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A monthly eNewsletter for the supporters of Carpenter's Homeless Shelter
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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



As economic conditions worsen, Carpenter's Shelter is experiencing a great increase in demand for our services. Our shelter beds are full with many first time homeless families. There is now a waiting list to come into the shelter and the stability of our shelter graduates who are now living in the community is being threatened by job loss and foreclosures.

We need your help now more than ever! In these difficult times, we are bracing for unprecedented need. No child deserves to be homeless. Please donate now. Simply click [here](#) to make your donation today.



SAVE THE DATE!

Carpenter's 7th Annual Cook-off

Sunday, April 26, 2009

12 noon - 3 pm @ The Birchmere (Alexandria, VA)

Join us for a family friendly afternoon of food and entertainment featuring delectable cuisine from 20 of Alexandria's finest restaurant. You and your guests will enjoy a live-band, interactive kids corner and a live auction. For more information on ticket sales or sponsorship information, contact Jasmin Witcher, Director of Development & Strategic Alliances, at 703-548-7500 ext 203 or

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL....*Don't hesitate designate*

Special thanks to all of our workplace giving partners who designated Carpenter's Shelter as the recipient of your United Way/CFC gifts. If you have not yet given but plan to give in the future, please remember our United Way # 8228/CFC #87293.

GENEROUS THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

Carpenter's Shelter gratefully acknowledges Hotel Monaco Alexandria and Jackson 20 as sponsors of our 2008 Generous Donor Reception. Special thanks to General Manager Avi Rathnakumar and the staff of Hotel Monaco for their hospitality and assistance as well as our partners at Bread and Chocolate, a La Lucia and Rosebud by Nancy Clark for the doorprizes and treats.



THE JOY OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON

The 2008 Holiday Season was a testament to the generosity and compassion of a caring community. In spite of the dire economic forecast, hundreds of individuals, congregations and businesses donated food, sponsored gifts and led holiday activities for Carpenter's children, families and adults. Because of your generosity, holiday gifts were provided for over 30 residential children, 40 adult residents, 55 David's Place members, and 25 *Aftercare* families including 55 children.

View our heart warming holiday slide show at www.carpentersshelter.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Shop for Shelter - Tuesday, May 5th 2009 @ The Weston (Alexandria)

Just in time for Mother's Day - Find that unique special gift.

Hosted by local fashion designer Tu-Anh Nguyen of [Tu-Anh's Accessories](#)

A portion of the proceeds benefits Carpenter's Shelter.