



# Carpenter's Shelter

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## Sign Up to Volunteer in October

To sign up for a volunteer opportunity and see the monthly calendar please visit [www.carpentersshelter.org](http://www.carpentersshelter.org) and follow these simple steps.

1. Click volunteer
2. Click Volunteer Login
3. Login using your username and password
4. Click My Schedule
5. In the blue box click on the drop down menu to view volunteer tasks.
6. Click on Help Wanted and schedule yourself!

Carpenter's is in search of a special volunteer to take laundry to the Alexandria Jail House to be cleaned. The volunteer must have a car or valid driver's license and commit to one afternoon a week.

## October 2010

Happy Fall! This is the new and improved Carpenter's monthly newsletter and will include both volunteer information AND shelter updates. In this issue...

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## It's time to sign up for Carpenter's Community Walk!

The walk will begin at **10 am on Saturday, October 23**. The walk will feature a **martial arts demonstration** with **Beryong Martial Arts Academy**, a visit from the **Alexandria Fire Department**, and a visit from local **Ironman Carl Fudge!**

Fill out a [registration form](#) and return to Maureen Ford. Registration is **\$15 for youth** and **\$25 for adults** and includes a t-shirt and an awareness wristband! Checks should be made out to Fannie Mae Help the Homeless/CFNCR. Don't want to walk but still want to support Carpenter's? [Sponsor a client](#) for \$25.



## October Needs List

Tool Kit  
Metro Fare Cards/tokens  
Umbrellas  
Bar soap  
Female sanitary napkins  
Coffee (ground)  
Tea  
Toothpaste(travel and full size)  
Deodorant  
Razors  
New adult socks  
Grocery Gift Cards  
Cereal  
Diapers -Sizes 4-6  
Children's Snacks  
New adult underwear  
Flour  
Sugar  
Laundry Detergent  
Sponges

## Volunteer Spotlight

People celebrate their birthdays in many different ways. Some break piñatas, plan a weekend getaway, or rent a moon bounce. Birthdays are about creating cherished memories with friends and family and people look forward to it every year.

For her 8th birthday, Alison asked guests to bring items to benefit the local homeless shelter rather than receiving gifts.

Alison's friends, family and neighbors collected over 200 toiletry items which she proudly carried into the shelter last week. Years from now when Alison looks back to think about the best birthday she had we hope she remembers the year she made some else's day a little easier. Carpenter's would like to thank Alison for celebrating her birthday with us and looking into the future we can't wait to see how she will continue to help end homelessness one birthday at a time.

## Holidays around the Shelter

The last few months are by far the busiest time of the year and we rely on generous community members to pitch in so our clients can have a wonderful holiday season.

- Halloween – Approximately 20 children need Halloween costumes.
- Thanksgiving- In addition to providing meaningful meals 365 a year Carpenter's hands out about 60 Thanksgiving baskets and allows our Aftercare clients to “shop” in our food pantry.
- Christmas – Please e-mail Courtney Bishop [courtneybishop@carpentersshelter.org](mailto:courtneybishop@carpentersshelter.org) if you would like to participate in holiday giving.

Volunteers are also needed for David's Place,

Children's Hour, the front desk and Hypothermia Shelter. [Click here](#) to complete an application.

## **REMINDER: Macy's Shop for a Cause**

Remember to buy your shopping pass for \$5 and enjoy **20% savings at Macy's on Saturday, October 16**. 100% of the proceeds go directly to support Carpenter's Shelter. We have already sold 100 passes--help us reach our goal of 200 passes sold! Contact Maureen Ford, [maureenford@carpentersshelter.org](mailto:maureenford@carpentersshelter.org) (703) 548-7500 x 226 to buy a shopping pass!

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