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Carpenter's in the Media

[Bob Levy's blog, *United Way*, "Homelessness – it lives in your neighborhood"](#)

[Homeless shelter emerges from storm, braces for another](#)



Carpenter Shelter's kids enjoy the snow

Happy Valentine's Day Friend!

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Carpenter's Shelter wishes to thank all who contributed to the **2009 Annual Appeal**. Through your generosity, the appeal raised nearly \$200,000 in a very difficult economic year. Year end contributions make up 8% of our annual budget and help to sustain our vital programs and services which are providing proactive solutions to ending homelessness. With your support, we are changing lives forever!

Become a charter member of Carpenter's Shelter's Circle of Hope

Carpenter's Shelter has established its Circle of HOPE for committed donors who wish to support our mission of ending and preventing homelessness, while also engaging with the shelter through long-term participation, service and support.



Membership is established through a \$250 annual contribution, which directly supports Carpenter's Shelter's operations and programs. Contributions can be made in one payment of \$250 or can be spread out on a monthly or quarterly basis.

Please join us on Saturday, March 13th for our Circle of Hope **Open House** to tour the shelter, learn more about the Circle of HOPE and have an opportunity to become a charter member. Coffee and pastries will be provided; one lucky guest will have a chance to win a gorgeous flower arrangement door prize. Special thanks to Misha's Coffeehouse, Bittersweet and HelenOlivia for their generous donations.

Please RSVP to [Jasmin Witcher](#) by Friday, March 5th if you would like to attend.



Sunday, April 25
12 noon to 3 pm
[The Birchmere](#)

Become a Cook-Off sponsor today

Become a partner with "*one of the best small non profits in the Greater DC region*" through sponsorship of our 8th Annual Carpenter's Cook-off. Attracting nearly 400 families and individuals, Cook-off features delectable samplings from Northern Virginia's finest restaurants, a limited restaurant frenzy auction and raffle, live music, and an interactive children's corner.

Four distinctive sponsorship levels make it easy to participate and include prominent recognition during the event and in promotional materials. In addition, your sponsorship dollars will be invested in critical programming empowering homeless families and individuals to gain stability and culminating in self-sufficiency.

We need your help to reach our target sponsorship goal of \$80,000. Would you commit today to join the exclusive Saucier sponsors? Your commitment of \$1,000 entitles you to receive

five individual event tickets and a quarter page ad in the event program. In addition, your business will be recognized in our annual report, newsletter, website and post event ad.

To confirm your sponsorship support, contact Jasmin Witcher, Director of Development at 703-548-7500, ext. 203 or email [Jasmin Witcher](#)

Please [view our sponsorship brochure](#) to learn more about Carpenter's Cook-off or [visit the website](#).

Alexandria Carpet laying the groundwork for stronger families



Carpenter's Shelter commends [Alexandria Carpet One Floor and Home](#) for their exceptional commitment to giving back to the community. For over a decade, Alexandria Carpet has been a valued community partner, providing significant pro bono and financial support to Carpenter's Shelter. We began our long-time partnership with Alexandria Carpet when we purchased our current building in 1999. The company, then called Commercial Carpets of America, generously provided the flooring for the entire shelter resulting in a significant savings which allowed for the preservation of operating funds. Since then, Alexandria Carpet has provided ongoing pro bono support as needed. In addition, the company is a long-time sponsor of Carpenter's signature fundraiser events, [Carpenter's Cook-Off](#) and most recently our Urban Country Night event. We are deeply grateful to Darryl Reinke and Alexandria Carpet One for their significant pro bono and sponsorship contributions which sustain and strengthen our work to end and prevent homelessness.

With volunteer help, Carpenter's survives both blizzards of 2010

Did you know, Carpenter's Shelter has served an



average of 40 chronic homeless men and women daily through our winter shelter program through both of the recent blizzards? Beginning February 5th, the winter shelter implemented emergency operating hours and began providing shelter 24 hours a day to unsheltered individuals seeking refuge from the harsh cold weather. We are especially thankful for the incredible support of our faithful volunteers who trudged through snow and ice to cover our front desk, prepare and serve meals, assist with winter shelter intakes and assist staff as needed.

Carpenter's is very fortunate to have the support of our caring community who helped us tremendously during the snow storms.

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