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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**CARPENTER'S SHELTER LAUNCHES NEW HEIGHTS CAMPAIGN**

Alexandria, VA (May 9, 2019) – On Thursday, May 9, 2019 Carpenter's Shelter publicly launched its New Heights Campaign geared towards raising \$2 million to build a new purpose-built shelter and affordable supportive housing units. The event was held at Purple Strategies in Old Town and was attended by many Carpenter's Shelter supporters. Since September 2018, the New Heights campaign committee quietly raised more than \$1,400,000 which is over 70% of the goal. The New Heights Campaign will allow Carpenter's Shelter to find strategic solutions to homelessness in the region by providing temporary and permanent independent housing.

At the event, New Heights Co-Chair Meghan Hendy said: "We are grateful to our early donors who have helped us reach our 70% milestone. Now as we enter the exciting public phase of the campaign we look to the larger community to join us to help our neighbors in need and support the bright future of Carpenter's Shelter. Together we can reach New Heights!"

In 2018, Carpenter's Shelter, partnering with Alexandria Housing Development Corporation (AHDC), demolished its old building at 930 N Henry Alexandria. A new shelter, underground parking, and 97 affordable apartments are being built on the property. Carpenter's Shelter will retain 10 of the apartments for permanent supportive housing occupancy. The opening of the new shelter is projected to be in June 2020.

During the redevelopment, Carpenter's Shelter has temporarily relocated at the former Macy's at Landmark Mall where it fully operates all its programs, including a 60 bed residential shelter, David's Place day shelter for chronically homeless adults, education and employment services, and Carpenter's Shelter's medical clinic.

For more information or to support the New Heights campaign, please visit www.carpentersshelter.org/new-heights

About Carpenter's Shelter

Founded in 1988, Carpenter's Shelter supports the homeless to achieve sustainable independence through shelter, guidance, education and advocacy. Each year, Carpenter's Shelter serves more than 650 homeless and formerly homeless children and adults. www.CarpentersShelter.org

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