



# New Heights

Carpenter's Shelter





# More Than a Roof

For more than 30 years, Carpenter's Shelter has provided housing and an array of services for thousands of individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Alexandria, VA. Our expert approach, compassion, and commitment to addressing the root causes of homelessness make us a recognized leader in serving homeless populations in our community and in the larger Northern Virginia region.

The relationships we build with our clients give us a deep understanding of what it will take to put a permanent end to homelessness.

We know that the causes of individual homelessness are complex, and their remedies require long-term support, effective resources, and bold responses to ever-changing circumstances.

## **OUR PROGRAMS:**

- Permanent Supportive Housing Units
- 60-bed Residential Shelter
- Winter Shelter
- Education and Employment Program
- Community Case Management
- David's Place
- Carpenter's Clinic

*True happiness is found in the gift of service to others. We thank the staff and volunteers at Alexandria's Carpenter's Shelter for taking care of those most in need in our community.*

– Megan and Don Beyer



**2 MONTHS**

average individual stay in the shelter



**3 MONTHS**

average family stay in the shelter



**MORE THAN 600**

homeless and formerly homeless men, women, and families annually provided with supportive services and/or homes.

Now, we enter a new chapter for our organization that will bring us one step closer to our ultimate goal of ending homelessness for those we serve. Our goal is to take what we've learned to achieve "New Heights" for our organization and our clients.

**WE INVITE YOU TO HELP US REACH OUR GOAL.**

# An Innovative Partnership

Since 1998, Carpenter's Shelter has operated in a retrofitted, former Virginia DMV building. Though we have made the best of the space for nearly 20 years, our band-aid fixes and the aging structure were inadequate for our current needs.

Working in collaboration with the Alexandria Housing Development Corporation (AHDC), a nonprofit affordable housing developer, we saw the possibility for reaching "New Heights." Bolstered by the support of the City of Alexandria and the Carpenter's Shelter Board of Directors, Carpenter's Shelter sold its building and land to AHDC to embark on a "once in a lifetime" opportunity for comprehensive redevelopment.

The redevelopment project will result in a multi-story building, which will house our new state-of-the-art residential shelter, day programs and administrative offices on the first floor, and include 97 affordable apartments on the six floors above. The capital generated from the sale of our shelter is being used to buy back the new building's first floor and ten efficiency apartments dedicated for permanent supportive housing, a cutting-edge approach to house those with the highest barriers to community housing.



**Carpenter's  
Shelter**



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HOUSING  
DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION**



# *Our New Home*

In addition to creating much-needed affordable housing for Alexandria, for the first time we'll have our own purpose-built home that helps us better serve the community. Amenities like private rooms for counseling sessions and increased building security will have a significant impact on our clients' ability to overcome homelessness. Because we'll share common spaces like a playground with residents of the building, our services and our clients will be better integrated into the community.

We broke ground on the new building in mid-2018. All of Carpenter's Shelter's programs and offices have been relocated to a donated temporary space in nearby Landmark Mall, which was outfitted to suit our needs. All of our programs and services will continue at their current levels during the relocation. We plan to be back in our new facility by early 2020.

## **NEW AMENITIES**

- 10 permanent, supported homes
- Private meeting spaces for counseling and group meetings
- Community playground
- Safe, stable residential shelter for ## families & individuals
- Winter shelter for ##
- State-of-art clinic facilities



# New Heights Campaign

New Heights is more than just a new home for Carpenter's and for individuals and families who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford a home in Alexandria. It is a promise to the community that Carpenter's Shelter will be around for the long haul, looking for innovative new programs, partnerships, and interventions that will end homelessness.

The New Heights campaign includes three core components that will have a lasting impact on our community and the individuals and families we serve.

## Campaign Component Infographic (with icons)

**Title:** Your Campaign Dollars at Work

**Inventive Shelter Design** - to build out and furnish the new and temporary spaces.

**Removing Barriers For Those Most In Need** - to hire a full-time case manager to support the 10 individuals living in the new building's permanent supportive housing apartments with chronic issues such as health, employment, and education.

**Innovative New Services** - to implement new approaches to ending homelessness, including interventions that increase the success rate for achieving stable housing and to decrease the length of shelter.

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# We Need You!

We will only achieve New Heights with the support of our community. You are an integral part of every milestone our clients reach while overcoming homelessness and its attendant challenges.

Together, let's work to support the homeless men, women, and children who need our help today, and better serve those who will need us for years to come.

**Please consider a generous contribution today.**



TO ACHIEVE NEW HEIGHTS, WE NEED  
**\$1 MILLION**  
FROM GENEROUS DONORS LIKE YOU

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All campaign gifts above \$5,000 will be included on a special donor wall to be dedicated in our renovated shelter.

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