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**March 2024**



The young children at our shelter will be able to dream and learn how to read with a new library full of books donated by [InspireLit](#), a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspire a love of reading. Thank you to InspireLit for doing a makeover of our children's library!

Having children's books available for the kids at our shelter will spark their curiosity and interest in learning to read. Having a quiet nook where a child can play, learn about the world through a picture book seems like something small but it can have a huge impact in a child's life. Thank you to InspireLit for recognizing the need.

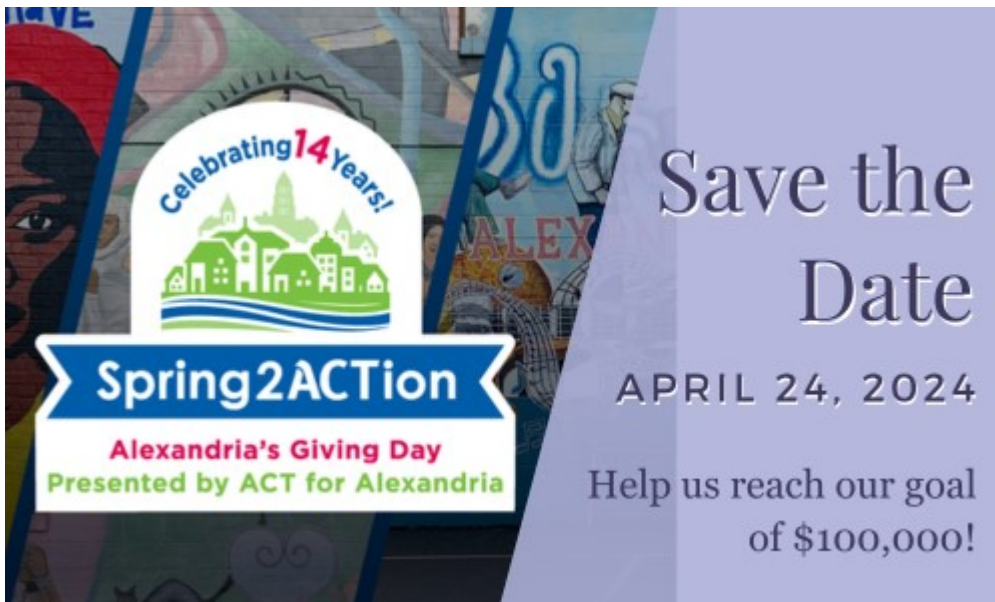


[Spring2ACTion](#), Alexandria's biggest giving day, is fast approaching on April 24, 2024. This year, Carpenter's Shelter is aiming for our most ambitious target to date: \$100,000. These funds are crucial for sustaining our comprehensive services and accommodating the increasing demands arising from our expansion in services.

A significant strategy to achieve this goal is through our Spring2ACTion matching program. We have already received a \$20,000 match fund, which plays a pivotal role by doubling the impact of other donations, thereby magnifying the support for our cause.

While we are grateful for this match fund, we also emphasize the ongoing need for more match supporters to join us. Even if becoming a match supporter isn't feasible for you, we encourage your participation on the day of the event and hope you'll consider boosting your donation, ensuring that every contribution has a greater impact.

Please contact Meghan Cole, Development Associate, at [MCole@CarpentersShelter.org](mailto:MCole@CarpentersShelter.org) or call (703)-548-7500 ext. 204 to learn more about becoming a [Spring2ACTion](#) match donor.



Early giving opens on April 10, 2024 for [Spring2ACTion](#).



Congrats to Anita\* for Shaking the Keys! After building up savings, budgeting, applying and qualifying for housing, Anita has moved into her own apartment in Arlington, VA with her two young children. [Watch the video](#) of Anita's move-in day at her apartment!

Before Anita came to Carpenter's Shelter, she was staying with a family member. Due to a family conflict, she could no longer stay there and arrived at Carpenter's Shelter. Anita's case manager, Dyneka M., helped her to obtain childcare and a new SSI debit card. Anita and her two children lived at Carpenter's Shelter for about seven months. Anita was able to move into her new apartment due to the Rapid Re-Housing program and help from her housing locator, Lisa F.

Anita is grateful that she has the support from Carpenter's Shelter. She has received clothing for herself and her children, sheets, water bottles and diapers for daycare, and basic home necessities like an air mattress, kitchen utensils, dinner plates and cups.

When Dyneeka came to drop off home items at the apartment, Anita asked her for help in putting up the shower curtain. Anita had grown up in foster care and had never changed her own shower curtain before. This moment of being in her own apartment was brand new to her.

Anita had moments where she wanted to give up, but Carpenter's Shelter staff encouraged her that things will fall into place. She kept going, and now is settling into a new apartment due to her own determination and the dedicated work of Carpenter's Shelter staff.

\*Name changed due to privacy reasons.



## Upcoming Events:

### Virtual Volunteer Training

Tues, March 19th, 6:00 pm

Click this [link](#) to register!

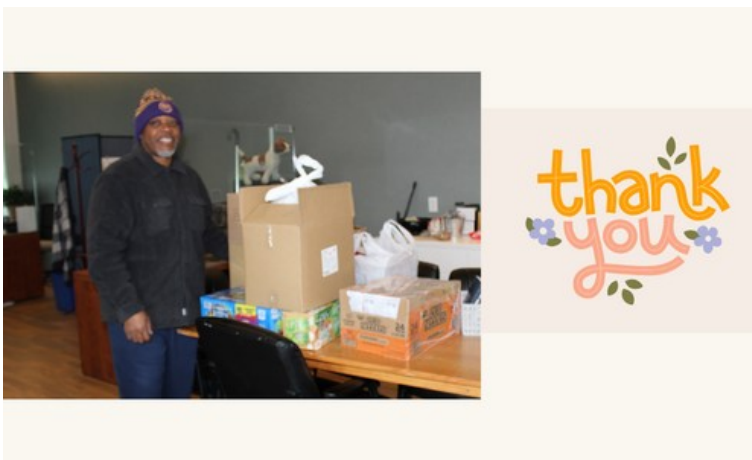
Please note that the [Volunteer Application](#) must be completed before training.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our "Fill the Fridge" campaign last week! We received many donations for our pantries, refrigerators and freezers at The Hoffman Center and Alexandria Community Shelter(ACS.) Thank you for taking the time to drop off items for our shelters!

We are only able to feed hot meals to our residents because of the generosity of the community. Thank you from all of our shelter residents and community graduates! The freezer and refrigerated meals will go towards feeding residents at both shelters. Community graduates will be able to pick up certain items from our pantries when they are in need.



Lisa was nominated for going above and beyond in helping connect those we serve to permanent housing solutions. Congratulations, Lisa!



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