



Project FAITH, Inc is not-for-profit, affordable housing developer headquartered in King George, Virginia. Founded by 3 volunteers in 2001, the organization has grown to 13 Board of Directors and an Advisory Board of professionals that help increase the productivity and capacity of the organization. Since 2001, the organization has developed over \$13,000,000 in universally designed, affordable multi-family rental units for persons with disabilities and elder individuals of low incomes.

Because of the continued relationship with funders, the organization has been able to pursue an aggressive housing program. Since 2001, Project FAITH has planned, developed and manages 63 universally designed, affordable multi-family rental units all benefiting low income, elder and disabled households. The households in The Angelwood Community and Wyntergreen Place, represents over 150 income eligible individuals. Angelwood Phase I offers 24 one and two bedroom rental units and Angelwood Phase II hosts 32, two and three bedroom multi-family rental units, Wyntergreen Place, offers 6 SRO units to the same eligible clientele. Project FAITH prides itself in utilizing green building practices which have earned the units in Angelwood Earth Craft certification.

In the continued response to community demand for affordable housing due to the economic downturn, foreclosures and short sales, Project FAITH has committed itself to developing Angel Court.



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Housing Advocacy Day 2011

Make plans to attend the 2011 Housing Advocacy Day at the Virginia General Assembly on Wednesday, February 2nd from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm! The Virginia General Assembly session is the perfect occasion for civic engagement. Housing Advocacy Day allows advocates like YOU from across Virginia to come together at Capitol Square to observe the legislative process and influence your elected officials. This **FREE** event includes meals, materials, and more! You will leave Housing Advocacy Day as an engaged citizen that knows how to work for meaningful policy and social change in your community. Limited seating is available. For complete details or to register, visit: www.vahousingcoalition.org (RSVP by January 28, 2011). Special Guests invited: Jim Cheng, Virginia Secretary of Commerce & Trade, Bob Sledd, Senior Economic Advisor to the Governor. Activities will include Meetings with your Delegate & Senator (Please call in advance and schedule between 10-11:45AM), scavenger hunt for special prizes and recognition from the House & Senate Floor.

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CENTRAL VIRGINIA HOUSING COALITION AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK

Housing organizations have been searching for new and better ways to increase the awareness and the education of the importance of affordable housing. Getting this message out is an important task for several reasons:

- For the public to see, hear, and understand the benefits of Affordable Housing to the community as a whole.
- To engage political and community leaders to take action and put Affordable Housing at the top of city, county and regulatory agendas.
- Develop an advocacy organization to preserve, protect and expand affordable housing Opportunities.
- Build alliances with local businesses, environmental, healthcare, educational and community organizations.

For these reasons, Central Virginia Housing Coalition (CVHC) will be hosting the area's first Affordable Housing Awareness Week for Virginia's Planning District 16 from June 3rd through June 10th.

CVHC intends to address several significant and critical issues of value to the public, local government officials, regulatory agencies, environmental agencies, educational institutions, the health care industry, policy makers, the business community, financial institutions, and all other interested parties. We intend to accomplish this considerable undertaking through a variety of activities held throughout the City of Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, Stafford, King George and Caroline Counties.

Activities will include:

- Kick-off Breakfast- "The State of Affordable Housing in Planning District 16".
- Open Houses and Ground Breaking tours of Affordable Housing venues. (Colonial Heights Apartments, in the City of Fredericksburg and Project FAITH, Inc. develops, in King George County).
- Organize a Housing Resource Fair to include housing workshops, various booths from other resource organizations, family fun activities, children's art show focusing on a drawing of their 'dream home', food vendors and seminars to include, but not limited to, financial education and preventative maintenance for homeowners.
- "Spend the Day in Someone Else's Shoes" where local personalities, politicians, and business professionals spend a day going through the system to find affordable housing and housing assistance with limited resources and using only public transportation.
- Hold a forum on how affordable housing impacts the health and education of not just the working class family, but all of area families.
- Hold a forum on how affordable housing benefits the business community.
- "Where Do We Go From Here?" luncheon at the end of the week, so that we can publicly review what we have learned and what our next steps should be.

If you are interested in supporting this event either through financial contributions or by volunteering your time, please contact Lou Barnett at Central Virginia Housing Coalition 540-604-9943 ext. 232.



