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The Community Interfaith Liaison E-Newsletter is a publication of the Fairfax County Community Interfaith Liaison Office (CIL) providing Fairfax County faith communities and faith- and community-based organizations with current news about human services and community strengthening resources, workshops, events, and community coordinated initiatives that support the mission of Fairfax County Government.

If you have questions about an upcoming event, wish to submit information for possible inclusion, or would like to receive more information regarding an event that has already taken place, please send an e-mail to ciluser@fairfaxcounty.gov. If you would like to be removed from the Community Interfaith Liaison E-Newsletter, please send an e-mail with the word "Unsubscribe" in the subject line. Thank you.

For more information on the Community Interfaith Liaison Office, please visit our website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dsm/cil/.

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Feature Articles

September is Recovery Month ... Join the Voices for Recovery Now . . .

**JOIN
THE VOICES
FOR RECOVERY...
NOW!**



Alcohol and drug use disorders have devastating health and societal consequences, and our community is not immune to these problems. *Recovery Month, September 2004*, is an opportunity for us as members of the faith community to highlight the benefits of treatment and encourage people with drug and alcohol problems to begin their journey of recovery.

In 2002, an estimated 22 million Americans met the medical criteria for substance dependence or abuse. Alcohol and drug use disorders also have a significant impact on spouses and others who are close to people with such disorders. Family members may experience increased family conflict; emotional or physical violence; and increased family stress, including work problems, illness, marital strain, and financial problems.

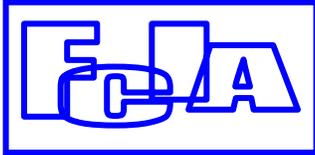
Many people in need of recovery have difficulty obtaining the treatment that can help them rejoin their families, their jobs, and their lives in their communities. Yet many others have overcome the numerous barriers to recovery and, as a result, are leading healthy and productive lives. Treatment works and is available in all communities across Virginia through local Community Services Boards.

Information about Substance Abuse and Addiction In Our Culture

- Denial and stigma associated with alcohol and drug use disorders continue to keep people out of treatment.
- Failure to recognize addiction as a treatable disease keeps people out of treatment.
- Only 10.3 percent of Americans age 12 or older who needed treatment for an alcohol or drug use disorder actually received treatment.
- More than 95 percent of people with an alcohol use disorder who did not receive treatment did not believe treatment was necessary; more than 94 percent of people with untreated drug use disorders held the same belief.
- Of those who recognized that they needed treatment, approximately 30 percent tried but were unable to obtain treatment.
- In Virginia in 1998, for every dollar spent by the state to cover the cost of crime, health, and lost productivity caused by substance abuse and addiction, less than 1 cent was spent on treatment and prevention. During the same year, the impact of substance abuse cost every Virginian \$267.10.

Please feel free to use this information, in whole or in part, in your service bulletins. More information can be found at the following website: <http://www.recoverymonth.gov>.

Faith Communities in Action



Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) is a network of faith communities, community-based organizations, and government agencies that fosters interfaith communications and cooperation to build and strengthen human services resources throughout Fairfax County.

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Government Center Conference Center Rooms 2 & 3
12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA

Presenters:

Phil Carpenter, Capital Hospice
Director of Faith Community & Clergy Outreach

Geri Storm, Get Real About Tobacco
(A multi-week program designed for faith communities' elementary and middle school-aged youth)

Events...Workshops...Conferences

Saturday, September 4, 2004

Community Celebration at Lake Accotink Park ...

Community Celebration
Lake Accotink Park

Saturday, September 4, 2004

2 p.m. – 9 p.m.

6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The Fairfax County Park Authority and the County's Springfield Community Resources Team will host a community celebration at Lake Accotink Park. The celebration includes community informational booths, food, face painting, games for kids, a rock climbing wall, carousel rides, miniature golf, boat rides, and a fireworks show at dark. A \$2 per vehicle parking fee will be in effect, as well as shuttle bus service from free off-site parking. For additional information, to volunteer, or to host an informational exhibit, contact the park manager, Tawny Hammond, or the assistant park manager, Julie Tahan, at 703-569-0285, TTY 703-569-5200.

