entire family profoundly.*

I felt as though a part of my life was missing, a part of my mission. Doorways offered a clear and transparent path to filling that need and provided an opportunity to humble myself to the world in new ways. While working with their clients as a tutor, I realized quickly that Doorways provides hope. I watched a particular client find success in her job, completely turn around some medical conditions her child was experiencing, and lean into her future with excitement in ways that she thought she never could. Eventually, as they often do, the demands of life meant I had to take a hiatus from volunteering for a time, but I maintained that Doorways was not only worthy of my time and energy, but deserving of anything I could provide in lieu of it.

Ryan and I were newly engaged and both professionals, living and working in the DC area. In planning our engagement party, I contacted the staff to discuss a new idea: donating the proceeds of our engagement party contributions to families in need. Doorways leapt at the opportunity and made me feel welcome and supported. They communicated everything that might be necessary, were willing to work with some last-minute adjustments and really made us feel comfortable having them with us. And above all

Kristina Dugan, Doorways' Leadership Giving Manager, did not pressure us or anyone. She allowed us and our guests to celebrate our event but also provided an opportunity to learn more and become involved with Doorways themselves.

In all of my experience working with large businesses, organizations, or government entities, I have rarely come across one that is as well-managed, consistent, and has as much of an open mind as the Doorways team. The root of the mission, providing a safe and nurturing environment for those in need of it, reaches beyond what they do day-to-day and, I believe, extends into those that support them as well.

I believe people are never truly certain that they can make a difference by providing help or support to organizations that need it and fear they will be turned away if they try. I think Wayne Gretzky said "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take." There are real, simple (and even easy) things that everyone can do to curb or change the troubling circumstances of others—and donating time or money to Doorways are just a few of them.

Doorways Domestic  
Violence Safehouse  
Gets and Extreme  
Home Makeover  
*continued...*

### MEET OUR PARTNERS:

## HomeAid of Northern Virginia & Sagatov Associates, Inc.

Doorways first partnered with HomeAid of Northern Virginia, a nonprofit organization that undertakes renovations and constructions of homeless shelters, in 2007 when they connected us with NV Homes to rebuild and expand our **Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home**. In 2010, they again supported the Family Home by partnering Doorways with Madison Homes to update the drywall, interior and exterior paint of the home.

To work with HomeAid on the **Safehouse** renovation, Doorways had to secure a building captain; someone who could manage the renovation project and use his/her network to bring in vendors and contractors that would be willing to donate materials and/or provide discounted

services. For Doorways, there was not better choice than Yuri Sagatov. Yuri and his family own and operate Sagatov Associates Inc., a very successful design/building company in Northern Virginia. We were thrilled when Yuri, a long-time supporter of Doorways and a well respected designer and builder, agreed to serve as our building captain.



## Keeping the Doors Open: The Holiday Inn at Ballston

In embarking on the **Safehouse** renovation, we had one major challenge: how to continue serving women and children fleeing critically dangerous domestic violence situations, while our shelter was closed. With a three-week window for construction that would require the shelter to remain empty, we began looking for an adequate place to house those needing our services during that time. Thankfully, the kind and generous staff of the Holiday Inn Ballston came to our aid. They provided deeply discounted rooms, complimentary meals, and superior customer service to our clients. The staff, led by General Manager Don Caulkins, worked hand-in-hand with our domestic violence staff to learn the unique needs of their newest guests and attended trainings on confidentiality, safety, and support. During the three weeks our clients stayed with them, the staff of the Holiday Inn Ballston went above and beyond in every aspect of service and security.



# GENEROSITY ABOUNDS

*With our biggest challenge solved, we turned to identifying the resources we would need to pay for the renovations. With a \$100,000 budget we began to compiling our “must-have list.” Any additional upgrades we hoped to accomplish would have to rely on any additional support we received from the community. The must-have list included: replacing the roof and all exterior doors and windows, as well as upgrading the security, electrical and HVAC systems. Functional upgrades in the kitchen, outdoor storage, and exterior were also on the priority list, in addition to more energy efficient insulation throughout the house. Our wish list included installing a back-up generator, weatherizing our kennel so we could house pets in cold and hot weather, replacing the single washer and dryer with two stackable units, and updating all bathroom fixtures. What we never expected was that we would be able to accomplish everything on our must-have list, our wish list, and more—all through the generosity of compassionate individuals and organizations in our community.*

Sagatov Associates, Inc. donated over 500 hours and \$120,000 worth of labor to the project alone. Local vendors and contractors donated an additional \$95,000 in pro-bono materials and labor, including six talented interior designers who gave each room in the Safehouse a full design make-over (a luxury we never even considered possible). We also received more than \$85,000 in donations from generous companies, associations, churches, and individuals. Thanks to this truly inspiring outpouring of support, what we had imagined as a \$100,000 renovation to address the most critical needs turned into a fully-funded \$300,000, head-to-toe transformation of our 30-year-old Safehouse. These results take our breath away. The cost savings the Arlington community helped us realize can now be applied directly the women and families we serve this year, and in years to come when funding may become a greater challenge.

