



# Community Interfaith Liaison E-Newsletter

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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](mailto: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.

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Community Interfaith Liaison*

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## Feature Articles

### **Saving a Generation – One Child at a Time ... An Evening with Rev. W. C. Martin of Possum Trot, Texas**

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In Fairfax County, close to 500 children and teens are currently in foster care. Of these, about 20 who have no chance of returning to their birth families currently have no identified adoptive families. They wait...and wait...for a loving family to step forward to adopt them. Most of the children have experienced serious abuse and neglect.

The free event, “Saving a Generation: An Evening with Rev. W.C. Martin,” is open to the general public. Light refreshments – and hope – will be provided.

**What:** Saving a Generation – An Evening with Rev. W C Martin  
Adoption Awareness Month event sponsored by  
Fairfax County Department of Family Services, Foster Care & Adoption Program

**When:** Wednesday, November 10, 2004  
6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

**Where:** Northern Virginia Community College – Annandale Campus  
Ernst Cultural Community Center  
8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA

The public is also invited to an Adoption Celebration and Gospel Music Festival on Friday, November 12, 2004, at 6 pm in the Fairfax County Government Center.

For more information or to request special accommodations, contact Beverly J. Howard, Ph.D. in Fairfax County's Foster Care & Adoption Program: 703-324-7518 (TTY: 703-222-9452).

Information is also available on the county's Web site at

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dfs/ChildrenYouth/Adoption.shtm>

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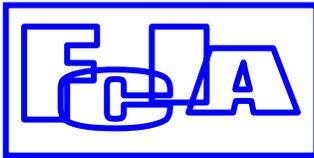
## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month ...

The Women's Center, in conjunction with the Faith Communities in Action Domestic Violence Task Force, has put together a safety pamphlet specifically for places of worship. It has information about the signs of domestic abuse, hotlines to contact, and local area resources available to anyone in need.

The pamphlet, designed to fit in a purse, should be placed in restrooms so someone may take one unobserved. Getting this information into the congregations is the goal for increased awareness for the month of October.

Contact Susan Folwell, Acting Manager of Domestic Violence Programs at The Women's Center, if you would like brochures for your place of worship. She can be reached at 703-281-4928 Ext. 242 or you may email your request to [sfolwell@thewomenscenter.org](mailto:sfolwell@thewomenscenter.org).

### 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, November 10, 2004

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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

Presentation: *"Faith Communities Response to Prisoner Re-Entry and Community Reconciliation"*

Carla Taylor, Executive Director  
Opportunities, Alternatives & Resources of Fairfax County

Opportunities, Alternatives & Resources of Fairfax County Inc., is a local nonprofit rehabilitative justice organization providing human services since 1971.

OAR's mission is to rebuild lives and break the cycle of crime by providing opportunities, alternatives, and resources to criminal offenders and their families.

## Events...Workshops...Conferences

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Nurturing Parenting Classes ...

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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](tel:703-324-7501) at 703-324-7501, [Nancy Coffey](tel:703-324-7723) at 703-324-7723, or [Claudia McDowell](tel:703-324-7405) at 703-324-7405, TTY 703-222-9452. For reasonable ADA accommodations, please contact Keesha Edwards at 703-324-7501, TTY 703-324-9452.

Monday, October 18, 2004

Central Fairfax Forum presents ...

Access to Health Care  
Monday, October 18, 2004

Chantilly Baptist Church  
14312 Chantilly Baptist Lane  
Chantilly, VA 20153

8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

Please RSVP to Jan Welch at [alleluia@starpower.net](mailto:alleluia@starpower.net) (703-802-1419) or Irmina Howe at [irmina.howe@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:irmina.howe@fairfaxcounty.gov) (703-324-7130). Bring information about your organization to share on our resource table.

Friday, October 22, 2004  
Habitat for Humanity presents ...

Habitat for Humanity ReStore Grand Opening  
Friday, October 22, and Saturday, October 23, 2004  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

7770-A Richmond Highway  
Alexandria, VA

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia celebrates the Grand Opening of its first ReStore. The ReStore will sell donated home improvement items at 50-90 percent below retail prices, with the proceeds going to build Habitat homes for families in need in Northern Virginia. Come for the ribbon cutting ceremony, refreshments, and shopping. For more information on items for sale or materials that can be donated, visit [www.restorenova.org](http://www.restorenova.org).

Saturday, October 23, 2004  
Volunteer Fairfax presents ...

Volunteer Fairfax's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual VolunteerFest  
Building Communities One Day at a Time

Saturday, October 23, 2004

On Saturday, October 23, hundreds of local volunteers are needed to participate in a community-wide day of service for Volunteer Fairfax's 10th annual VolunteerFest®. More than 45 local nonprofits and public agencies are in need of over 750 volunteers from around the county to make a difference. Volunteers will accomplish various tasks that include landscaping, assisting with children's programs, painting, cleaning, organizing, restocking food pantries, helping the homeless, and much more.