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Commission for Women-GMU Lecture Series...

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**"Women and Men in Conversation"
First in series lecture by Anita Taylor**

**Fairfax County Government Center
Conference Rooms 2/3
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia**

7:30 p.m.

The Fairfax County Commission for Women invites area residents to a lecture series co-sponsored by George Mason University. The first lecture, by Anita Taylor, will be held September 8 at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 2/3, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, and will begin at 7:30 p.m. The talk is titled "Women and Men in Conversation." Taylor will speak about problems in communication between women and men and offer suggestions for minimizing such difficulties. Refreshments will be provided. There is free parking available on site and no RSVP is required. If you have any questions, call 703-993-8846, TTY 711. This is a series of four lectures; information on upcoming lectures will be announced. To request special accommodations, call 703-324-5730, TTY 703-324-5706. Please allow seven working days in advance of the event in order to make the necessary arrangements.

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services presents ...

**Hope & Recovery:
A Visit to Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services Mt. Vernon**

**8794-S Sacramento Drive
Alexandria, Virginia**

11 a.m. – 12 Noon

Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services (PRS) hosts monthly tours that rotate among its three centers (Mt. Vernon, Falls Church, and Reston) to introduce the public to its programs and services. PRS has a longstanding track record of helping persons recover from mental illness and become independent, productive participants in our community. The tours offer a first-hand opportunity to speak with our CEO, a PRS

client, and a family member. To RSVP and for directions, contact Elisa Kosarin at ekosarin@prsinc.org or call 703-531-6303.

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Springfield & Franconia Exchange presents ...

Springfield & Franconia Exchange
Grant Writing Workshop

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Lunch: 11:30 a.m. – 12 noon
Presentation: 12 Noon – 1:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Springfield
Fellowship Hall
7300 Gary St.
Springfield, VA 22150

The Springfield & Franconia Exchange is free and open to the community. Complimentary coffee & tea will be served. Brown bag lunches are encouraged. Please park in the rear of the church and enter through the gym. No need to RSVP. For more information, contact Irimina Howe at 703-324-7130 or Paulette Whiteside at 703-324-5285.

Thursday, September 9, 2004

West Springfield Neighborhood College ...

West Springfield Neighborhood College
Thursday evenings, September 9, 2004 – October 14, 2004

6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

West Springfield Governmental Center
Community Room
6140 Rolling Road
Springfield, VA 22152

Registration Deadline: September 3, 2004

Learn how to work with other residents and local government to strengthen your neighborhood and promote a strong sense of community. A seven-session community leadership program, free of charge, is being offered to build upon the strengths and assets of a diverse community in West Springfield. Topics will include understanding your local government and how to get involved, living and working in

Fairfax County in 2004, communicating in a multicultural environment, and how to build community partnerships. A light meal will be served. Class size is limited. Sign up today.

To register, contact paulette.whiteside@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-5285. The deadline for registration is Friday, September 3, 2004. This program is co-sponsored by the Fairfax/Falls Church Community Services Board, Pohick Regional Library, Fairfax County Health Department, and the Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services.

Saturday, September 11, 2004

Panel Discussion
"A Spiritual Response to Gang Violence"

Saturday, September 11, 2004
2:30 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church
4604 Ravensworth Road
Annandale, VA

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Fairfax is sponsoring a panel discussion and community dialogue addressing gang violence. The panelists will be Chaplain John Montgomery, Fairfax County Adult Detention Center; Chaplain Dave Fox, Fairfax County Police Development; Sharon Wendtland, Barrios Unidos; and Dave Stevens, Christian Science Healer and Lecturer. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information, call 703-830-1340 or 703-323-0022.

Saturday, September 18, 2004

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia presents ...

Mosaic Harmony and Special Guest Musica Viva
Multi-Faith Choir Concert to benefit
Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia

Saturday, September 18, 2004
7 p.m.

Great Falls United Methodist Church
10100 Georgetown Pike
Great Falls, Virginia

In a special Building on Faith Event, Mosaic Harmony and Special Guest Musica Viva present a multi-faith choir concert to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia. For more information visit www.hfhnv.org.

Saturday, September 18, 2004

Diocese of Arlington Peace & Justice Commission presents ...

