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Dear Supporter,

Now that our new fiscal year has begun, Carpenter's Shelter has the great privilege of reflecting on the successes of the previous year. From July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, you and your contributions facilitated the following client achievements:

**280** people, including **67** children lived in our year-round residential shelter

**101** households received the support needed to transition out of shelter and into permanent housing

**104** adults accessed David's Place, our day shelter, to meet their basic needs

**318** people, including **33** children resided at Winter Shelter from November to April

**132** formerly homeless adults and families participated in our post-shelter support program to help sustain their housing in the community

During the year, we also made progress on our redevelopment project, securing plan approvals, obtaining our temporary home at Macy's, and relocating residents, staff, and volunteers. We eagerly anticipate the start of construction at 930 N. Henry Street and believe that the final product--a brand new, purpose-built shelter with nearly 100 affordable apartments--will serve as a place of hope and opportunity for everyone who calls Alexandria home.

It's an exciting time to be a part of Carpenter's Shelter and we sincerely hope that you'll join us on our journey forward. Your financial support makes our work possible!

Warmest regards,  
Shannon Steene, Executive Director



# carpenter's corner

Summer 2018

## We have moved... to Landmark Mall!

It's true! Your former favorite shopping destination has become the temporary home of Carpenter's Shelter's residents, volunteers, and staff while we undertake a major redevelopment of our property at 930 N. Henry Street.

On June 8th and 9th, we loaded moving trucks, journeyed to the West End, and resettled, bringing every service with us. Our renovated space allows for uninterrupted services, which means that clients in need can still access our 60-bed residential shelter; David's Place, our day shelter; The City of Alexandria Winter Shelter Collaborative; employment and education support; and our free onsite medical clinic.



Our friends at The Howard Hughes Corporation generously offered us the space, waiving base rent, for the duration of the 18-month demolition and reconstruction process.



## Growing to New Heights

In our efforts to prevent and end homelessness, we assess every resident's unique struggles with housing instability. Time and again, residents report that the high cost and scarcity of affordable housing in Alexandria are major barriers to independence. By taking on our ambitious building redevelopment project, known as

New Heights, Carpenter's Shelter aims to introduce greater opportunities into a community that so many hope to call home. When our brand new facility opens in 2020, it will feature all of our current services as well as...



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5701-D Duke Street  
Alexandria, VA 22304



We will operate the shelter and provide services to the 10 permanent supportive housing tenants while our partners at the Alexandria Housing Development Corporation operate the affordable apartments, which will make up an apartment complex named The Bloom. The new building was designed to fit architecturally with the rest of the area and we know it will be a beacon of opportunity for years to come!





## Special Event Update

Each year, Carpenter's Shelter recognizes the importance of our volunteers with a special award--recognition on the Carpenter's Shelter Wall of Honor. While a stunning 1,200 volunteers give their time and talent to Carpenter's Shelter annually, only a maximum of five volunteers are eligible for this award each year. Those who receive this honor have demonstrated excellence in length of service, impact of service, leadership, and inspired solutions.

On June 13th, we hosted our final event--a Volunteer Appreciation and Building Decommissioning event--in our longtime home at 930 N. Henry Street and spent the evening recognizing two special supporters, Steph Selice and Grant Thornton!

Steph joined Carpenter's Shelter as a volunteer in October 2016 and serves as an employment and housing coach. She assists residents with developing resumes, writing cover letters, finding and applying to open job listings, examining contracts and agreements, and filling out paperwork related to insurance, social security, and more! Steph is always willing to go above and beyond, staying as late as necessary to help residents address their concerns. She is a remarkable asset to the Carpenter's Shelter team and a role model to us all!

Grant Thornton is among our most valuable corporate partners and has consistently connected staff members with Carpenter's Shelter for more than 13 years! Grant Thornton's volunteer corps, currently led by Alex Hines and Ali Brody, contributes one meal per month and always brings returning and new volunteers with them in order to sustain their commitment to our residents. They also spearheaded the major task of early morning set up for Carpenter's Cook-Off 2018! Carpenter's Shelter has witnessed firsthand how Grant Thornton's volunteering efforts reflect their great workplace professionalism.



Executive Director Shannon Steene with recipient Steph Selice and Volunteer Coordinator April Shroeder.



Shannon Steene with Alex Hines, Robert Shea, and Ali Brody of Grant Thornton and April Shroeder.

## Become a Volunteer!

Feel inspired? Join the Carpenter's Shelter volunteer team! Opportunities include front desk coverage, meal preparation, facilitating youth activities, and much more! Shifts can easily fit your schedule and getting started is simple! Just visit [www.CarpentersShelter.org/volunteer!](http://www.CarpentersShelter.org/volunteer)



Longtime volunteers Mr. Bill Willis and Joyce Douglas



A clapping crowd of supporters!



Peter and Pilar Lunt, Honorary Chairs, New Heights Campaign

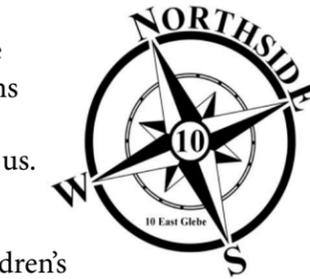


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## The Support Report

This summer, we have been fortunate enough to receive the generous support of local businesses and foundations that believe in our mission. In May, Northside 10 hosted their "Cinco de Derby" event and donated the proceeds to us.

The Maximus Foundation and Alexandria West Rotary Club awarded grants to support our employment program and children's activities, respectively. Westminster Presbyterian Church contributed funding to outfit our warming station with much needed equipment and The Bank of America Foundation contributed funding for general operating support. We have the deepest appreciation for these organizations and know they make our great work possible!



## In the News

Our recent relocation to the former Macy's at Landmark Mall has generated a lot of interest in Carpenter's Shelter and our New Heights property redevelopment project. Reporters from The New York Times, The Washington Post, BBC News, WUSA9, and other local media outlets have visited, interviewing residents and staff alike.

Have you missed some of our recent press coverage? No worries! We've got you covered! Our website features a dedicated redevelopment page with a Press tab listing every article on the project! Check it out at:

[www.CarpentersShelter.org/New-Heights](http://www.CarpentersShelter.org/New-Heights)



## Mark Your Calendars!

AUGUST 2018

AUG 15

*The Wharf*  
IMPACT EVENT

Visit The Wharf restaurant at 119 King Street in Old Town Alexandria for lunch or dinner and The Wharf will contribute 25% of their revenue for the day to Carpenter's Shelter. Bon appetit!

AUG 21

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

All new volunteers must attend a volunteer training! Email your RSVP to [AprilShroeder@CarpentersShelter.org](mailto:AprilShroeder@CarpentersShelter.org).

SEPTEMBER 2018

SEPT 15

OPEN HOUSE & DONATION DRIVE

Visit our new, temporary home at 5701D Duke Street in Alexandria! Learn more at [www.CarpentersShelter.org!](http://www.CarpentersShelter.org)