

GOOD SHEPHERD HOUSING FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

Celebrating 25 years of providing housing to the most vulnerable.

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*I slept and dreamt that life
was joy. I awoke and saw
that life was service. I
acted and behold, service was
joy.*

Rabindranath Tagore

To our Friends of Good Shepherd Housing Foundation:



T'was the day before Christmas and all thru the night
The Board of Directors had met to recite
Their story of fundraising and financial oversight

The staff were huddled all awaiting the word
with visions of hoodies and kittens that purred
Christmas goodies for clients they soon overheard

The donors and partners had worked hard that day
Bringing presents and goodies and stockings they say
For that is their purpose and that is their way

With the sleigh full of toys and gift cards too
The residents asleep with dreams to review
Of warm wooly stockings, pajamas all new

As Christmas day dawned all puffed up with white
Everyone agreed Oh what a sight
Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night.



Thanks to all our friends who have supported us in our mission; past, present, and future!

Adapted from "Nights before Christmas by Clement Moore."

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.



United Way #8479



Behind the scenes at

Good Shepherd Housing Foundation



OUR MISSION

Good Shepherd Housing Foundation's mission is to provide housing for vulnerable individuals and families with low income, particularly those who struggle with serious mental illness.

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Good Shepherd Housing Foundation
is a
Community Housing Development
Organization (CHDO)



Pictured (L-R): Patricia Johanson, Paddy Sutherlin, Demetrice Champion, Fadumo Ahmed, Valerie Meale, and Eba Siddig

On Saturday, November 19th, Good Shepherd Housing Foundation (GSHF) celebrated its second CHOICES graduating class. The program, which was developed by Executive Director, Karen DeVito, was held at the offices of Catholics for Housing. Demetric Champion, Nakita Bey, and Eba Siddig were the three GSHF graduates completing the 16 Week program under the tutelage of Jon Kunu, CFH Program Director.

The program offers skills training, encouragement and information in order to help people improve their finances and maintain housing and self-sufficiency. Much of the course work is designed to instill confidence in the graduates to continue their success as they leave the Transitional Living Program at Good Shepherd and continue to provide stability for themselves and their family.

Potomac District Supervisor Maureen Caddigan and Jane Beyer, Assistant to the Supervisor attended the ceremony and congratulated the graduates on their hard work and wished them well. Also attending were Valerie Meale, Vice President of Good Shepherd, Paddy Sutherlin, Secretary of Good Shepherd, Patricia Johanson, Executive Director GSHF and Fadumo Ahmed, Case Manager GSHF.

Holidays at the Shepherd Homes

Most of our individuals in our Shepherd Homes celebrate the holidays together as a family. During Thanksgiving, Good Shepherd Housing Foundation hosts a catered dinner & through donations provide a meaningful gift for Christmas.



Leonard Thompson getting into the festive spirit at one of our Shepherd Homes





Clients

Good Shepherd's
reason for all that
we do.

Board of Directors and Staff

Team of like-minded individuals working to
achieve the Mission.

Donors and Partners

Vital support of commitment to the
organization's Mission.

Programs and Services

The means to aid clients in their desire for change and
their hopes for the future.

CHRISTMAS TREE OF SERVICE

“Who” is Good Shepherd Housing Foundation? There is never one person or one group responsible for realizing a Mission of a non-profit agency. And so we chose a visual representation to illustrate this:

At the very top of the tier are the clients in our programs. That’s why we do what we do. Men, women, children, singles, family members with low income, young, old, African American, Caucasian, Hispanic, Asian, struggling with mental illness, physical and terminal illnesses, survivors of domestic violence, homelessness, and loss.

The next tiers, supports Good Shepherd Housing Foundation’s Mission: “To provide housing and services to vulnerable individuals and families with low income, particularly those struggling with mental illness”

The Board of Directors are volunteers with a heart for the less fortunate, who are charged with policy development, fundraising, fiscal oversight and providing resources to the agency to carry out the Mission. They bring necessary skills to assist with the challenges that come with meeting the needs of those seeking housing and services as state and federal funds decrease.

Staff are charged with implementing the Mission of Good Shepherd Housing Foundation. Clients and staff work as a team and changes can come about through these positive experiences. Professional staff bring the expertise needed to support clients through change.

Donors support the Mission by providing funds and services that are critical to the success of the clients. They are people who often sacrifice something they want for others well-being. Often donors sustain programs through funding scarcities and through their generosity, many people are helped.

Partners bring the necessary program components that assist the client from beginning to end. They often supply, the key factor in teaching new skills and helping a new confidence to grow. Good Shepherd could not provide all that they do without county and private partners.

In Summary: Good Shepherd Housing Foundation is all of you with hearts and minds tuned to those who need help and support to reach beyond their current circumstances and dream of possibilities!

THANK YOU



Good Shepherd thanks Capital One Bank for a \$10,000 grant given in October for our affordable housing program. The grant will be used to upgrade a home needing considerable renovation.

The grant supports our efforts to maintain and upgrade our houses and to continue to assist tenants in their efforts to maintain steady employment, seek further education and provide safe and attractive housing for themselves and their children.



By giving to our Adopt A Home program we can continue to provide a warm, safe home for families who might be huddled in a car or a shelter this Christmas. But even better, we can help them stay in their home year-round, giving them time to develop steady employment for our parents and a stable school experience for the children.

Working parents do their best for their families. You can support their efforts with a donation to Good Shepherd that says ‘ We want to help you as you work to keep a roof over your families’ heads’. Thank You!

2016 Annual Mental Health Awareness Event

On October 12th, Trillium along with Community Services hosted their annual event, Mental Health Awareness. This years theme was “Relax and Recharge”, which focused on activities for stress relief to mental health consumers. Good Shepherd was honored to be on the planning committee, facilitated by CS staff, along side other agencies in the county, such as, NAMI, ACTS, and Trillium.





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going on with
Good Shepherd Housing
Foundation!

We are verified!



Special Thanks to the
volunteers that removed trees
from our Shepherd III Home.



WE JUST WANT TO SAY...
THANK YOU!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Woodbridge Plumbing

Capital One

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

Stan Jackson

Bert Sarrage

Mike Ritenour

Williams Tree Service

PWC Community Services

Woodbridge Rotary

Dal Tile

PWC Dept. Social Services

And YOU! For your continued support,
love, and dedication.

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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:	



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Good Shepherd Housing Foundation – Donation Form

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	Preferred Phone: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell
Email:	Donation Enclosed: \$
Contribution: <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-A-Home (\$200/12 months) <input type="checkbox"/> Campaign for 100 (\$25/month) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____	
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