

GOOD SHEPHERD HOUSING FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

Celebrating 25 years of providing housing to the most vulnerable.

13190 Centerpointe Way ♦ Suite 102 ♦ Woodbridge ♦ VA 22193
Phone: 703-730-1078 ♦ Fax: 703-763-3895 ♦ www.goodshepherdhousing.org

Dear Family & Friends,

My thoughts go back more than twenty five years to that time when my interest in providing housing for chronically mentally ill persons was prompted by a mother and father concerned about finding a place for their son to live. They were growing older. Their son had epilepsy and mental health struggles. They were concerned for their son and others like their son, who was in need of finding a place to live. This concern led to the beginnings of the Good Shepherd Housing Foundation. I feel privileged to have been able to be part of the Foundation. I count it a privilege to have been made aware of the needs of those struggling with mental health matters and to have been able to help in providing safe and well-kept homes in which many might live. By way of the Good Shepherd Housing Foundation, twenty-six serious mentally ill persons and ninety persons altogether have a place known as "home." Thank you for your interest in and support of providing a "home" for persons like the serious mentally ill son of an aging mother and father.

Sincerely,
Robert Allard
President

GSHF is a 501 © 3 Non-profit organization dedicated to creating affordable housing opportunities throughout Prince William County for low income single parents, families, and the seriously mentally ill.

All donations are tax deductible.



CHOICES LIFESKILLS GRADUATION HELD



On June 27, 2015, four participants were celebrated during a ceremony for completing the *Choices* Life Skills Training Program. This 16 week program was developed by Executive Director, Karen DeVito from Catholics For Housing Inc. (CFH), and the classes were facilitated by CFH Life Skills Coordinator, John Kunu. During the ceremony, graduate Christine Winters shared with the audience, how the program has made an impact in her life and "the topics covered in class were helpful and relevant for my family." Executive Director from GSHF, Pat Johanson and other dignitaries, gave congratulatory wishes as well. *Choices* empowered each graduate with the confidence and the skills necessary to: upgrade their job skills in order to secure a job with a living wage, improve their finances, create a healthy lifestyle, and to maintain housing stability and self-sufficiency. All four of the graduates have experienced homelessness and are in the Good Shepherd Housing Foundation (GSHF) Transitional Housing Partnership Program (THPP).

The theme for the classes and the graduation was based on a motivational quote by Michelle Obama: "There is no magic to achievement. It's really about hardwork, choices and persistence."

Graduates of the program included: Tanya Mahmoud, Tiesha Seabrook, Angela Smith and Christine Winters and each received a certificate, a computer and a gift card for their hard work.

In addition, GSHF Case Manager, Muriel Jackson, earned the designation of Certified *Choices* Life Skills Instructor and will be facilitating future life skills trainings. Following the program, families, friends, GSHF staff and others enjoyed brunch together. Congratulations to all for their achievements!

Special thanks to Bertha McCarty and Rev. John Bradford at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Woodbridge, VA, for donating rooms for the *Choices* Life Skills Classes held each week.

In attendance were Vice Chairman of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors, Maureen Caddigan, Potomac District, Supervisor John Jenkins, Neabsco District, Supervisor Frank Principi, Woodbridge District and Mary Beth Schaal, Administrative Aide to Supervisor Jeanine Lawson, Brentsville District.

GOOD SHEPHERD HOUSING FOUNDATION



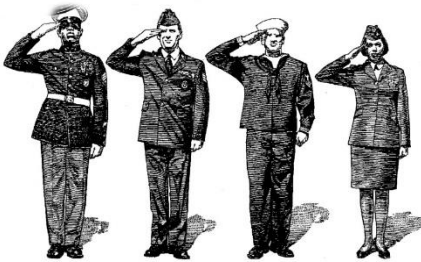
For many working families, affordable housing is a dream in Prince William County. Good Shepherd Housing Foundation (GSHF) has attempted to help families, house by house, home by home in its Affordable Rentals Program.

Each year, the houses grow older with more preventive and emergency repairs being called for. Last year, GSHF paid for several high cost repairs. Every three years or when a family moves out a complete inspection is conducted. All safety measures, heating, cooling, carpeting, flooring, plumbing among other repairs are inspected and upgraded when needed.

- 2014-15 – Housing Expense for GSHF at a cost \$143,252
- Only \$63,652 was supported by rental payments
- 2015-16 - Projected Housing Expenses for GSHF is budgeted at \$150,000

With the Adopt-A-Home program, we hope to build partnerships within the community in efforts to maintain our homes in a safe and attractive condition for the families living there. We know how stressful it can be for the families who find themselves in need of the services we provide, and your help can go a long way toward assisting them. The fact is that more than half the homeless are families with children. Majority of these families have been thrust into homelessness by a life altering event or series of events that were unexpected and unplanned for like the loss of loved ones, job loss, domestic violence, divorce, depression, untreated mental illness, PTSD, and health disabilities. With supporters like you, they can continue to make strives as contributing members of the community.

