



Carpenter's  
Shelter

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## Hello!

It's been a very challenging winter but now that the worst is (hopefully) over, we are ready to jump into spring with an exciting line up of activities featuring our signature fundraiser event, [Carpenter's Cook-Off](#).

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## Carpenter's Cook-Off

**Presented by The Freddie Mac Foundation**

Don't miss your opportunity to [purchase your tickets](#) for Carpenter's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Cook-off!

Join your friends, neighbors and some of Alexandria's finest chefs on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm at the [legendary Birchmere](#), where we'll be showcasing spreads – all of which you can sample! - From more than twenty of the best area restaurants.

This family-friendly event features a children's entertainment area and music from the fun-loving Melon heads. Enter for a chance to win fabulous meals at elite area restaurants in the Cook-Off restaurant raffle, and support the shelter in an exciting atmosphere full of positive energy (and delectable food)!

Ticket cost is \$40 per adult; \$5 per child (ages 6-17); 5 and under FREE!



Visit [our website](#) or call 703-548-7500, ext. 204 to purchase your tickets today!

### **Sponsorship Opportunities are still available!**

Join Mirant Mid-Atlantic, The Velsor Companies, M & T Bank and other leading businesses who have pledged their support as 2010 Cook-off Sponsors. [View our sponsorship brochure](#) to learn how you too can become a Carpenter's Cook-off Sponsor.

### **Circle of HOPE**

The [Circle of HOPE](#) charter membership is growing! A few weeks ago we announced the news that Carpenter's Shelter, with support from an energized group of Alexandria moms, would launch The Circle of HOPE.

Our vision for HOPE is to bring together Alexandria families and individuals who wish to support Carpenter's Shelter's mission of ending and preventing homelessness, while also developing a closer relationship with the Shelter, its programs, and residents through HOPE membership

**Over the last two weeks, ten individuals have already committed to membership and nearly 40 people have subscribed to our HOPE list serve.** (email Jasmin Witcher, Director of Development at [jasminwitcher@carpentersshelter.org](mailto:jasminwitcher@carpentersshelter.org) to be automatically added to the list serve).

There is still space available at our Circle of HOPE Open House. Please join us on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 11:30 am for a tour of the facility and to learn more about the shelter and meet other concerned Alexandria families and individuals. In addition, you will have the opportunity to become a charter member with a \$250 gift or pledge. Send your RSVP to [Jasmin Witcher](#) by Monday, March 8th.

### **ExxonMobil CSJP Internship**

Carpenter's Shelter is pleased to announce that we have once again been selected as a host agency for the prestigious [ExxonMobil Community Summer Jobs Program \(CSJP\)](#). Funding from ExxonMobil will subsidize an eight week internship position in our Development Office.

We are in search of a bright and energetic college sophomore, junior or senior to serve as a **Special Events Assistant**. The paid internship offers a stipend of \$2,750 and will run from June 14 through August 6, 2010 with an average of 35 hours per week minimum. Key responsibilities will



include:

- Assisting in recruitment of new sponsors and maintaining a dialogue with previous sponsors
- Assisting in the development and distribution of event promotional materials
- Inputting and updating information in our donor database
- Help organize, coordinate and participate in development committee meetings.

This is a great opportunity to build your resume, gain professional experience and learn how an award winning nonprofit works. Preference will be given to applicants with an interest in homelessness, poverty and nonprofit work. To view the full position description visit our Carpenter's [employment page](#) or email [jasminwitcher@carpentersshelter.org](mailto:jasminwitcher@carpentersshelter.org).

### Save the Date

Shop at Whole Foods on Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and see how the simple act of purchasing your groceries can empower homeless individuals to transform their lives.

You'll enjoy a fun and exciting tasting event from 5-7 pm and an opportunity to learn more about how you can make a difference in the fight to end homelessness. And best of all, Whole Foods will donate 5% of the day's sales to Carpenter's Shelter. Mark your calendar and come support Northern Virginia's largest homeless shelter!



Wednesday, April 7, 2010  
Whole Foods 5% Donation Day  
1700 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA

### Did you Know?

Governor McDonnell's proposed budget bill would **reduce state homeless funds by an estimated 28 percent in year one** (fiscal year 2011) and **an estimated 41 percent\*\* in year two** (fiscal year 2012). Former Governor Kaine laid out \$2.3 billion in cuts through mid-2012 to close a shortfall estimated at more than \$4 billion. These cuts would have a devastating impact on critical programs that support homeless families and individuals and prevent vulnerable families from falling through the cracks and returning to homelessness. Read more at the [Washington Examiner](#).

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