HOMELESS PREVENTION AND RAPID REHOUSING PROGRAM (HPRP)



The Thurman Brisben Center is the recipient of the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) grant. This grant is a part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (“Recovery Act”) that allows for communities to provide financial assistance and services to either prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless or help those who are experiencing homelessness to be rapidly re-housed and stabilized. Through this grant we at Thurman Brisben Center have been able to assist many members of our community that are experiencing a financial hardship. Currently Thurman Brisben Center employs one full time case manager and one part time case manager to work with individuals and families providing initial case management activities as well as ongoing supportive services. Applications for HPRP assistance can be accessed via the web at the Thurman Brisben website (www.brisbencenter.org) or completed at the Center itself. The Thurman Brisben Center is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week which has allowed for individuals to have a great deal of flexibility in the application process. This quarter to date (October 1, 2010-December 31, 2010), HPRP has provided assistance to a total of 64 persons in 24 households. Of those individuals, 56 were assisted with homelessness prevention services (rental payment assistance and/or utility payment assistance) and 8 were assisted out of homelessness with rapid re-housing assistance (security deposits and/or rental assistance). The number of individuals assisted by this grant since it opened in October 1, 2009, is 190, 160 of which were homelessness prevention services and 30 of which were rapid re-housing services. In 2011, HPRP is focusing on ways to increase services for individuals who are currently experiencing homelessness which will help them to move into and enjoy the stability and security of permanent housing. For more information on the HPRP Program you can contact:

Ms. Ahuna R. Johnson, MA HPRP Case Manager
Thurman Brisben Center
471 Central Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22401-7094
Phone: (540) 899-9853 Ext. 24
Fax (540) 373-5442
ajohnson@brisbencenter.org
<http://www.brisbencenter.org/>

For PRESCREENING, please leave your name, telephone number and a brief message.



HOMELESS CENSUS & SURVEY 2011

Let's Make Everyone Count!



The Fredericksburg Regional Continuum of Care (CoC) and its members conduct the annual Homeless Point in Time Census every year in January. The CoC is a regionally coordinated effort formed to provide a full spectrum of needed services to people who are homeless for the purpose of helping them to become self-sufficient. Over a 36-hour period service providers work with clients and volunteers visit soup kitchens, shelters, and outdoor locations to conduct surveys with people who are homeless and near-homeless in our community. The Homeless Point in Time Census is a part of our Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) initiative and contributes to the study of homelessness nationwide by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. In 2011, the Fredericksburg Regional Homeless Point in Time Census will be held on Thursday, January 27th. Surveys will be conducted at the following specific times and locations, as well as by area service providers at their office locations and in the field on the 27th and throughout the follow day for those people who are where homeless the night of the 27th.

Locations:

MICAH Hospitality Center

(8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – Breakfast)

(10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Services)

1013 Princess Anne Street

Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Volunteers needed here

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

MICAH Services Fair

(10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

Fredericksburg Baptist Church – Farrell Hall

1012 Caroline Street

Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Volunteers needed here

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Fredericksburg Baptist Church

Baked Potato Bar Dinner provided

(5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

1012 Caroline Street

Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

Volunteers needed here

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Cold Night Shelter

(7:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.)

*Open the night of the 27th
regardless of the temperature*

750 Kings Highway

Stafford, Virginia 22405

People must go to the

Fredericksburg Baptist Church

by 6:30 p.m. to get a

ride to the shelter.

Thurman Brisben Center

Dinner Provided

(6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)

471 Central Road

Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

In addition to these locations, field surveys will be conducted in the afternoon of the 27th.

Field Teams

(3:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.)

Volunteers are needed for this effort.

Volunteers will meet at MICAH at 3:00 p.m. on January 27, 2011.

Please contact Marne Sherman at mesherman@fredericksburgva.gov to volunteer.

TAX SITES WILL OPEN ON MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2011!

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Coalition is a United Way led coalition that educates low income workers about their eligibility for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and provides low-income families with free tax return preparation and asset building information. During the 2010 tax season, 618 families received tax preparation assistance at free tax sites made available by the Fredericksburg Region Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Coalition. One hundred and ninety-four of these taxpayers received Earned Income Tax Credit refunds, totaling more than \$266,678. Taxpayers helped at the free tax sites received an average EITC refund of \$1,375. One hundred and ninety-four families were also eligible for the Child Tax Credit (CTC) and received more than \$266,678 in CTC refunds. The EITC and CTC refunds taxpayers received were in addition to their federal and/or state refunds. In total, taxpayers helped at the Coalition's free tax sites received \$759,353 in refunds. This effort will continue in 2011.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Rappahannock United Way, 5pm - 8pm	Central Rappahannock Regional Library, Main Branch, 5pm - 8pm	Rappahannock United Way, 1pm - 4pm	Thurman Brisben Center, 5pm - 8pm	Virginia Employment Commission, 1pm - 4pm	Central Rappahannock Regional Library, Main Branch, 1pm - 4pm
		Central Rappahannock Regional Library, Porter Branch, 5pm - 8pm	Central Rappahannock Regional Library, Engand Run Branch, 5-8pm		