On Monday, February 25th, our families moved back into the Safehouse and were as amazed as we were by the transformation. While the confidential nature of the Safehouse does not allow us to offer in-person visits that would showcase the incredible results, we are thrilled to share these pictures of the interior changes that exemplify the level of beauty, professionalism, and attention to detail that each and every one of our partners brought to this project. The countless acts of compassion that made this possible are an incredible testament to the strength of our caring community. We are forever grateful to all of our incredible contributors, as are the women and children who will call this home in the years to come!

## BEFORE PICTURES



*Upstairs Bedroom #1:  
houses a mother and up to 3  
children*



*Living Room & Dining Room*



*Upstairs Bedroom #2:  
houses a mother and up to 4 children*



*Children's Playroom*



*Downstairs Bedroom: houses a single  
woman or mother and one child*



*Downstairs Dorm Room:  
houses up to six single women*

## AFTER PICTURES



*Upstairs Bedroom #1*



*Upstairs Bedroom #2*



*Downstairs Bedroom*



*Downstairs Dorm Room*



*Living Room & Dining Room*



*Children's Playroom*





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## Getting involved in Doorways is Life-changing...

By Keri Shull



As an Arlington real estate agent, I have the pleasure of helping families find a home every day, and I see how important that decision is to them. Then I see their families grow along with the emotional attachment each family has with their home. Having attended 13 different schools when I was a child, I learned at an early age the importance of a safe, stable home. I want every family in Arlington to have a home and every woman and child to have the opportunity to leave a bad situation and move on with their lives. If someone had not been there to help my mother when I was born, I would not be here and able to help others today.

I was inspired to form a relationship with Doorways for Women and Families when I learned about their commitment to helping women and their children have a better life. Doorways is not just a temporary solution to get women and their children out of a dangerous situation. It fosters, perhaps even more importantly, a sustainable long-term change, where families get help developing confidence, a means to leave for good and an opportunity to create a new life for their families. Doorways accomplishes this by assisting families from every angle. They foster emotional, psychological, and physical support to help women heal so they can truly start over and begin a life they feel excited about living.

Every experience I have had with Doorways has compelled me to get more involved. For example, the impact that every dollar makes, particularly in relation to the number of children Doorways serves, is incredibly important to me. I strongly believe that when others feel hopeless, it is our responsibility to build them up and reflect all that is good within them back to them, thereby giving them the strength and courage to see themselves for who they really are. I see this positive reflection at Doorways every day. Further, the Doorways team does a tremendous job enabling me to feel close to the families that the Keri Shull Team impacts by being involved, and I am certain we will be supporters for a very long time. My hope is to get more involved as a mentor to help women develop their resumes and prepare for interviews in the future. Getting involved in Doorways is life changing... and not just for the women and families they serve, but also for you.



## In Remembrance: Randy Morrow



Doorways for Women and Families was saddened by the loss of our dear friend and supporter, William Randolph "Randy" Morrow, this past February. Randy, Virginia's leading certified real estate divorce specialist, became involved with Doorways through our partnership with *Keller Williams Arlington Community Total Support*, and had been an outstanding supporter ever since. He was most well-known to the Doorways staff for single-handedly manning his own grocery store drive on RED Day (Keller Williams' day of service) and delivering his van filled to the top with much-needed paper towels, toilet paper, detergent, and cleaning supplies to our very eager clients and staff at the **Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home!** Randy also participated in the successful Keller Williams' "Bridging the Gap" fundraiser last November, which helped raise over \$50,000 for women and families in need. In addition to helping others, Randy always strived to be the best version of himself. "Randy was one of those rare, special people who overcame early adversity to accomplish things he never dreamed he would do," remembers Pam O'Bryant, Keller Williams' Team Leader and CEO in Arlington. Our condolences go out to the entire Keller Williams Arlington office, Randy's wonderful wife, Wendy, and his extended family.



