



Thank you to everyone who came out to support Carpenter's Shelter at our recent *Shop for Shelter* and *Southside 815 Charity Golf Tournament* fundraiser events. These events were hosted by friends of the Shelter and helped to raise needed funds to strengthen and support our homeless children, families and adults.

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### **Save the Date**

#### **Urban Country Night...on the Runway**

Bring your friends and join us for this incomparable evening where East Coast style meets the Wild West on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at Reagan National Airport, Historic Terminal A. Featuring a live and silent auction, live band and delectable food. Ticket cost is \$125 per person and corporate sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information call 703.548.7500, ext. 203.



### **Shelter News**

#### **Congratulations to our Strategic Partners!**

[Grant Thornton](#) and [The Motley Fool](#), were

recently recognized by the Washington Business Journal as one of the Best Places to Work in Greater Washington.

### **Carpenter's expands clinical services**

Volunteer medical professions manage Carpenter's Shelter's on-site medical clinic, providing free health care services and education to clients in our residential and drop-in shelters.

Thanks to recent grant funding from [St. Margaret's](#) and [Good Shepherd Catholic Church](#), we are enhancing our clinic services by offering preventative health care exams, lab work, follow-up exams and referrals, and prescriptions for uninsured adults. In addition, we hope to adequately supply 25 chronic illness clients and 75 acute illness clients with medications for one year.



### **Carpenter's Homeless Intervention Program (CHIP)**

Carpenter's Homeless Intervention Program (CHIP) is a new board initiative that is preventing a return to homelessness. Here's a snapshot of how your contribution helps us:

Single mother of two, Joan B\*, left the shelter just two years ago greatly motivated and full of hope. She had saved diligently for many months in order to move her family into their own apartment and had secured a good-paying job as a government contractor. Everything was going along fine until the recession hit and Ms. B's job began reducing employee hours. Ms. B struggled to pay her rent and other bills. She quickly exhausted her modest savings and spiraled into debt, damaging her already tarnished credit history. Although she sought assistance from city services she was unable to qualify for benefits such as food stamps and low income housing based on her income. She was on the verge of eviction when she applied and received CHIP funds that stopped her eviction.

Ms. B is one of four families who have received help through the CHIP program which provides rental assistance and other emergency funds. The CHIP program was initiated in March 2009, with \$50,000 from our reserve funds and the Community Foundation's Neighbors in Need Fund grant.

*\* Clients name has been changed*

### **Carpenter's Chosen as One of the Best by Catalogue for Philanthropy**

Carpenter's Shelter is pleased to announce that we have been selected to be featured in the 2009/10 Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington. Carpenter's is one of sixty-eight exceptional nonprofits chosen this year from a field of over 250 applicants.

Now in its seventh year, the Catalogue selects and showcases charities with budgets below \$3 million based on standards of excellence, innovation, cost-effectiveness and financial transparency. According to Barbara Harman, Executive Director of the Harman Family Foundation and President of the Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater

Washington, "The Catalogue Is designed to be a showcase for high impact, DC-region non-profits, and an inviting way for individuals and families to participate in charitable giving. In the midst of the worst economic downturn we have seen in decades, supporting these organizations - which make a big difference in the lives of people throughout our community."



## **Make a Difference in a Child's Life Today**

Help Carpenter's Shelter through a donation to our 20th Anniversary Appeal to give a hand to homeless children and families in our community. A gift to Carpenter's Shelter today will provide these families with hope for a brighter tomorrow.

### **3 Easy Ways You Can Help**

1. Click [here](#) to make your donation today.
2. Ask your friends and family to give
3. Consider making a pledge - payable monthly or quarterly

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