



In This Edition:

Winter Storm Crew 2010

[February Volunteer Shining Stars](#)

[Carpenter's Cook-Off](#)

[Homework Helpers](#)

[March Volunteer Needs](#)

[Circle of HOPE](#)



Circle of HOPE

Join the Circle of HOPE, a new initiative by Alexandria families and individuals dedicated to making a meaningful impact in their community by supporting Carpenter's Shelter.

Please join us for an OPEN HOUSE to tour the

www.carpentersshelter.org

Winter Storm Crew 2010 Braves the Elements to Deliver Critical Services

Schools, businesses, even the Federal Government shuttered their doors this February in the face of brutal weather. But with over 100 men, women, and children seeking shelter and meals, Carpenter's Shelter had no such option. Impassable roads and white out snow conditions prohibited normal operations by both staff and scheduled volunteers. We put out a call to you for help-- and received an astounding response! Volunteers within walking distance or driving in snow-capable vehicles ventured out into the storm and ensured that all meals were served, front desk shifts were filled, and hypothermia support was provided. It was an amazing testimony to the dedication of our volunteers and the depth of our community's care and concern. Thank you Winter Storm Crew 2010!



Winter Storm Crew 2010
Design by Brockett Horne

THANK YOU for VOLUNTEERING!



Resident children made cards to thank the volunteers

February Volunteer Shining Stars: Children's Hour Volunteers

Five days a week, Carpenter's Shelter's parents participate in critical life-improving educational classes. Behind the scenes is a group of unassuming, but passionate volunteers who make those classes possible by providing childcare to free up parents during class time. This February, we met to celebrate their service and discuss ways to improve the program. Reminiscing, one volunteer recounted a young child writing on a blackboard, "I love _____" and then asking, "How do you spell your name?" before she filled in the sentence. All of us at Carpenter's Shelter echo this child's sentiment when we think of the incredible men and women who so generously care for the children at the Shelter night after night. In particular, we would like to thank [Fairlington United Methodist Church](#), [DC Metro Church](#), [Alfred Street Baptist YAMS](#), and the numerous volunteers that serve independently.

facility, learn more about the shelter, & have the opportunity to become a charter member with a \$250 gift or pledge.

March 13th, 9:30-11:30am
Carpenter's Shelter
930 N Henry St,
Alexandria VA

RSVP to [Jasmin Witcher](#) by March 5th.



March Needs List

Shelter Needs:

Salad Dressing
Powdered Juice Mix
Cereal
Diapers- Sizes 4 - 6
Juice Boxes
Baby Wipes
Coffee
Over-the-Counter
Medicine
Chicken Noodle Soup
Umbrellas

Aftercare Needs:

(family sized)
Flour
Sugar
Tuna
Peanut Butter
Powdered Milk
Laundry Detergent

8th Annual Carpenter's Cook-Off

Mark your calendars for April 25th to join in the fun at the 8th Annual Carpenter's Cook-Off! Featuring delicious samples from over twenty local restaurants, drawing hundreds of guests, and including exciting activities for kids of all ages, this is an event not to be missed!

Carpenter's Shelter is recruiting volunteers to serve on the advance team working over the coming months as well as event-day volunteers. This is a family friendly volunteer opportunity. Email [Allison Clausen](#) to receive a registration form.



Homework Helpers Encourage Academic Success at Carpenter's Shelter

When children move into Carpenter's Shelter, the vast majority are failing or nearly failing in school. Transient lifestyles, financial insecurity, and a myriad of other variables associated with homelessness pose grave threats to academic success.

Carpenter's Shelter has launched a new program, Homework Helpers, to provide academic accountability, structure, and support to students during their stay here. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights, volunteers meet with students to work in small groups on their assignments. If you are interested in joining in this effort, please contact [Allison Clausen](#) for more information!



Workplace Giving

Did you know that 10% of Carpenter's Shelter's annual revenue comes from workplace giving? Please consider making a contribution and asking your coworkers to join you in making an impact.

Don't Hesitate to Designate!



