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October e-News

Please join us tonight,
Thursday, October 8th!

For a virtual event
to benefit Carpenter's Shelter & the
Annual Octoberfest Online Auction!



"Take Out to Give Back" our first ever virtual event will allow everyone to support Carpenter's from the safety of their home. Participants can take part in the event by buying tickets or by ordering a meal on October 8th. There's still time to visit our [website](#) to purchase your ticket today! Ticket options and prices listed below.

- Become a TO2GB Host Committee Sponsor for [\\$300](#)
- Purchase an individual ticket for [\\$50](#)

Participants will receive the Zoom link invitation by email later today at 1:00pm.

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Quick Calendar

October 8th: "Take Out to Give Back" A virtual event to support Carpenter's Shelter
Time: 6:00pm

Octoberfest Online Auction Live auction begins at 7:00pm and ends on October 22nd at 11:59pm

October 12th: Indigenous Peoples' Day & Columbus Day

October 20th: Volunteer Orientation! Please join us for our monthly volunteer orientation. If you would like to attend, join our Community Relations Manager Jamila Smith between 6:00-7:00 pm on Zoom by clicking [here](#).

Cloud-Based Data Security Breach

This summer a security breach happened with Blackbaud, a cloud-based

Join Shannon Steene, Executive Director and Jennifer Poersch, CS Board member, you'll be one of the first to take a tour of our brand new building, preview Octoberfest Online auction items and meet one our residents.

Carpenter's Shelter is proud to partner with:



The Octoberfest Online Auction opens at 7:00pm, immediately following the TOTGB program.



We'll offer a wide variety of specialty items, a signed Capital's jersey, jewelry, a night on the town, a weekend getaway, resort vacations, and much more.

So, bid high and remember to check your bids often. You can sign up to receive an alert when someone has outbid you. New items will be added periodically.

The auction will be up and running through October 22nd. Remember the holidays are around the corner, consider purchasing gifts for your family and friends.

Honoring CS Board Member, Norine Lyons

fundraising software used by Carpenter's Shelter. Blackbaud's breach happened on February 7, 2020 and went undetected until May 14, 2020. However, the organizations that use the cloud-based data management software system were not notified of any breach until July 2020.

Blackbaud has assured all impacted organizations that the breach did not access any information such as social security numbers, credit card or bank account information. Some giving history regarding our donors may have been included.

On September 29th, Blackbaud informed Carpenter's Shelter that after the initial ransomware attack, they continued their investigation, which revealed a subset of customers who have been affected further than they previously anticipated. Blackbaud is in direct contact with those organizations. Blackbaud confirmed that Carpenter's Shelter is **NOT** one of those organizations more substantially affected by the breach.

The official statement from Blackbaud that was shared with its customers states, "We value every social good organization that is a part of the Blackbaud family and we sincerely apologize to our customers for the disruption caused."

Carpenter's Shelter is troubled by the breach and takes seriously our practices with donor privacy. For more information, please see our full Donor Privacy Policy at this [link](#). If you have questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact Monise Quidley, Director of Development, by [email](#) or by phone at (703) 548-7500.

Below are a few words from our CS Board of Directors Chair, Edith Bullard

"We and all of Carpenter's Shelter lost a true champion this week. Nora left her mark on Carpenter's Shelter through her gifts of time, talent and treasure. Nora selflessly provided pro bono services both in one-on-one and group settings. When particularly traumatic events happened, Nora was at the top of the short list of seasoned professionals the Shelter reached out to for support. Happy to help in specific situations yet also hoping to have a positive systemic influence, Nora led a task team focused specifically on how to build the capacity and mental health support available to residents and staff."

Nora's volunteer engagement continued to deepen and she was invited onto the board of directors in early 2020. Stepping into a governance role, Nora brought with her an understanding of the interconnection of trauma, substance abuse, mental illness and homelessness as well as practical experience supporting families and children. Even as she battled health issues Nora would occasionally reach out to me concerned that she wasn't doing enough on the board. I've never met a more committed and kind person."

Please click [here](#) to read Nora's obituary.



Norine Elisabeth Lyons
February 5, 1950 – September 30, 2020

...and counting!

Over the summer, the employees of management consulting firm, Robert Half International, Inc. participated in a company-wide wellness challenge that raised money for charities during the pandemic. Staff members from across North America and Canada participated in a virtual walk to stay active during these unprecedented times.

The Robert Half International, Inc. wellness challenge consisted of teams that competed for the highest average of steps while remaining active during the pandemic. The global teams across North America and Canada logged over 700 million steps during the four-week challenge.

When the local Alexandria office decided to participate in the wellness challenge, they agreed to invest in a local charity.



New Heights: Above and Beyond

In case you missed this last month, below is a time lapse video of the work completed over the past 1.5 years condensed into 7.5 minutes. [Click here](#) to view the video. Enjoy!



Thinking about making a Donation?

It's never too late to give! If you're able, please consider [donating](#) to Carpenter's Shelter! We thank everyone that has so generously made a donation to support our services.

Volunteering for Carpenter's!



Thanks to the crew at The Motley Fool and all of our volunteers and donors who overwhelmingly responded when we requested



The seven-member team named "No Half Steppin", walked together virtually and logged over 942,000 steps. The "No Half Steppin" team came in third place and won a grant to support a charity of their choice. The team decided to award the grant to Carpenter's Shelter.

As a part of their community outreach initiatives, Robert Half International, Inc. supports 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations in North America and registered charities in Canada, through fundraising and volunteering. The company and its employees believe it is important to support the communities where they work and live.



Several employees of the Alexandria location of Robert Half International, Inc. have volunteered at Carpenter's Shelter. The "No Half Steppin" team of seven were motivated

to make a difference in their community and believes in the Carpenter's Shelter mission. Employee Don Hank says, "We believe in the Carpenter's Shelter mission to provide shelter for the homeless and how they work to get the homeless back on their feet and into their homes." Hanks said, "My daughter Jamie has worked with Carpenter's Shelter through her Girl Scouts troop. We got to know many of the residents and employees.

Carpenter's Shelter is honored and grateful to receive the \$3,000.00 grant from Team "No Half Steppin" and Robert Half International, Inc. Many thanks and congratulations to team "No Half Steppin"! Thanks for choosing Carpenter's Shelter.

comforters for our guests due to the weather change.

Thanks to our awesome community of givers, not only did we receive what we needed for our in shelter guests, we have a surplus that we can use to supply all of our guests who exit shelter to move into their new homes!

We're always looking for more volunteers, please consider donating your time to help others. [Click here](#) to sign up to volunteer today!

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