As a partner, you would contribute toward financial support of one of the Foundation owned homes. An annual contribution of \$2,400 enables a “maintenance reserve fund” for our affordable rental homes and the Shepherd Homes program. The contribution can be made as a singular donation or monthly contributions.



Good Shepherd Housing Foundation (GSHF) most recently welcomed two veteran families into the Transitional Housing Partnership Program (THPP). Both families will be receiving case management services and support with budgeting, goal planning, employment, life skills education, saving and coordination of other services.

THE GREAT 100 CAMPAIGN



ARE YOU A ONE OF THE
GREAT 100 SUPPORTERS?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR 100 NEW SUPPORTERS
DEVOTED TO HELPING THE NEEDY.

PLEASE CALL US AT 703-730-1078 TO FIND OUT MORE.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We'd love your help!

Great things are coming to Good Shepherd Housing Foundation and we need your help to make that happen.



GOOD SHEPHERD HOUSING FOUNDATION

SHEPHERD HOME III'S NEW LOOK!



We are happy to say that the Shepherd III has completed her transformation.

This final renovation could not have been done without the help of the Cecil & Irene Hylton Foundation. Thanks to the grant provided by Conrad and Donnie Hylton, Shepherd Home III was able to get restored.

The renovation of the oldest of our three homes fell on the shoulders of Eric Reynolds at Dale Builders, Inc. Mr. Reynolds and his team took over the difficult task of updating Shepherd Home III. Through all the difficulties of remodeling a century old house, they did an amazing job!

During the last two years the Foundation has had the privilege of also renovating both Shepherd Home I and II with HOME funds awarded through the Offices of PWC Housing and Community Development.

Open house was held July 8th with great turnout with many PWC friends of GSHF coming to support us.

Thank you to all that attended.

We just wanted to say...

THANK YOU!

For recent donations and services provided. With your contribution, our families are better prepared to handle the season ahead.

- ▶ Thank you to **Lindsay Chevrolet** for providing free auto repairs for several of our THPP families.
- ▶ Thank you to **Williams Tree Service** for providing a discount on a tree that was needed to be removed at one of our Affordable Home locations.
- ▶ Thank you to **Frank and Jean Dyer** for a very generous donation that went to a Veteran family.
- ▶ Thank you to **Barbara Piotter, Earle Mountcastle, The Carr Family, Woodbridge Rotary and The Allard Family** for their continued sponsorship of our Adopt a Home program.
- ▶ And to all our supporters who continue to support Good Shepherd and all that we stand for.

thank you!

Behind the scenes at Good Shepherd Housing Foundation



Officers

Robert Allard

President

Valerie Meale

First Vice President

Kathy Russell

Second Vice President

Vicky Steinhilb

Secretary

Darryl Lundgren

Treasurer

Members

Alisa Cheaney

David Carr

Dexter Montgomery

Dottie Barnhart

Earle Mountcastle

John Payne

Ted Bean

Executive Director

Patricia Johanson

Staff

Donna Dalpezzo

Finance Director

Muriel Jackson

Case Manager

Elizabeth Funes

Administrative Assistant

Robert Bickford

Maintenance Contractor

GSHF is a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)



GOOD SHEPHERD HOUSING FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

Celebrating 25 years of providing housing to the most vulnerable.

13190 Centerpointe Way ♦ Suite 102 ♦ Woodbridge ♦ VA 22193
Phone: 703-730-1078 ♦ Fax: 703-763-3895 ♦ www.goodshepherdhousing.org

Please clip us out and mail us in...

Good Shepherd Housing Foundation – Volunteer Interest Form

Name:	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male
Address:	
County:	I'm over the age of 18: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Phone:	Preferred Phone: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell
Email:	
Volunteer Opportunities: <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design <input type="checkbox"/> Photography <input type="checkbox"/> Catering <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Event Helper <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

*Good Shepherd Housing Foundation has provided housing to **93** adults and children through June 2014-2015 in their permanent supportive, transitional housing, and affordable rental programs*

Good Shepherd Housing Foundation – Donation Membership Form

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	Preferred Phone: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell
Email:	Donation Enclosed: \$
MEMBERSHIP: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual - \$15 <input type="checkbox"/> Family - \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor-\$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Patron-\$500	
Would you like to receive our Newsletter via email? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Donations may be made by check payable to: Good Shepherd Housing Foundation or credit card through our website www.goodshepherdhousing.org We are a non-profit 501 ©3 Member of United Way 8479 All Donations are tax deductible.	