



Happy Labor Day!

Carpenter's Shelter extends a special note of thanks to everyone who supported our back to school drive. With your support we collected enough supplies to outfit 125 children for the school year. As the students look forward to the new year Carpenter's Shelter gears up for our exciting fall line up of activities and events benefiting the shelter. We hope to see you there!

Carpenter's Shelter gratefully acknowledges Fiona Donovan, Age 5 (pictured above with her parents and Executive Director Fran Becker), who raised \$800 to benefit Carpenter's children and families by selling note cards featuring her original artwork.

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Urban Country Night...on the Runway

Looking for a party with a purpose? Come out and support Northern Virginia's largest family shelter as we spend one night on the runway...toward many more nights in a home. Get your tickets today for the 2nd Annual Urban Country Night...on the Runway fundraiser event benefitting homeless and formerly homeless children and families.

You won't want to miss this memorable evening where East Coast style meets the Wild West. Guests will enjoy live music and entertainment, heavy h'ors devours, dancing, an exciting live auction and an extensive silent auction.

Seats are limited so be sure to [purchase your ticket today!](#) Ticket cost is \$125 per

person or reserve a table for ten for \$1,500. For more information, visit carpentersshelter.org or contact Jasmin Witcher, Director of Development at (703) 548-7500, ext. 203; jasminwitcher@carpentersshelter.org

Coming Soon: A preview of our "Must Have" auction packages!



Experient Smile Sacks Bring Smiles to Carpenter's Kids

Carpenter's Shelter is deeply grateful to Experient, Inc. - a full service meeting management and event solutions company - for selecting Carpenter's Shelter as the recipient of their charitable contributions.

During a recent conference, Experient's top sales managers took part in a team building activity in which they assembled smile sacks filled with toys, school supplies and gift cards to benefit Carpenter's children as they head back to school. In addition, Carpenter's was invited to make a presentation to educate and thank conference attendees for supporting our efforts to stabilize families and individuals in crisis. Thank you Experient for your generosity and support!

Taking Steps to End Homelessness

Did you know that Fannie Mae's Help the Homeless (HTH) Walkathon benefits Carpenter's Shelter; helping us to raise critical funds to support our work of stabilizing homeless families? This year, more than ever, we need your help to reach our fundraising goal with 1,500 registered walkers. Will you and your family/friends help? Here are a few easy ways you can make a difference:

1. [Register to participate](#) in our Community Walk to End Family Homelessness, in partnership with the Del Ray Halloween Parade (Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria) on Sunday, October 25th at 2 pm.
2. Ask your company to become a Help the Homeless Sponsoring Partner and direct your funds to Carpenter's Shelter. (100% of all partner sponsorships go directly to your organization of choice).
3. Join us for the 22nd Annual Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon on the National Mall on Saturday, November 21 and designate Carpenter's Shelter as your beneficiary organization.

For more information on how to get involved or to learn more on how your community

group, business or congregation can participate, contact Jasmin Witcher, Director of Development at jasminwitcher@carpentersshelter.org or call (703) 548-7500, ext. 203.



Community Partnership Highlight

This month, Carpenter's Shelter shines the spotlight on our wonderful partners at [Grant Thornton](#) who recently sponsored a field trip for eight children enrolled in Carpenter's Aftercare program to attend a DC United Soccer Game at RFK Stadium. The highly anticipated match between LA Galaxy vs. DC United was a treat for the children who not only got a close up look at soccer star David Beckham but also received a

jersey and a lap around the field. The children were all extremely thrilled by the outing, and as one girl exclaimed upon returning to the shelter, "I didn't have a good time, I had a great time. It was so cool." Thank you to our friends at Grant Thornton for being a partner in our work to end and prevent homelessness. Because of you, we are more than just a roof!

Did you know...

Carpenter's Shelter has been recognized as one of the best small charities in the DC region by the *Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington 09/10*. 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. To learn more, please visit our [website](#).

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