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Board Member Jim Coakley and Chairman of the Board Matt Sheldon prepare dinner at Carpenter's Shelter.

## **Happy New Year from the Board and staff of Carpenter's Shelter!**

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## **Governor-Elect Bob McDonnell Visits Carpenter's Shelter during Pre-Inauguration Tour**

On January 14<sup>th</sup>, Carpenter's Shelter was pleased to host Virginia Governor-elect Bob McDonnell during his pre-inauguration tour. While here, he pitched in to help make grilled cheese

sandwiches, bag groceries for an *Aftercare* family, and view clients receiving free medical care, computer literacy training, and family group counseling. The Governor-elect applauded Carpenter's Shelter for our life-changing services and noteworthy success rate. We look forward to working with the Governor and his administration in the coming years toward ending and preventing homelessness in our state.



### **An Invitation to Join the Giving Circle**

A small group of committed Carpenter's Shelter volunteers are organizing a circle of Alexandria families and individuals who wish to develop a close, ongoing relationship with the shelter by donating at a set contribution level on an annual basis. As committed donors and active participants, Giving Circle members will participate regularly in Carpenter's fundraising and service events while gaining a long term view of civic change through their participation.

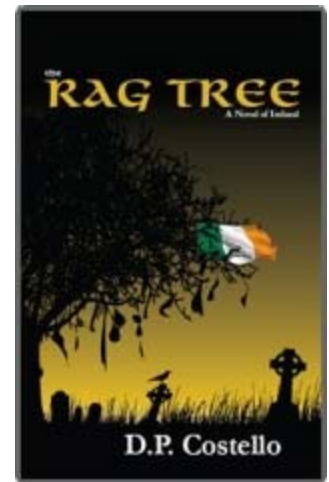
The Executive committee is working to kick off the campaign this spring with a goal of involving 40 families in the next three months. There will also be an evening open house at Carpenter's Shelter for interested participants.

The next giving circle planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 8 a.m. Anyone interested in joining the meeting is asked to RSVP to [jasminwitcher@carpentersshelter.org](mailto:jasminwitcher@carpentersshelter.org).

### **A Taste of Ireland to Benefit Carpenter's Shelter Families**

You are invited to a festive evening of Irish food and culture featuring author, [Dan Costello](#), at [McGinty's Pub](#) in Arlington. February 9th from 5:30pm to close, 20% of all food proceeds will jointly benefit Carpenter's Shelter and

the [Father McKenna Center](#) in NW Washington. Come enjoy a taste of Ireland to benefit two impactful homelessness agencies making a difference in the lives of families and adults living in the greater Washington region.



## Save the Date for the 8th Annual Carpenter's Cook-Off

8th Annual Carpenter's Cook-off!  
Sunday, April 25, 2010  
The Birchmere  
Alexandria, Virginia  
12pm - 3pm

Become a partner with "one of the best small non profits in the Greater DC region" as a Carpenter's Cook-Off sponsor. Your sponsorship dollars will be invested in critical programming empowering homeless families and individuals to gain stability and culminating in self-sufficiency.

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