# DOORWAYS

for women and families

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The Corporate Ambassadors program is a leadership group of businesses that work in partnership with Doorways to end homelessness and domestic violence in our community. Corporate Ambassador giving levels represent a combination of monetary contributions, pro-bono professional services, in-kind donations, matching gifts, and volunteer hours.

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*The QED Group employees  
pictured above volunteering  
at the Family Home.*

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# Alison: & COUNTING

*It's anniversary time at Doorways—  
and as Alison celebrates her 500th  
volunteer hour, she reflects on what  
brought her to Doorways and why  
she stays involved:*



"I firmly believe that every person deserves a safe, stable home, and that homelessness and domestic violence are community issues.

I grew up in the Virginia suburbs and received my BA in Psychology at UVA and an MSW at Smith College. Along the way I met and married a West Coast boy. After graduate school I worked as a social worker with homeless families and in private practice until my children were born. I eventually decided to stay home full-time with the boys and spent many happy years zooming Matchbox cars and building Legos.

As my boys got older I started to miss my career as a social worker. I missed the sense of purpose that comes from being involved in work that can have such a profound effect on people and communities. I started researching local human service organizations, hoping to find a place to volunteer. I was attracted to Doorways because its volunteer program seemed so unique. Doorways offers such a wide range of volunteer opportunities; from organizing a grocery store collection to answering the crisis hotline. I wanted to volunteer with clients, and in many organizations it is not possible to volunteer in direct service positions. Doorways made it possible through their outstanding volunteer training program. I started as an administrative volunteer while I completed the training to enable me to volunteer in the **Domestic Violence Safehouse**. Working in the administrative office was a great way to get an overall picture of the continuum of

services that Doorways provides. When I started working in the shelter, I was really struck by Doorways commitment to client self-determination. They encouraged clients to choose their own path toward a safe and stable life.

I enjoyed volunteering in the shelter so much that after about a year I decided to branch out into other programs. Doorways highly values its volunteers and makes a real commitment to volunteer development, so it was easy to find other opportunities. There is a sense of teamwork at Doorways and staff enthusiastically welcomes volunteers as a member of the team.

Being a part of the Doorways mission means a lot to me. The resiliency and perseverance of our clients inspires me to be brave and gives me hope. I'm often amazed by the generosity of volunteers and supporters; volunteers who step up to fill needs at a moment's notice, as well as work overnight and holidays, and businesses that tirelessly support Doorways with financial and in-kind donations. Although there is always more work to be done, I know that everyone at Doorways realizes they are lucky to exist in a community that supports their mission.

Volunteering has allowed me to learned things I wouldn't otherwise have learned and meet people I would not otherwise have met. It also gives me a deep sense of satisfaction and purpose. I would encourage everyone to try volunteering for a cause that is important to them."



# HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED & MAKE A DIFFERENCE

*Join us as we create pathways out of domestic violence and homelessness.*



**Attend a Brighter Futures Tour!** Learn more about the specialized services Doorways provides to survivors of domestic violence and families experiencing homelessness.

*Space is limited, so sign up today!*

- Thursday, June 13th, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, July 11th, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, August 8th, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, September 5th, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

*To sign up to attend a tour, please contact Kristina Dugan at 703-504-9289 or [KDugan@DoorwaysVA.org](mailto:KDugan@DoorwaysVA.org)*

**Volunteer!** To learn more about our volunteer program and opportunities, attend one of our monthly *Volunteer Information Nights* held the 1st Tuesday of the every month, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at our administrative offices.

- Tuesday, May 7th
- Tuesday, June 4th
- Tuesday, July 2nd
- Tuesday, August 6th
- Tuesday, September 3rd

*To sign up to attend a Volunteer Information Night, or to learn more about our volunteer program, please contact Mattie Colborn at 703-504-9400 or [MColborn@DoorwaysVA.org](mailto:MColborn@DoorwaysVA.org)*



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## Start a Collection Drive!

Join the **Caring Community** by supplying personal care and household items to the families in our programs by coordinating and hosting a collection drive. Rallying together friends, family, co-workers, or your faith group can be a fun way to build community and help a local cause at the same time. To learn about our daily needs and how to host a collection drive, contact Rachel Dove at 703-504-9283 or [RDove@DoorwaysVA.org](mailto:RDove@DoorwaysVA.org).

Learn more about the Caring Community at [www.DoorwaysVA.org/caringcommunity](http://www.DoorwaysVA.org/caringcommunity)

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