2011 EITC Tax Sites:

Tax site Addresses:

- **Thurman Brisben Center**, 471 Central Road, Fredericksburg.
- **Central Rappahannock Regional Library Main Branch**, 1201 Caroline Street, Fredericksburg.
- **Central Rappahannock Regional Library Porter Branch**, 2001 Parkway Boulevard, Stafford.
- **Central Rappahannock Regional Library England Run Branch**, 806 Lyons Boulevard, Stafford.
- **Rappahannock United Way**, 3310 Shannon Park Drive, Fredericksburg.
- **Virginia Employment Commission**, 10304 Spotsylvania Avenue, Spotsylvania.

Special 2011 Tax Events:

University of Mary Washington - Woodard Campus Center, Red Room

- January 25, 2011 2pm - 6pm
- March 8, 2011 2pm - 6pm

Bowling Green Baptist Church - 225 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, VA 22427

- Tuesday, February 8, 2011, 5pm - 8pm
- Saturday, March 5, 2011, 1pm - 4pm
- Tuesday April 5, 2011, 5pm - 8pm

Smoot Library - 9533 Kings Highway, King George, VA 22485

- Saturday, February 5, 2011, 1pm - 4pm
- Tuesday, March 1, 2011, 5pm - 8pm
- Saturday, April 2, 2011, 5pm - 8pm

Bragg Hill Family Life Center - 400 Bragg Hill Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

- Saturday, February 5, 2011, 12pm - 3pm
- Saturday, February 19, 2011, 12pm - 3pm

Hazel Hill Apartments - 100 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

- Wednesday, January 26, 2011, 5pm - 8pm
- Saturday, February 19, 2011, 1pm - 4pm

Stafford County Head Start - 610 Gayle Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22405

- Friday, February 04, 2011, 9am-12pm
- Friday, February 18, 2011, 9am-12pm
- Friday, March 04, 2011, 9am-12pm
- Friday, March 18, 2011, 9am-12pm
- Friday, April 1 2011, 9am-12pm



For More Information, Please Contact
Rappahannock United Way at
(540) 373-0041 ext. 316 or
wecare@rappahannockunitedway.org

Reminder: Taxpayers must bring necessary documentation to file taxes:

- Driver's License or Photo Identification Card
- Social Security card or Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) for taxpayer and all dependents
- Copies of all W2, 1098, 1099 forms /Amounts of any other income
- If you paid for childcare, bring the providers name, address, and tax identification number.
- Amounts and dates of any estimated or other tax payments made.
- 5 • Your spouse in person, if filing jointly.
- Proof of account for direct deposit or refund (voided check)

Angel Court will address the housing needs of larger income eligible and disabled families that have been displaced in our community. The \$5,300,000 project will provide an additional 24 two and three bedroom rental units. The units in Angel Court will have LEED building features, be certified Earth Craft, and will incorporate alternative energy systems. The Angel Court development will be the final phase of the Angelwood Community and will physically extends behind the King George Department of Social Services and Union First Market Bank.

In addition to providing affordable housing, Project FAITH distributed over 24,000 pounds of food in 2010 through its affiliation with the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank and prepared over 80 plates of food for Thanksgiving. In October 2010, Project FAITH was blessed with volunteers from the United Way King George Day of Caring. Volunteers from Booz, Allen and Hamilton helped mulch and beautify the landscaping at Angelwood.

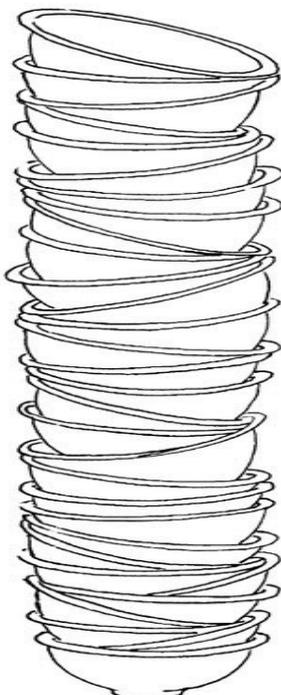
In 2011, Project FAITH will begin its largest project ever, the King George H.E.L.P. (Health/Higher Education Learning Parenting) Assistance Center. The Center is designed to be a 40,000+ square foot complex to house 9 major service providers under one roof, a first in Virginia. The \$8,000,000 high performance complex will provide education, social, health and human services to low to moderate income families and disenfranchised individuals in the entire Northern Neck region. While the HELP Center may seem like an awesome task, through strategic planning, sound partners and a comprehensive building program, Project FAITH will be able to deliver the project for the benefit of the greater King George and Northern Neck Region in 2012.

