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Happy Spring!

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8th Annual Carpenter's Cook-Off

Carpenter's Shelter is celebrating another successful Cook-off, thanks to our generous event sponsors, featured restaurants, raffle and in-kind donors, volunteers and attendees. Because of you, Carpenter's Cook-off raised \$82,000 to benefit homeless children and families.

Hosted by The Birchmere, Carpenter's 8th Annual Cook-off attracted more than 400 guests to sample the culinary delights of 23 of Alexandria's finest restaurants and enjoy the festivities of the day. Highlights included live music by the Melonheads; an entertaining Kid's Corner sponsored by Peeps & Company; the always popular Kid's dance and air guitar contests; and a lively restaurant raffle followed by a special appeal to help send Carpenter's kids to camp.

Congratulations to **Del Merei Grille**



Carpenter's gratefully acknowledges the 23 participating restaurants who make Carpenter's Cook-off such a great event.

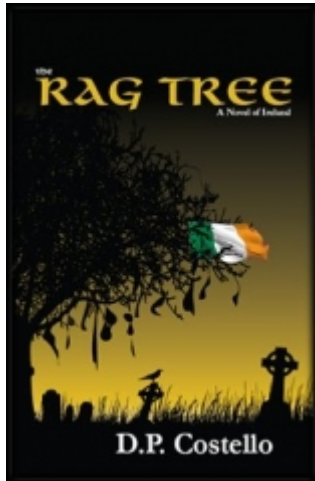
a la Lucia, The Birchmere, Bittersweet, BRABO, Bread & Chocolate, Columbia Firehouse, Del Merei Grille, Dishes of India, Fireflies, Fish Market, Geranio Ristorante, Jackson 20, The Light Horse, The Majestic, misha's Coffehouse, Pork Barrel BBQ, Restaurant Eve, Rustico, Southside 815, Tempo Restaurant, Union Street Public

who won the People's Choice Award and **Bread & Chocolate** who was selected as the Kid's Choice. **Tempo Restaurant** won the award for Best Dressed Restaurant with their Alice in Wonderland table theme.

Special thanks to the **The Freddie Mac Foundation** and [all of our sponsor partners](#) for their significant contributions and support as well as **Ridgewells** and **ABCO** for 8 years of in-kind support.

House, The Warehouse Bar & Grill, The Wharf

We hope you will patronize these businesses throughout the year. Also, be sure to check our [website](#) on Friday, May 21st to view our 2010 Cook-off Slideshow.



Taste of Ireland to benefit Carpenter's Shelter *Rescheduled for May 18th*

Please join us for this long-awaited festive evening of Irish food and culture featuring author, [Danny Costello](#).

[McGinty's Pub Arlington](#)

3650 South Glebe Road

May 18th

5:30pm to 9:00pm

20% of all food proceeds will benefit children and families served by Carpenter's

Shelter's life-changing programming. For more information, visit www.carpentersshelter.org or call 703.548.7500, ext. 203.

Whole Foods Shopper's Make a Sweet Difference



Thank you for shopping at Whole Foods Market, Alexandria on April 7th for their 5% Day fundraiser benefitting Carpenter's Shelter. We were pleased to see so many of our volunteers, business partners and other supporters come out to support our efforts. Many shoppers stopped by our table to learn more about Carpenter's mission and programming. And, with your support, we raised \$5,500 in needed funds to help homeless adults and families rebuild their lives.



Motley Fool Honored at Volunteer Alexandria's Annual Business Philanthropy Summit

Carpenter's Shelter salutes The Motley Fool on their 2010 Business Philanthropist of the Year Award presented by Spring for Alexandria. The Fools were nominated by CS for their significant volunteer contributions toward ending and preventing homelessness in Alexandria by facilitating financial literacy classes for Carpenter's shelter residents and shelter graduates. *Congratulations Motley Fool and thank you for your partnership and support.*

Did you know.....

Carpenter's Shelter's recently released FY 2009 [Annual Report is now available online](#). Read our annual report to learn more about our award-winning programming, achievements and financial management.

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