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In March 2009, in response to the growing number of *Aftercare* clients on the brink of returning to homelessness, Carpenter's Board of Directors approved the release of a \$50,000 "rainy day" emergency fund to help subsidize clients' rents and utilities.

Carpenter's Homeless Intervention Prevention (CHIP) program will provide needed financial support and services to enable formerly homeless families and individuals to remain in the community as they struggle to find new work or secure other services. Working in partnership with the City of Alexandria, our Case Management team will insure that funds are distributed appropriately to those clients who are not otherwise receiving City services or subsidies.

The CHIP program is just one of the ways Carpenter's Shelter is using your generous donations to prevent repeated episodes of homelessness among shelter graduates.

Carpenter's 7th Annual Cook-Off



Join us on Sunday, April 26 from 12 noon to 3 pm at The Birchmere for a family-friendly afternoon of live music, delectable food, children's activities, and a live auction! **All proceeds from the Cook-off benefit children and families in our Transitional Services programs**, most of whom are especially hard-hit by the economic crisis.

Have you purchased your tickets yet? Ticket cost is just \$40 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-17. Children five and under are FREE. [Purchase tickets online](#) and please specify "Carpenter's Cook-Off" as the program designation. To purchase by phone call 703-548-7500, ext. 231.

Be the First to Preview Our Live Cook-Off Auction Items

Dinner with a Legend - Helen Thomas

Enjoy a fascinating conversation with Helen Thomas, the legendary former White House correspondent and current syndicated columnist and author over dinner at Alexandria's a la Lucia.



A Fourth to Remember

Two tickets to the Kennedy Center Fourth of July Rooftop Celebration which includes food, drink, music and fireworks; One night stay in a Capitol Corner Suite at the Fairmont Washington Hotel (taxes and gratuities included) for Saturday, July 4, 2009.

Get Crabby on the Bay

Captain Lee Fifer will take a chartered sunset cruise for 6 people on the Chesapeake Bay aboard the Leesar, a 1951 classic wood power boat followed by a crab feast (includes crabs, corn on the cob, beer, sodas) at Tydings on the Bay, located near Sandy Point State Park, Maryland.



These unforgettable experiences and more await you at Carpenter's 7th Annual Cook-off. Don't miss out!

For more information, visit our [website](#) or email Jasmin Witcher, Director of Development and Strategic Alliances at jasminwitcher@carpentersshelter.org.

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