Project FAITH's vision for the King George Community is to develop 10-15 affordable, single family residences and 4-8 assisted living units to be located also within the Angelwood development. Project FAITH will continue to assess community needs in holistic ways and to make efforts that educate, provide for and empower persons with disabilities, disenfranchised and elder adults, low income families and children of those affected families.

For more information, please contact Project FAITH, Inc. at 540-775-3492 or project_faith@verizon.net.



Booz, Allen and Hamilton Volunteers



Empty Bowl

12th Annual Fundraiser

Buy your TICKETS now!

\$40 -leave with an empty bowl and a full stomach.

To benefit the
Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence

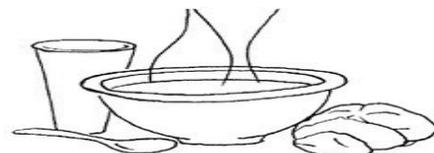
January 30, 2011

5-7:30 pm
Fredericksburg Elks Lodge
11309 Tidewater Trail
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Purchase tickets at :

**RCDV, 271 Warrenton Rd. (Rt. 17 Falmouth 373-9372) or
Sophia Street Studios, 1104 Sophia St., downtown, or
LibertyTown Arts Workshop, 916 Liberty St., downtown (old
Fred Hardware Plumbing store)**

CALL Kathy Anderson or Tammy Appel at RCDV 373-9372 for more information.



Micah Cold Weather Shelter Update

Micah Ecumenical Ministries' Cold Weather Shelter located at 750 Kings Highway in Stafford County, has been open almost the entire month of December, closing only 3 nights. Average numbers have been moderate, hovering around 30 each night. As of December 31, the shelter, served 89 different people and provided 662 bed nights. Micah staff anticipates a cold January and February, as it was in 2010, but they are hopeful for less snow.

Meghann Cotter

If the anticipated nightly temperature will be 32° or below and you need shelter, please attend one of the dinners below by 6:30 p.m. for a ride.



Community Meal Calendar

*He has told you, O man, what is good;
And what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?*

Micah 6:8

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3-5 p.m. Mars Hill Across from 1013 Princess Anne St.	5-7 p.m. St. George's Episcopal 905 Princess Anne St.	5-7 p.m. Tower of Deliverance 1808 Princess Anne St.	5-6:30 p.m. Christ Lu- theran 1300 Augustine Ave.	5-6:30 p.m. Fredericksburg Baptist 1019 Princess Anne St.	5-7 p.m. Shiloh New Site 525 Princess Anne St.	1 st , 3 rd and 5 th 4-6p.m. Presbyterian Church 810 Princess Anne St. 2 nd and 4 th 4-6 p.m. Fredericksburg United Methodist 308 Hanover St.



The disAbility Resource Center

409 Progress Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

Phone: 540-373-2559 ▪ Fax: 540-373-8126 ▪ TTY: 540-373-5890 ▪ Toll Free: 800-648-6324

Website: www.cildrc.org

Attention: Veterans with Disabilities The disAbility Resource Center Can Help You!

The dRC provides information and resources on:

VA Vocational and Educational Programs

VA Home Improvement Programs

Military Facilities

Benefits Assistance

DAV Assistance Line

Medical Services

Homeless Veterans' Services

Various VA Service Facilities

Grants

Services for Women Veterans

Recreational Opportunities

Transportation

Support Groups



Contact Keith Jenkins, Community Integration Counselor, kjenkins@cildrc.org

For all workshops at the disAbility Resource Center, please request accommodations at least ten (10) days prior to event date.



Rappahannock United Way

JOIN US for an interactive sharing of our Community Engagement data.

We will display the specific areas within **Education**, **Income**, and **Health** that participants recurrently identified as priorities in the community. We invite **you** to participate in one of the following sessions to help guide and inform the process for selecting which key priorities RUW will move forward in developing strategies for in our community.

We look forward to seeing you at:

Rappahannock United Way
3310 Shannon Park Drive
Fredericksburg, VA 22408

during one of the following: **January 18th, 19th, or 20th:**

8:30-9:30 a.m.

12:30-1:30 p.m.

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Each event will begin promptly at the above designated starting times. The experience may not take a full hour. For more information about our Community Engagement Initiative, please visit www.rappahannockunitedway.org.

