

Dear friend,

You made it possible for men, women and children from 99 households to move from homelessness to housed last year. Thank you for supporting the work of Carpenter's Shelter!

I'm excited to write to you through our newly revived newsletter to keep you up-to-date on shelter happenings. In this issue, we highlight the progress, as a community, that we have collectively made towards ending homelessness in Alexandria during our last fiscal year.

While we celebrate the accomplishments, we also realize that there is still more work to be done. The lack of affordable housing in our community makes it extremely challenging for many of our clients to simply make ends meet. To address the evergrowing need for affordable housing, Carpenter's Shelter is partnering with the Alexandria Housing Development Corporation to redevelop our current shelter property into a purpose-built shelter with 97 affordable housing units. While this is a large undertaking, we are pleased to meet a need in our community.

Also featured in this issue is our upcoming signature event, Run for Shelter, on Saturday, November 18, 2017. Run for Shelter is a great way for the entire family to get a few steps in just before Thanksgiving and support the homeless in our community. We hope to see you there!

Thank you for your continued support—you make our work possible!

With appreciation,

Shannon Steene
Executive Director



Carpenter's Corner

Fall 2017

Run for Shelter

Ready! Set! Run for Shelter! Carpenter's Shelter is proud to host our **Run for Shelter**, featuring a 5K, 10K and Fun Run on **Saturday, November 18, 2017**. Join us along with the more than 700 runners, joggers, walkers, and even a few dogs, who are logging some miles to support the homeless in our community. This is an excellent opportunity for the entire family to kick-off the holiday season! All ages are welcome to participate.

New to Run for Shelter this year is the Shelter Showcase Exhibition which provides companies, crafters and vendors an opportunity to set up a booth and show off their products and services. The Shelter Showcase will be open before, during and after the race, giving both race participants and spectators the opportunity to enjoy.

We'd like to thank the following sponsors who are partnering with us to host Run for Shelter: The Motley Fool, Whole Foods Market, Cotton & Company, R&B, Inc. Heating & Air Conditioning, Applied Policy, Caudron, Megary, Blackburn Wealth Management Group of Wells Fargo Advisors, Cooper Carry, The UPS Store - Old Town, B3 Solutions, DKG Promotions, Element 84, Forum One, HH Logistics Planning Services, PCI Communications, and The Last Man Standing Club.

(Sponsor list as of 10/23/2017. Visit www.CarpentersShelter.org/run-for-shelter to see the complete list of sponsors.)

When: Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 8:00 AM

Where: USPTO Building- 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

How: Visit www.CarpentersShelter.org/run-for-shelter to register.

Pricing: 5K & 10K- \$40; Fun Run- \$30

REGISTER TODAY!

www.CarpentersShelter.org



**RUN
FOR
SHELTER**



Your Impact

From July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017, you met the basic needs of 610 homeless and formerly homeless men, women and children served at Carpenter's Shelter. Here's what our clients achieved with your support:

Shelter

- 241** people were served in our residential shelter
- 57** children called Carpenter's Shelter home
- 120** adults accessed our day shelter, David's Place
- 287** people were sheltered from cold temperatures at Winter Shelter (November 2016-April 2017)
- 149** formerly homeless adults and families participated in our Community Case Management program



Education & Employment



- 149** adults received education and employment counseling
- 142** adults increased their financial literacy by participating in our Life Skills classes
- 74** % of adults in shelter increased their income by an average of \$1,089 per month



The Journey Home

Imagine having three young sons and struggling to make ends meet. Eventually you get too behind on your rent and get evicted. That's exactly the situation the Abell* family found themselves. The family sought shelter and a fresh start at Carpenter's Shelter. Immediately upon their arrival, the Abell family was paired with a case manager, and together, they began identifying the steps the family needed to take to end their homelessness.

While in shelter, Mr. Abell was able to receive one-on-one job coaching and secured two jobs to help support his family. Mrs. Abell worked with our Employment Navigator to apply for a scholarship from the Carpenter's Shelter Education Fund. She was ultimately accepted for the scholarship and enrolled in a technical program at Northern Virginia Community College. The young sons were excited to participate in Children's Hour each evening while their parents participated in Life Skills classes on topics like positive parenting and financial literacy.

After only three months in shelter, the Abell family was able to work with our Housing Locator and move to a three-bedroom apartment in their price range and kick off their fresh start!

**name has been changed.*

Housing

- 99** households including single adults and families moved from homelessness to permanently housed
- 2** months was the average length of stay in shelter for singles and 3 months for families
- 95** % of shelter graduates remained housed during their first year out of shelter thanks to our Community Case Management program

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Committed to Community Rooted in our community and dedicated to reducing homelessness, Carpenter's Shelter continues to advance a well-planned, comprehensive project in partnership with the Alexandria Housing Development Corporation (AHDC) to redevelop our property. In place of our current two-story shelter will be a new multi-story building that will house our shelter facilities on the first floor as well as 97 affordable rental units on the upper floors. Along with operating the shelter facilities, Carpenter's Shelter will manage 10 Permanent Supportive Housing units, increasing the number of available units in the community for a difficult-to-house population. We are so pleased to embark on this journey to increase the amount of affordable housing in Alexandria and have a purpose-built shelter to best serve our clients. For more information, please visit www.CarpentersShelter.org/redevelopment.