



**HomeAid**  
Northern Virginia



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**Winter 2007**

## The "Magic of HomeAid" Auction and Gala will help homeless families in Northern Virginia

Almost 500 dedicated members of The Northern Virginia Building Industry Association, homebuilding leaders, their families and friends celebrated "The Magic of HomeAid" at the 6th Annual Dinner and Gala. This year's Auction was held at the Hyatt Regency Reston and will fund HomeAid Northern Virginia's work building, renovating and remodeling shelters, transitional housing, clinics, food banks and children's centers that serve homeless women, children and families in Northern Virginia. Co-Chairs of the event were Stephanie Giovan and HomeAid Board Member Sharon DeAngelis.

Auction guests bid on a wide variety of items including experience packages of tickets to local sporting events, trips to ski and golf resorts, jewelry, appliances, day spas, restaurant gift certificates, sports equipment and much more.

New this year during the Live Auction was the Doug and Ann Smith Paddle Challenge. The Smiths matched cash bids with their own donation of \$25,000. This Challenge will fund HomeAid's Shelter Care Program. Shelter Care renovates transitional housing in Northern Virginia. Transitional housing is where families continue to heal after living in a homeless shelter. HomeAid completed 13 Shelter Care Projects in 2007. Applications for assistance are pouring in for 2008 and the successful Paddle Challenge will help fund these projects.

The Freddie Mac Foundation once again was the video sponsor and Provident Bank continued their commitment to HomeAid Northern Virginia as the Presenting Sponsor.

A highlight of the evening was the recognition of NVHomes' staff for their commitment to HomeAid Northern Virginia's largest project to date, The Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home. The home was built with generous donations from NVHomes' and their industry partners.

"As a tribute to the extraordinary work that Doorways performs day in and day out to help the homeless, and in honor of NVHomes who tirelessly worked to build the new Doorways Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home, HomeAid Northern Virginia is proud to present to Doorways this 'icing on the cake' check for \$10,000," said Barry Schwartz, President of the HomeAid Northern Virginia Board as he presented the check to Doorways Executive Director Linda Dunphy and Board Member Jim Behrend.



Barry Schwartz, President of HomeAid Northern Virginia Board (right) presents a check for \$10,000 to Doorways Executive Director Linda Dunphy along with Board Member Jim Behrend.



HomeAid Northern Virginia recognized NVHomes for their work on the Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home, the largest HomeAid Northern Virginia project to date.

## NVHomes and the Freddie Mac Foundation Open a "Glorious Sanctuary" for Homeless Women, Children and Families



Ralph F. Boyd, Chairman and CEO, Freddie Mac Foundation, thanks NVHomes, HomeAid Northern Virginia and others at the dedication of the Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home owned and operated by Doorways for Women and Families in Arlington, Virginia.

Calling it a "Glorious Sanctuary," Linda Dunphy, Executive Director of Doorways for Women and Families, joined Congressman Jim Moran, representatives of HomeAid Northern Virginia and NVHomes and many other local officials in opening the new Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home in Arlington, Virginia.

NVHomes was the Builder Captain for this 7,200-square-foot, \$2.4 million state-of-the-art home for homeless women, children and families. The finished home now stands as HomeAid Northern Virginia's largest and most ambitious project to date. NVHomes supervised the demolition and construction and, along with its vendors, donated more than \$400,000 in labor and materials.

The Freddie Mac Foundation gifted \$500,000 to the project, and other funding came from government agencies and local charities including Arlington County's gift of \$600,000.

"What truly made this project so inspirational was working with HomeAid and NVHomes," said Dunphy. "It just never escaped those of us who worked with NVHomes over the 26 months of this project that they were volunteering their professionals and asking their vendors to donate. Through project delays, complications, escalating building supply costs and building industry downturns they stayed committed to keeping the budget on target and not cutting corners in workmanship nor compromising the design. I can't imagine the same experience with a builder we contracted under normal terms."

Congressman Moran thanked HomeAid and NVHomes and praised the "phenomenal house" as well as local residents who were "so receptive of homeless women and children coming into their neighborhood. Meeting their needs is typical of Northern Virginia communities."

Barry Schwartz, Board President of HomeAid Northern Virginia, said that at the original meeting between HomeAid, NVHomes and Doorways the intent was to renovate an existing facility. However, after inspecting the premises, NVHomes recommended building a whole new facility.

"That's the magic of HomeAid," said Schwartz.

HomeAid's mission is to build dignified housing where homeless families and individuals can rebuild their lives.