Promoting Peace and Justice

Saturday, September 18, 2004
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
3304 N. Washington Blvd., Arlington, VA
8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Speakers:

Steve Colecchi, Director,
Office of Peace & Justice, Diocese of Richmond
Erik Giblin, RFK Memorial Center for Human Rights
Helen Brewer, Principal, St. Mark School, Vienna
Fr. Tom Ferguson, Pastor, St. Thomas a Becket

RSVP @ 703-841-3831

September 23, 2004

Childhelp USA/Virginia presents ...

Performance of *Varekai*
by Cirque du Soleil

Thursday, September 23, 2004
8 p.m.

RFK Stadium
Washington, DC

\$100 per ticket

To reserve tickets for this benefit performance, call Childhelp USA/Virginia at 703-208-1500. \$20 of each ticket is tax deductible. All proceeds will support the child abuse treatment and prevention programs of Childhelp USA Children's Center of Virginia in Fairfax, a nonprofit organization serving the National Capital Region.

The Center provides a child-friendly facility where abused children can receive the services of Fairfax County social workers, law enforcement agents, nurses, and therapists under one roof.

Monday, October 4, 2004

Mental Health Education Conference ...

Creating a Caring Community
A Mental Health Education Conference

Co-Sponsored by Virginia Interfaith Committee on Mental Illness
Ministries and National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Virginia
Affiliate

Monday, October 4, 2004
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Ginter Park Presbyterian Church
3601 Seminary Avenue
Richmond, VA

You are invited to a mental health education conference designed for clergy, youth pastors, education directors, parish nurses, counselors, Stephen Ministry workers, care group leaders, and religious leaders of all faith traditions.

Early registration discount: Pay \$25 if received by September 1; \$35 after September 1. Registration deadline: September 15. Fee includes lunch, information packet, exhibit tables with free resources, keynote speaker, and three workshops. Interpreter for the Deaf available if requested no later than September 1. Questions? Contact Ginny Chambers at ginnychambers@vaumc.org or call Ginny or Martha Stokes at the Virginia United Methodist Conference Center, 1-800-768-6040 or (804) 521-1100.

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Nurturing Parent Classes ...

Nurturing Parenting Classes

New Curriculum with emphasis on
African American children ages 5 - 11

Every Wednesday, October 6, 2004 - February 2, 2005

Mt. Vernon Elementary School
Alexandria, Virginia

5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Nurturing Parenting Program is excited to announce the debut of a new curriculum targeted towards families with African American children ages 5 - 11. This curriculum emphasizes how African American history affects the current life process for African Americans, and includes topics such as the slave experience, transcending oppression and acculturation, spirituality, and accessing resources. In addition, topics about parenting from the standard Nurturing Parenting Program curriculum are included. The Nurturing Parenting Program, with an emphasis on African American culture, will premiere on Wednesday, October 6, and end on Wednesday, February 2, 2005. The group will meet at Mt. Vernon Elementary School in Alexandria from 5:30 to 8 p.m. For more information or to enroll in the class, please contact [Keesha Edwards](#) at 703-324-7501, [Nancy Coffey](#) at 703-324-7723, or [Claudia McDowell](#) at 703-324-7405, TTY 703-222-9452. For reasonable ADA accommodations, please contact Keesha Edwards at 703-324-7501, TTY 703-324-9452.

October 6 & 7, 2004

Mid-Atlantic AHMA's Affordable Housing Management Conference ...

Affordable Housing Management Conference
October 6 - 7, 2004

Holiday Inn Select
1021 Koger Center Blvd.
Richmond, Virginia

Reservations Required

The Mid-Atlantic Affordable Housing Management Association presents the 2004 Annual Affordable Housing Management Conference. Register early. Last year, the conference was a sellout and last-minute registrants could not be accommodated. Some of the sessions for this year will include Senior Housing, Accessing and Using

HUD's Secure Systems, Tax Credit Compliance, Housing Challenges for People with Disabilities, Fair Housing Training, and many more. The registration deadline is September 27, 2004. For more information or reservations call 804-379-3800.

October 7, 2004

McLean Community Connections presents ...