United Way #8228/
CFC #87293

To sign-up for a shift or with any questions regarding volunteering, please contact:
Allison Clausen
Volunteer Coordinator
allisonclausen@carpentersshelter.org
703.548.7500x205.

Carpenter's Shelter is dedicated to ending homelessness in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. region through services, education, and advocacy.

March 2010						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Front Desk 7-9am 9-11am LUNCH	2 Front Desk 7-9am	3 Front Desk 7-9am 9-12pm HW Helper 7-8pm	4 Front Desk 9-1pm 9-11pm HW Helper 7-8pm	5 FrontDesk 7-9am	6 Front Desk 7-9am 9-1pm 5-9pm Children's Hour 9-11am Winter Shelter 7-9pm
7Front Desk 7-9am 9-11pm	8 Front Desk 7-9am 9-1pm 9-11pm Children's Hour 7-8pm	9 Front Desk 7-9am 1-5pm 5-9pm Winter Shelter 7-9p DINNER	10 FrontDesk 7-9am Winter Shelter 7-9pm	11FrontDesk 9-1pm HW Helper 7-8pm	12FrontDesk 7-9am	13 Front Desk 7-9am 5-9pm 9-11pm Children's Hour 9-11am Winter Shelter 7-9pm
14Front Desk 7-9am	15Front Desk 7-9am 9-1pm 9-11pm LUNCH Children's Hour 7-8pm	16FrontDesk 7-9am	17 FrontDesk 7-9am 5-9pm	18FrontDesk 9-11pm	19FrontDesk 7-9am LUNCH	20 Front Desk 7-9am 9-11pm Winter Shelter 7-9pm
21 Front Desk 7-9am 1-5pm 9-11pm	22Front Desk 7-9am 9-11pm Children's Hour 7-8pm	23FrontDesk 7-9am 9-1pm 5-9pm Winter Shelter 7-9p	24 FrontDesk 7-9am LUNCH Winter Shelter 7-9p	25FrontDesk 9-1pm	26FrontDesk 7-9am LUNCH	27 Front Desk 7-9am 9-11pm Children's Hour 9-11am Winter Shelter 7-9pm
28 Front Desk 7-9am 9-1pm 1-5pm 9-11pm LUNCH	29Front Desk 7-9am 9-1pm 9-11pm LUNCH Children's Hour 7-8pm Winter Shelter 7-9pm	30FrontDesk 7-9am 9-1pm 1-5pm 9-11pm Winter Shelter 7-9p	31 Front Desk 7-9am 5-9pm LUNCH HW Helper 7-8pm Winter Shelter 7-9pm			

Volunteer This Month

Carpenter's Shelter
930 North Henry St
Alexandria, VA 22314
phone 703.548.7500
fax 703.548.3167

carpentersshelter.org

New Volunteers

All volunteers must attend an orientation, complete an application, and clear a background check prior to serving at the Shelter.

[Apply Now!](#)

Upcoming Volunteer Orientations

Mar 9, 6-7:30pm

Apr 13, 10-11:30am

May 11, 6-7:30pm

Sign-Up

Carpenter's Shelter is seeking volunteers to fill the positions listed on the calendar above for the month of March.

(If you cannot see the calendar be sure that your email is enabled to display images.)

To sign-up for a shift please contact Allison Clausen at allisonclausen@carpentersshelter.org or call 703.548.7500x205.

Front Desk:

The front desk is staffed by volunteers everyday from 7am-11pm.

Children's Hour:

Children's Hour is held from 7-8pm during the week and 9-11am on Saturdays. All children's program volunteers must have a cleared background check on file at Carpenter's Shelter.

Meals:

Meal volunteers are responsible for providing, preparing, serving and cleaning up meals. Weekday lunches serve 8-15 people. All other meals serve approximately 75 people.

930 N. Henry Street | Alexandria, VA 22314 US

To ensure that you continue receiving our emails, please add us to your address book or safe list.

[manage](#) your preferences | [opt out](#) using TrueRemove™

Got this as a forward? [Sign up](#) to receive our future emails.

 Network for Good.
EmailNow powered by Emma