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# HomeAid Groundbreaking at the Center of Hope

"This is a great opportunity for the business community to make a difference and it is an honor to be here as you break ground on this project to help the lives of many others in our area," said Congressman Frank Wolf (R-VA) at the groundbreaking ceremony for a renovation project by homebuilder Toll Brothers that will become the new Center of Hope. Toll Brothers is the Builder Captain for this HomeAid project, assisting the Good Shepherd Alliance (GSA), the oldest provider of services to help the temporarily homeless in Loudoun County, VA.

When completed, the building will include a thrift store and the organization's administrative offices. Last year, according to Lyle Werner, Executive Director of GSA, the organization served more than 350 homeless people in Loudoun County with 15,000 bed nights and 36,000 meals and those numbers are projected to increase in 2007. GSA Board Chairman Joy Trickett thanked all those involved in the project and said that these efforts will make a difference for the hard-working poor in Loudoun County.



**Congressman Frank Wolf was the keynote speaker at the Center of Hope groundbreaking ceremony.**

"We appreciate the opportunity to help out HomeAid Northern Virginia and GSA," said William Gilligan, Regional President for Toll Brothers. "We know this process will help GSA expand in this time of need. Doing things to benefit others is reward in itself and we embrace the opportunity to give back to the community."

Barry Schwartz, President of HomeAid Northern Virginia, said that members of HomeAid Northern Virginia have been involved in some 30 construction projects in Northern Virginia, saving hundreds of thousands of dollars for organizations such as GSA that could be put to other uses to help the area's homeless. He told the crowd that after finishing a previous project, Toll Brothers immediately asked when they could do another. "That is the magic of HomeAid Northern Virginia," said Schwartz.

In addition to representatives from HomeAid Northern Virginia, GSA and Toll Brothers, the audience included a number of local and state legislators, representatives from various businesses and law enforcement.

## Share in the Spirit of the Season and Support HomeAid

Two holiday events will benefit Women Giving Back (WGB), a HomeAid Northern Virginia Task Force. WGB allows women emerging from homelessness the opportunity to shop, without charge, for wardrobe basics at WGB- The Store. These and other holiday shopping events help WGB do more in our community.

**Brook Furniture Rental's Open House** -- The Brook Furniture Rental Showroom at 11150 Fairfax Boulevard, Suite 103 in Fairfax, will have a collection box for donations of clothing and fashion basics on Wednesday, December 19 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Contact Brook Furniture Rental at 703 352-2170 for more information.

**Total Basket Cases Holiday Shopping Open House at NVBIA** -- Enjoy Holiday treats for the season for family, friends, clients and colleagues from Total Basket Cases. A portion of the sales will benefit WGB, Women Giving Back. Total Basket Cases Open House will be held at NVBIA's new offices, 3901 Centerview Drive, Suite E, Chantilly, VA 20151 on Friday, December 14 from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m.

**WGB**  
Women Giving Back

WGB - The Store, sponsored by Women Giving Back, is now open one day each month. Anyone interested in donating clothing, sponsoring a store opening or holding a fundraiser at their business should contact Maggie Johnston, Director, HomeAid Northern Virginia, at [mjohnston@nvbia.org](mailto:mjohnston@nvbia.org) or 571-283-6320.

## The Teaming Up to Honor a 9/11 Hero

United Way of the National Capital Area recently contacted HomeAid Northern Virginia, asking for opportunities where corporate volunteers could make a difference by helping the homeless.

HomeAid has many projects in Northern Virginia where volunteers can help our builder captains. Akamai Technologies staff created an inviting outdoor space at a home to honor Danny Lewin, the Akamai co-founder who was killed during the 9/11 attacks.

Each year the Danny Lewin Community Care Day honors Lewin who was flying aboard American Airlines Flight 11 which crashed into the World Trade Center in New York. This year 25 Akamai Technologies staff members refurbished the front and rear yard at a HomeAid project in Reston.

Akamai Technologies learned about HomeAid Northern Virginia from the United Way of the National Capital Area.



Volunteers from Akamai Technologies honor their lost company co-founder, Danny Lewin, who perished on 9/11 by performing an annual day of service at a HomeAid project.

## Circa Home & Garden Helps the Homeless



Patti Brownstein (left), Fundraising Chair for HomeAid Northern Virginia and President of LGP Promotional Group, and Sharon DeAngelis, Board Member of HomeAid Northern Virginia and President of Main Street Designs, participate in a fundraiser for HomeAid at Circa Home & Garden. Circa's owner, Betsy Rutkowski, supports many local charities and organizations through volunteerism, donations and special events. Circa is a home furnishings and gift store located in the historic district of the City of Fairfax.

