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A monthly eNewsletter for the supporters of Carpenter's Homeless Shelter
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Participating Restaurants

The Birchmere
A la Lucia
Asian Bistro
Bread & Chocolate
Buzz
DC Central Kitchen
Del Merei Grille
Evening Star
Farrah Olivia
Fireflies
Generous George's
Jackson 20
Misha's Coffeehouse
Restaurant Eve
RT's
Rustico
Southside 815
Stardust Restaurant & Grille
The Light Horse
The Warehouse Bar & Grill
The Wharf
Union Street Public House
Vermilion



Hi,

Our Homeless Families Need Your Help. Right Now.

Shelter beds are full. Homes are being lost. Too many families live one paycheck away from eviction and life on the street.

Now there's a proven, efficient way that you can make a difference.

Please join us at Carpenter's Cook-Off, Sunday April 26th.

24 Local Restaurants Confirmed to Participate in 7th Annual Carpenter's Cook-Off

We have the perfect ingredients for an afternoon of fun, food, and festivities! Join us on Sunday, **April 26 at The Birchmere** for our 7th Annual Carpenter's Cook-off. Every year, Carpenter's Cook-off attracts more than 400 guests and features some of the area's best restaurants, live entertainment by The Melonheads, a spirited live auction and an interactive kid's corner. This year, we are pleased to announce the participation of twenty-four fabulous local restaurants, including new and old favorites.

To purchase your tickets for this unforgettable event, please call 703-548-7500 ext 231.

Here's a Quick Way that You Can Support Our Families

Donate to our Auction!

Do you have season tickets for Redskins games or the Shakespeare Theater? Do you know a local celebrity who would be willing to donate his or her time for a special lunch? If so, Carpenter's Shelter needs your help! We are currently searching for unique items to be sold at a live auction for our 7th Annual Carpenter's Cook-off. From hotel stays to crab feasts to weekend getaways, we are looking for a variety of auction pieces to appeal to all tastes. If you are interested in contributing an item, please contact Kim Myers at kimmyers@carpentersshelter.org or call 703-548-7500 ext. 204.



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**Many thanks to our
7 year pro-bono
sponsors!**

Save the Date

Carpenter's Cook-off

Sunday, April 26th
12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

The Birchmere
3701 Mount Vernon Ave
Alexandria, Virginia

Shop for Shelter

A Mother's Day Shopping
Event
Saturday, May 9th

The Westin
400 Courthouse Sq.
Alexandria, VA

<http://www.tu-anh.com>

Southside 815

Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 16th
Registration is at 8am

Potomac Ridge Golf
Course
15800 Shapersville Rd
Waldorf, MD

Contact Greg or John for
more information
703.836.6222

Become a Signature Sponsor Today

Help support the 7th Annual Carpenter's Cook-off at The Birchmere by becoming a Carpenter's Shelter Signature Sponsor. Please download our [sponsorship brochure](#) and feel free to contact Jasmin Witcher, Director of Development and Strategic Alliances at jasminwitcher@carpentersshelter.org or 703-548-7500 ext. 203 with any questions.

PCI Communications

Carpenter's Shelter is grateful to the staff of PCI Communications, a PR/Communications firm located in Alexandria, VA, for donating their pro bono services to create and design our events sponsorship brochure. This past December during a press conference at the Shelter, PCI President Sam Del Brocco, was overwhelmed by the increased needs of our homeless and formerly homeless families. PCI's food drive collections filled our pantry shelves and their generous financial contribution helped to replenish our dwindling coffers. During the months of November and December, we opened our pantry doors to 57 *formerly homeless* families enabling them to fill their empty cupboards.

"First you housed me and my son for 50 days. Now you provide a wonderful food basket, filled with everything we need. God is so good to us."

-Mr. "C", an *Aftercare* client

Ready to Launch

Carpenter's website is getting a facelift! Thanks to a dedicated team of volunteers from the Taproot foundation, Carpenter's will launch its newly redesigned website next month. Log onto our site at www.carpentersshelter.org in early April to catch a peek.

I Do, I Do, I Do!

Getting married? Now you can support Carpenter's Shelter by registering with the I Do Foundation. From honeymoons to invitations to wedding gifts to charitable wedding favors, the I Do Foundation allows couples and their guests to make wedding-related purchases that generate donations for charity. The I Do Foundation's Charity Registry service also makes it easy for guests to make donations in lieu of gifts. All of these services are available free of cost at www.IDoFoundation.org. Check it out today and be sure to select Carpenter's Shelter as the beneficiary of your charitable wedding.

Tell us why you donate to Carpenter's Shelter - Its Simple and Quick

By [sharing your story](#) others will learn the reason why giving to Carpenter's is a good investment.

It will take only 3 minutes of your time and you can post anonymously. The review will also appear on GuideStar, the database featuring free internet access to information about impactful nonprofits.

Thank you for your participation and giving voice to all that we do!

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