A McLean Community Dialogue
"Liberty and Justice for all – What does it mean to you?"

October 7, 2004
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Avenue
McLean, VA 22101

Space is limited.
RSVPs are recommended.

If you live or work in the Greater McLean Community and would like to celebrate McLean's diversity, join us for an evening of cross-cultural, multi-ethnic communication. Volunteers are also needed to help with registration, reception and guest relations. If you are experienced as a facilitator and are interested, we have a few remaining volunteer openings for facilitators for the evening's small group discussions. The evening will begin with a reception at 6:30 p.m. featuring an international menu of hors d'oeuvres donated by local business, with the dialogue to follow at 7 p.m. Space is limited so please call 703-324-3453 to reserve seating or to volunteer.

October 7 - 9, 2004

Korean Churches for Community Development presents ...

KCCD's 3rd "Lighting the Community" Conference
Strengthening Families and Marriages
October 7 - 9, 2004

Holiday Inn on the Hill
415 New Jersey Avenue
Washington, DC 20001

This year's conference focuses on Strengthening Families and Marriages for a better America. The rise in family and marriage breakdowns has become a serious societal issue and is creating unintended consequences such as increased gang violence, domestic violence, and homelessness. The conference will provide three

days of training covering these vital issues in the Korean American community, as well as funding and networking opportunities. The mission of KCCD is to assist the Korean American churches in looking beyond the church walls to provide programs and assist those in need in their communities. Hence this conference will bring together policy makers, elected officials, funders, Asian American pastors, community leaders, and others committed to community development in order to collaborate with the Korean American church community in providing and expanding services to be a light in the community. Registration Deadlines: \$225 by September 1, 2004, \$250 by September 15, 2004, \$275 at the door. Hotel Reservations need to be made separately at 1-800-638-1116 or at the Hotel Direct at 202-638-1616.

October 9, 2004

A Journey Toward Independence 19th Annual Conference ...

October 9, 2004
19th Annual Conference on Brain Injury

George Mason University
Johnson Center
Routes 123 & Braddock Road
Fairfax, VA
8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

A Journey Toward Independence is an annual conference on brain injury that provides support and information to survivors, family members, friends, medical/rehabilitation professionals and students from the metropolitan Washington, DC area. Early registration ends September 15. For registration information visit the website at <http://www.nvbia.org/ComingEvents.htm>.

News, Announcements, & Updates

⌘ National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) Workshop

Thursday, September 9, 2004, at the NAMI National Convention in Washington, D.C., there will be a Special Interest Workshop for FaithNet concerning outreach to the faith communities. The workshop will be held from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. at the Washington Hilton in the Hemisphere Room located on the Concourse Level. There is no need to register if you are only attending this one workshop, and there is no charge. Included in the workshop will be discussion of how NAMI can best support the interfaith organization, Pathways to Promise. Pathways to Promise is an interfaith technical assistance and resource center which offers liturgical and educational materials, program models, and networking information to promote a caring ministry with people with mental illness and their families. These resources are used by people at all levels of faith group structures, from local congregations to regional and national staff. Pathways to Promise's Chairman of the Board Rev. Bob Dell will be present.

⌘ Watch for Local Screenings of the movie "Paper Clips" ...

"Changing the World... One classroom at a time" ... The town of Whitwell is a tiny community of about two thousand people nestled in the mountains of Tennessee. Its citizens are almost exclusively white and Christian. In 1998, the children of Whitwell Middle School took on an inspiring project, launched out of their principal's desire to help her students open their eyes to the diversity of the world beyond their insulated valley. What happened would change the students, their teachers, their families, and the entire town forever ... and eventually open hearts and minds around the world.

"Paper Clips" tells the moving story of how these students responded to what had been to them a completely unfamiliar chapter in human history—the Holocaust—with a promise to honor every single soul lost in that horrible event by collecting paper clips to represent each individual exterminated by the Nazis. Their dedication was absolute. Their plan was simple but profound. The amazing result, which stands permanently in their schoolyard, is an unforgettable lesson of how a committed group of children can change the world one classroom at a time. "Paper Clips" will be released in Washington and will be showing beginning September 10 at Bethesda Landmark Theater (a/k/a Bethesda Row Cinema) 7235 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland.

