



Happy Thanksgiving!

Did you know that 25 children ranging in age from 8 weeks to 15 years their Thanksgiving dinner at Carpenter's Shelter this year? While we believe no child deserves to be homeless, we strive to create a sense of normalcy and stability among our youngest residents. Through our Child and Family Support program, we work to insure that the emotional, developmental and social needs of the children are addressed.

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Did you know...You can make a difference by participating in Carpenter's Thanksgiving basket drive?

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is November 15-21. Each year, the National Coalition on Homelessness and the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness co-sponsor National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

During this week, schools, communities and cities throughout the nation work to bring a greater awareness to the issue of hunger and homelessness. Here at Carpenter's Shelter, we recognize the importance of this week and encourage our volunteers and supporters to get involved and help make a difference.

One easy way you can make a difference is by participating in Carpenter's Thanksgiving Basket Drive. Consider sponsoring a food drive in your community or skipping lunch for a day and instead of purchasing lunch, donate the money you would have spent toward purchasing an item from our needs list. Your donation will help to provide a complete holiday meal for a family in need. Not only are clients in need of a one-time meal but many of our shelter graduates are requesting help throughout the year. This year, the need is greater than ever! With your assistance, you can make a difference not just for a week, but for a lifetime in the lives of Alexandria's homeless individuals. Please contact Allison Clausen to participate.



Holiday gifts open doors - Give the gift of one night at the Shelter

Each year, our community provides significant and generous donations that Carpenter's Shelter's families experience a warm, safe and bright holiday season! This November and December, we ask our community of supporters to consider making a different kind of contribution: sponsoring one night of shelter. Your gift can open doors for one night of shelter, services and education for hundreds of children, families and adults in need.

Visit [our website](#) to learn more about our giving levels. Give a gift in honor of your friends and family and we will send a card acknowledging your donation.

Community Partnership Highlight

Thank you to [Grace Community Church](#) for donating the proceeds from their 6th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the children and families of Carpenter's Shelter. The tournament raised approximately \$4,000 and drew more than 100 participants. Thank you again for being a valued partner in our work to end and prevent homelessness.



Trick and Treats for the Kids

Last month, volunteers from [C.B. Richard Ellis](#) and [DC Metro church](#) hosted Halloween parties for Carpenter's kids, in which children wore Halloween costumes donated by the church and other caring individuals in the community, decorated their own pumpkin and celebrated the evening by trick or treating on the women and men's units. It was a Halloween we won't soon forget. Thank you to our generous community partners and volunteers who support our children's needs and helped to create a fun and normal Halloween.

Save the Date

[Break-a-thon](#)

Saturday, November 21

12 noon – 2 pm

[Cora Kelly Recreation Center](#) (25 West Reed Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22305)

Join the [Be Ryone Academy](#) for a fun action-packed day of martial arts demonstrations featuring the Beryone crew and board breaking competitions. Admission is free but there is a cost to purchase boards for the competition.

All proceeds from the break-a-thon will benefit Carpenter's Shelter and the Cora Kelly Recreation Center.

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