



Carpenter's
Shelter

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Happy Summer!
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A Message from Executive Director, Lissette Bishins

It's hard to believe I've just completed my third week as Carpenter's Executive Director. I am honestly honored to have the opportunity to work with so many committed staff, volunteers and partners continuing Carpenter's Shelter tradition of excellence. I look forward to meeting and working with each of you. Feel free to reach out to me, my email is lissettesbishins@carpentersshelter.org.



Carpenter's Shelter Center of Learning Building Dedication

Construction has finished and Carpenter's is now enjoying the addition of our beautiful new counseling rooms and classrooms. The addition of counseling rooms will allow our clients to enjoy privacy while working with our comprehensive, goal-oriented case management team. The new classrooms will enhance our education program and help Carpenter's to achieve its goal of self-sufficiency for our homeless and formerly homeless clients. Carpenter's was pleased to celebrate its Center of Learning Building Dedication on July 8th at 10 am!

Carpenter's would like to thank the many wonderful community supporters that have made this renovation possible: ACECO, LLC, Atlantic Building Supply, Inc., Buhl Electric Company, Inc., Burgess Lighting Company, Breeden Heating and Air, Inc., Burgers Cabinets,

Century Tile, Inc., Commercial Carpets of America, Inc., Eastern Applicators, Inc., Home Plus Inc., Frye Masonry, Livingston Fire Protection, Inc., META Engineers, MOI, Peed Plumbing, Inc., Potomac Recycling, Rust Orling Architecture, Southland



Taking Steps to End Homelessness

Fannie Mae's Help the Homeless Walkathon is just around the corner! This year, more than ever, we need your help to raise critical funds to support our work of stabilizing homeless families. Will you and your friends/family help? Here are a few easy ways you can make a difference:

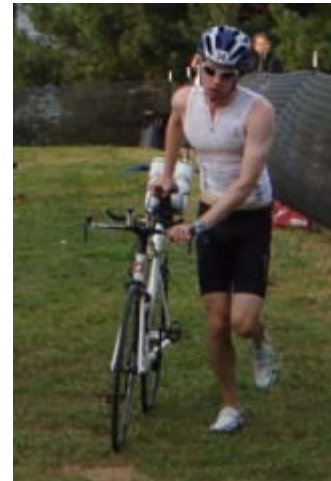
1. Register to host a Mini-Walk to benefit Carpenter's Shelter. This year, the Mini-Walk program has been expanded. They will begin as early as July and now include high schools, universities and university clubs, boys and girls clubs, summer camps and programs, and community organizations (police stations, fire stations, hospitals, libraries).
2. This year, you can register your dog as a walker and make a donation in his/her honor.
3. Ask your company to become a Help the Homeless Sponsoring Partner and direct your funds to Carpenter's Shelter. 100% of all partner sponsorships go directly to your organization of choice.
4. Register for the Carpenter's Shelter Community Walk (date TBA) and/or the Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon on the National Mall on Saturday, November 20th.

For more information on how to get involved or to learn more on how you can participate, contact Jasmin Witcher, Director of Development at jasminwitcher@carpentersshelter.org or call 703-548-7500, ext. 203.

140 Miles for Homelessness

Carpenter's Shelter has developed a strategic partnership with Peer Insight – an Alexandria firm which works to bring innovative ideas and strategies to other businesses. As a company, Peer Insight emphasizes the importance of community involvement through service, which is how it first became involved in Carpenter's Shelter. In the past, Peer Insight employees have volunteered at Carpenter's Shelter, initially through the Spring for Alexandria service event. These volunteers have since returned to serve lunch at the shelter and to take a group of children out to the movies.

Peer Insight volunteer Carl Fudge recently presented Carpenter's Shelter with another wonderful opportunity. In August, Carl will be competing in his first Ironman triathlon in Kentucky. As part of his triathlon, he will be raising money for Carpenter's Shelter. Go support Carl in his triathlon and effort to raise money for Carpenter's Shelter at his fundraising page, [here](#).



Did you know An active member of CS Aftercare program and formerly homeless client recently joined the City of Alexandria's Master Housing Plan Task Force that will be instrumental in forming affordable housing policy for the City for years to come? To learn more about Carpenter's Aftercare program, [visit our website](#)