



Hi!

Carpenter's Shelter extends a special note of thanks to the 50 guests who came to dinner at Busboys and Poets in support of the shelter.

Guests not only enjoyed delicious food but also great conversation

with Carpenter's Executive Director, Fran Becker. Five percent of the evening's profits benefited Carpenter's Shelter and needed donations of cereal, juice and coffee were also collected.

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## **Save the Date**

Join Carpenter's Shelter for its second annual

Urban Country Night...on the Runway

Guests will spend one night on the runway....toward many more nights in a home.

Saturday, Sept 26, 2009, 7:00-11:00 pm

at Reagan Washington National Airport, Historic Terminal A

Bring your friends and join us for this unforgettable evening where East Coast style meets the Wild West. The event features both a live and silent auction, live music, dancing and delectable food. Ticket cost is \$125 per person.

[Buy a Table](#): invite your friends to a great evening for a great cause

[Buy Tickets Now](#): seats are limited so purchase your tickets now!

[Contribute Auction Items](#): donate rare and unique auction items



### **Aftercare Picnic: Formerly Homeless Families are Thriving**

The theme for our 2009 Aftercare Betterment Class (ABC) series for *Aftercare* families was "More than surviving, we're thriving." On a beautiful Saturday afternoon in July more than one hundred *Aftercare* children and adults came together to show off the fact that they indeed are thriving, despite the economic recession and a previous episode of homelessness.

Carpenter's Annual Aftercare Picnic was held on Saturday, July 25 at Chinguapin Park and drew *Aftercare* families from Alexandria to as far as Woodbridge to benchmark another year of successful independent living. This fun filled celebration included children's games, sports, a watermelon-eating contest, face painting, and t-shirt decorating. This year's Education Award recipients were recognized during a special ceremony.

### **Ask your employer about Workplace Giving now!**

Did you know that your donation to Carpenter's Shelter could be doubled or even tripled through the Workplace Giving Campaign?! Now more than ever, the success of the shelter depends on you. Carpenter's Shelter is confident that "Education is the key" to enhancing our clients' quality of life - and your support makes this campaign possible. Several companies offer matching gifts so that donations of any amount can do so much. Please contact your Human Resources department for more information about this exciting possibility. We hope you continue to support Carpenter's Shelter and encourage your family and friends to do the same!

Please take advantage of Workplace Giving by contributing to the shelter using these codes: CFC #87293 or United Way #8228. Contact Jasmin Witcher, Director of Development and Strategic Alliances, at 703-548-7500 ext. 203 or [jasminwitcher@carpentersshelter.org](mailto:jasminwitcher@carpentersshelter.org) for more information!

## Community Partnership Highlight

With the help of our many donors, volunteers and community partners, Carpenter's is ending homelessness, one child, one family at a time. Fiona's story illustrates how one little girl turned her concerns about homeless children and families into action.

While most five year olds are busy mastering the alphabet and learning to read and write, one little girl has been busy at work on a special project helping homeless children and families. Alexandria resident Amy Donovan and her 5 year old daughter Fiona, recently began selling specially designed note cards to their family and friends. These note cards feature Fiona's original artwork. The idea came about in response to Fiona's desire to find some way to help find homes for the homeless. Since June, Fiona has raised \$600 and counting for Carpenter's Shelter. "We are doing our best to help Fiona understand the word "philanthropy" and how giving can improve the quality of life for individuals, families and communities," said Fiona's mother, Amy Donovan. Fiona remains hard at work packaging orders and making deliveries. To view Fiona's cards and learn more about her story, visit [Fiona's Cards](#).

## Fall Development Intern Needed!

We are looking for qualified students to help us plan and organize our two fall fundraising events. Applicants must be a sophomore, junior or senior currently enrolled full time in an accredited college or university. This internship will involve a wide range of responsibilities and will also offer a great professional experience to those interested! Please contact our Director of Development, Jasmin Witcher, at 703-548-7500 ext. 203 or [jasminwitcher@carpentersshelter.org](mailto:jasminwitcher@carpentersshelter.org) if you have any questions or would like more information about this exciting opportunity!

## Did you know...

Five families including nine children were stabilized this past year in our Transitional Housing (TH) program in the Lynhaven apartments located in North Alexandria? TH offers four units of long-term housing for residential shelter graduates as well as continued case management, life skills, and financial literacy through our *Aftercare* program for up to two years.

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