⌘ \$1,000 Grants Available to Make Apartments Accessible ...

Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) and the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) have created a \$25,000 grant fund pool to help pay for modifying rental units and make them accessible. Grant funds of up to \$1,000 per dwelling unit will be available on a first-come/first-served basis. Grants are available to persons earning 80 percent or less of the area median income. These funds can be used for any work needed to make the unit accessible for a person with disabilities. For more information, contact the Endependence Center of Northern Virginia at 703-525-3268, Cheryl Worrell at 703-914-1361, or visit the VHDA website at <http://www.vhda.com/finance/pdf/VACommonwealthPriority.pdf>.

⌘ Senior Services Fact Sheet Available in Eight Languages ...

Thanks to a county employee group called the Diversity Outreach Committee, a fact sheet providing a listing of Fairfax County senior services and information about speakers for community meetings is now available in eight languages. Headed by Dorothy Keenan from the Department of Community and Recreation Services, this committee tackled the expense for this ambitious project by cooperatively sharing the cost of translation into multiple languages among its member agencies. The document, "A Message to Community Groups: Fairfax County and Community Organizations Working Together to Serve Older Adults," is now available to seven language communities (Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, Arabic, Farsi, Urdu, and Chinese). This amazing group of employees has been meeting since 2000 in an effort to reach those seniors who are most likely to be underserved by county agencies, those who are foreign-born, and/or with disabilities. For more information, contact [Dorothy Keenan](#) at 703-324-5528, TTY 703-222-9693.

Resource & Grant Opportunities

Digest of Federal Grants with Faith-Based and Community Organization Eligibility - 08/17/04

Publisher: The Roundtable on Religion & Social Welfare Policy

By: Lisa M. Montiel, Roundtable Research

The grant opportunities this week for faith-based and community-based organizations are through the Departments of Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the *Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Other Asset Formation Opportunities* grant under the *Community Services Block Grant Training/Technical Assistance Program*. Due to the under-claiming of the EITC (a refundable federal tax credit) by qualified low-income families and its potential as an asset building-block, ACF will support projects that collaborate with CSBG entities to promote the use of EITC and provide other financial literacy services.

Activities funded include conducting outreach to EITC eligible individuals and families, assisting individuals/families apply for and receive the EITC, utilize banking services, and increase their saving in Individual Development Accounts, and presenting materials in different languages.

Seven grants will be awarded with a total of \$500,000. Individual awards are expected to average \$70,000. Applications are due September 9, 2004. The program announcement is in the Federal Register at: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-18289.pdf>.

Health Resources and Services Administration

New and continuing projects can apply for funding for five types of health centers under HRSA's *Consolidated Health Center Program*. The grants are to support the operations of Community Health Centers, Migrant Health Centers, Health Care for the Homeless, Public Housing Primary Care, and School-Based Health Centers. All five programs are community-based approaches to providing health care in medically underserved areas and populations. The program announcement provides details on each of the health center categories.

A total of \$355 million is expected to be available for Fiscal Year 2005 program funding. It is estimated that a total of 277 grants will be awarded. There are three deadlines for application receipt, depending upon the applicant's project end date. Those dates are September 1, 2004; October 25, 2004; and January 3, 2005. The application guidance document can be found at: <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/preview/guidancebphc/hrsa05086.htm>.

US AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Interested applicants should note that the deadline for the *Basic Human Services: Safe Water Systems in Indonesia* cooperative agreement announced in the Roundtable's July 6, 2004, e-newsletter has been extended. The new deadline for applications is September 30, 2004. The announcement modifying the deadline can be found at: <http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/AID/OM/IND/RFA%26%23032%3BNo.%26%23032%3BIndonesia%26%23032%3B04-015/Modification3.html>.

Accommodations

Fairfax County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all County programs, services, and activities. Special accommodations/alternative information formats for Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) meetings and Community Interfaith Liaison Office meetings, events, and workshops will be provided upon request. Please call 703-324-3453 or TTY 703-803-7914 to request special accommodations or if you have any questions or concerns. Please allow seven working days in advance of the event in order to make the necessary arrangements.

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