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Carpenter's Shelter is grateful to our generous patrons, sponsors, supporters and event volunteers who helped to make our 2nd Annual Urban Country Night... *on the Runway* an unprecedented success! Nearly 250 guests donned their cowboy hats and boots and moseyed down to Historic Terminal A at Reagan National Airport on a Saturday evening to support Carpenter's Shelter and enjoy one night on the runway toward many more nights in a home for Alexandria's

homeless. The event raised more than \$40,000 to benefit homeless children, families and adults and included a VIP cocktail reception, an exciting live and extensive silent auction, live entertainment by The Melonheads and delectable food samplings by Ridgewells Caterers. In a very difficult year, we doubled the funds raised from 2008 and successfully met our fundraising goal. To view a complete list of our UCN corporate and table sponsors, please visit our [website](#).

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Carpenter's Shelter's community walk to end family homelessness

Sunday, October 25, 2009

Registration begins at 1:30 pm in R & B Heating and Air Parking Lot ([1710 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria](#))

Bring your friends and family and join us as we take steps to end family homelessness. Register today for our Community Walk to End Family Homelessness in partnership with the Del Ray Halloween Parade. The cost of registration is \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth (ages 25 and under). To download a copy of the registration form visit <http://e2ma.net/go/6526032237/208025850/208993858/goto:http://www.carpentersshelter.org/> or call (703) 548-7500, ext. 203 for more information. If you can't walk with us but want to help, send a check payable to Help the Homeless to sponsor a child or family in our residential shelter.



Calling all golfers

Mark your calendar and come join our friends at Grace Community Church for their 6th Annual Golf Tournament which will take place on October 19 at the Fairfax National Golf Club in Centerville, VA. This event will help to raise money in support of Carpenter's Shelter's life-changing programs and services. For more information visit please visit trygrace.org/golf or to sign up, contact Christy Humston at 202-488-6044 or <mailto:chumston@entertainmentcruises.com?subject=6th Annual Golf Tournament>.

Alternative Giving

This holiday season, don't just give! Give a gift that keeps on giving all year long. Each (December), Carpenter's Shelter requests the help of our generous community partners to fulfill the holiday wishes of nearly 200 children, families and adults. While we appreciate the generous outpouring of toys, clothing and other items, we are redefining our holiday gift giving program to include alternative giving options. Traditional holiday gifts such as toys, clothing, bikes and games are still welcome but we will now encourage cash gifts which can be donated in honor of a loved one.

Your gift will help to fill vital needs for C.S. and the many families and adults served throughout the year. To learn more about our alternative giving opportunities, visit our website at <http://e2ma.net/go/6526032237/208025850/208993860/goto:http://www.carpentersshelter.org/> after November 1 or contact Volunteer Coordinator, Allison Clausen at allisonclausen@carpentersshelter.org.

Workplace Giving

Carpenter's Shelter is grateful to our generous donors who support us through their workplace giving campaigns. This campaign season, don't hesitate to designate Carpenter's Shelter as the beneficiary of your contributions by selecting United Way #8228 or CFC # 87293. Your contributions amount to 10% of our annual budget and help support homeless children, families and adults in Alexandria and throughout the metropolitan Washington area.



Community Partnership Highlight

Carpenter's Shelter extends its appreciation and thanks to the Association of Meeting Professionals (AMPs) for their commitment to making a difference in the lives of Alexandria's homeless families and individuals. For more than a decade, this dedicated group of meeting planning professionals has donated their time, resources and expertise in support of our mission to end and prevent homelessness.

Always looking for opportunities to increase their community service impact, AMPs has provided support in every area of need from sponsoring holiday gifts for children and families to hosting food drives and sponsoring other shelter and children's needs. Every 5th Thursday of the month, residents look forward to enjoying creatively themed dinners prepared and served by AMPs volunteers. Several AMPs volunteers serve on our all-volunteer development committee rendering pro bono services to help plan fundraising and

donor events. Just last month, AMPs signed on as a sponsoring partner of the 2009 Help the Homeless Walkathon, leveraging their generous financial contribution to Carpenter's Shelter by designating the agency as their chosen beneficiary.

We applaud AMPs for their many years of dedicated service and contributions to Carpenter's Shelter and look forward to their continued partnership and support.

Did you know...

Each winter, Carpenter's Shelter provides a warm, dry and safe place for hundreds of Alexandria's chronic homeless men and women to spend the night who might otherwise be bedding down on the streets and risk hypothermia? Last winter, with the support of Alexandria Community Shelter and our many faith partners and volunteers, Carpenter's served 308 homeless individuals through our winter shelter. Carpenter's Shelter relies on your support to maintain this and other essential programs. For more information on how you can get involved, contact allisonclausen@carpentersshelter.org.

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