## Texas Roadhouse Helps HomeAid and Homeless Families

Patrons at the Texas Roadhouse in Chantilly enjoyed Texas Red Chili, Grilled Shrimp, Country Fried Steak and Ft. Worth Rib-eye Steaks on September 21 in celebration of National Family Day. Proceeds that night were donated to HomeAid Northern Virginia. "Family Day emphasizes families eating together. Studies have found that their children are less likely to do drugs and are more likely to have better grades," said Bobby Cary, the managing partner for the restaurant. "We selected HomeAid Northern Virginia as the beneficiary of our event because they focus on helping families. We plan to host a second event for HomeAid this coming Spring."

Bobby Cary, the managing partner for the Texas Roadhouse in Chantilly and his armadillo friend help HomeAid Northern Virginia help the homeless.



Larry Burrows, President of Builder Captain Winchester Homes (right), joins HomeAid Northern Virginia President Barry Schwartz (second from right), representatives of ACTS and local officials in breaking ground for a new 7,000 square-foot Family Services Center for ACTS in Prince William County that will house programs for at-risk and homeless families including job counseling, financial and life skills classes and a food bank. This is the second project for the ACTS organization in HomeAid Northern Virginia's six year history.

## WGB - The Store Opens

More than 50 women enjoyed refreshments and babysitting services as they shopped, without charge, for clothing and accessories at WGB - The Store on Saturday, November 10.

Some 610 items were given to women from four Northern Virginia shelters. WGB - The Store will be open one day each month, allowing women emerging from homelessness to shop for fashion basics appropriate for an office environment. Special thanks to Barry Marcus and Two Guys and a Truck who assisted in moving and Dave Underwood who donated and is storing apartment furniture until WGB - The Store has a permanent home. To donate or sponsor a store opening contact Maggie Johnston, Director, at mjohnston@nvbia or 571-283-6320.



## Beazer Homes and Eastern Applicators Donate Painting to a Kitchen That Serves the Needy



Builder Captain Beazer Homes and its partner, Eastern Applicators, donated exterior painting at Christ House in Alexandria. David Cogley, Vice President and President-Elect of HomeAid Northern Virginia and Executive Vice President at Beazer,

coordinated the donation. This is Beazer's second HomeAid project this year.

Founded in 1973, Christ House provides food to the hungry, shelter to the homeless and clothing to those in need. Christ House is operated by Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Arlington.

## Robinson and Thayer Helps HomeAid in Fairfax County

Replacing cabinets, countertops, the sink, appliances and flooring were just some of the renovations performed by Builder Captain Robinson and Thayer at a home in Fairfax County. This home is owned by Christian Relief Services and Christian Relief Services of Virginia and houses families who are ready to move on after living in a homeless shelter.

"We are all residents of the Northern Virginia community and welcome the opportunity to share our good fortune with those in need," said Stuart Thayer, President of the NVBIA Custom Builders Council and President of Robinson and Thayer.

Thayer said in addition to the kitchen improvements, they replaced the foyer and powder room floor, replaced the lower level carpet, serviced the HVAC equipment and repainted the entire interior.

Services were also provided at no charge by Barrow Carpentry, F. J. Hooks Plumbing, Cropp Metcalfe Commercial, Rothstein Professional Services, Sterling Carpet Shops and Coyle & Associates. Robinson and Thayer provided project management and miscellaneous materials.

Christian Relief Services own and operate 102 transitional units throughout Fairfax County and have served homeless individuals and families since 1993.

### Know Our Numbers

Don't forget that HomeAid Northern Virginia is now part of the United Way Combined Federal Campaign. NVBIA members, spouses and friends can sign up for payroll deductions at work by selecting HomeAid Northern Virginia as their charity of choice.

HomeAid Northern Virginia's CFC code: **54784**  
HomeAid Northern Virginia's United Way code: **8580**



*HomeAid Northern Virginia's President Barry Schwartz and Director Maggie Johnston join employees of Robinson and Thayer as they celebrate the completion of a HomeAid project for Christian Relief Services.*

### We've Moved

**HomeAid Northern Virginia's new address is 3901 Centerview Drive, Suite E, Chantilly, Virginia 20151. To reach Maggie Johnston, Director, call 571-283-6320 or e-mail [mjohnston@nvbia.com](mailto:mjohnston@nvbia.com).**



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