This year's theme for VolunteerFest® is "Building Communities One Day at a Time." Everyone in the community is invited to participate in our event that is in conjunction with national "Make a Difference Day!" This is a great opportunity for youth groups or community groups to spend the day together helping their community. Volunteers sign up for short-term, hands-on projects. Individuals, families, corporate teams, and community

groups are invited to register for a project. Registration is now available online at [www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org) under "VolunteerFest®." The Web site will show you a list of over 45 projects and allow you to easily register for any project of your choosing. For more information or to register a group for a project, contact Mary-Litton Thornton at (703) 246-3460 or [mthornton@volunteerfairfax.org](mailto:mthornton@volunteerfairfax.org).

Tuesday, October 26, 2004

Capital Area Food Bank presents ...

Hunger Summit '04

Columbia Baptist Church  
103 West Columbia Street  
Falls Church, VA

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Capital Area Food Bank presents an opportunity for local nonprofits to network, obtain information and better educate themselves. For more information, call Brian @ 703-541-3063.

Tuesday, November 9, 2004

Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington presents ...

25th Anniversary Interfaith Concert  
A Celebration of the Sacred in Song, Dance and Chant

Tuesday, November 9, 2004  
7:30 p.m.

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception  
4<sup>th</sup> St. & Michigan Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C.

The concert will feature the talents of youth and young adults representing the Baha'i Hindu/Jain, Islamic, Jewish, Latter Day Saints, Orthodox, Protestant, Roman Catholic, Sikh, & Unitarian Universalist Faith Communities. For additional information or to order tickets, contact Mike Goggin, Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington @ 202-234-6300 X 208 or email to [mikeg@ifcmw.org](mailto:mikeg@ifcmw.org). General Admission tickets are \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door. Reserved section tickets are \$30.

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## News, Announcements, & Updates

### ⌘ JUMP - Fairfax County Juvenile Mentoring Program ...



arts and crafts room, board games, cards, a computer clubhouse, basketball,

The Fairfax County Juvenile Mentoring Program (JUMP) pairs caring responsible adult volunteers with youth, ages 10-14, to be their mentors. Our program is site-based. The youth and volunteers meet at Bailey's Community Center in Falls Church for one hour per week. The center has a lot of cool activities including a music studio where you can create and record your songs and put a music video to it, an

outdoor activities and a homework room. We also do quarterly group events. Last Saturday we went to the MCI Center to see a basketball game. The tickets were graciously donated and we chartered a bus.

To become a volunteer, there is a three-step process: First, we ask all potential mentors to attend a Mentoring 101 orientation. Second, for the children's safety, all JUMP mentors must complete a background check. Third is the JUMP mentor training, which we schedule with you, either as a group or one on one, to complete your training. Then we pair you with a child who is compatible to you and shares similar interests.

If you have any questions, or are interested in becoming a Mentor, please feel free to contact Alejandra Caballero at 703-324-5344. We are also on the web at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/Mentoring/Jump.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/Mentoring/Jump.htm)

#### ⌘ NVCC's MEC Clinical Network ...

Northern Virginia Community College's Medical Education Campus (MEC) Clinical Network provides services for people without health insurance. Services offered include school and athletic physicals, general health physicals, acute and chronic disease management, pregnancy testing, women's health exams, and vision screenings. All patients are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. For recorded information, call 703-822-6606. For location information and the October schedule, click here for the [October 2004 MEC Network Schedule](#).

#### ⌘ \$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 in order to 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*

Publisher: The Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare Policy

**By: Lisa Montiel, Roundtable Research Scientist**

The grant opportunities this week for community- and faith-based organizations are through programs administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

### **CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

The 2005 AmeriCorps Grant Guidelines and application instructions are now available. Faith-based and other organizations operating a program in two or more states may apply as a new applicant for an AmeriCorps National Direct program grant. The grants support the operation of national and community service programs. The amount of the individual awards is dependent on the scope of the proposed project.

Faith-based and other organizations are also eligible to apply for an AmeriCorps National Planning Grant. These grants are specifically to assist faith-based and secular community programs to organize, prepare and increase their capacity so that they are ready to compete for an AmeriCorps National Direct program grant in the succeeding funding cycle. Individual award amounts for Planning Grants average \$50,000.

Applications are due March 8, 2005. The application instructions for both of these programs can be found at: <http://www.americorps.org/pdf/2005guidelines/2005NationalApplicationInstructions%20FINAL.pdf>. The 2005 guidelines for the entire AmeriCorps program are at: <http://www.americorps.org/pdf/2005guidelines/2005%20AmeriCorps%20Guidelines%20FINAL.pdf>.

### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

#### **Health Resources and Services Administration**

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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>.

HRSA has released the Fiscal Year 2005 Preview grant opportunities. Faith-based and other organizations interested in applying for any of the HRSA grants should read the "Guidance and Policy Statement of Religious Nondiscrimination in Grant Eligibility and Service Delivery Faith-Based and Other Community Organizations" at: <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/preview/nondiscrimination.htm>.

The relevant funding opportunities for faith-based and community-based organizations will be summarized here in the grant digest of the Roundtable's e-newsletter when the relevant programs' application kits become available. The FY 2005 Preview is at: <ftp://ftp.hrsa.gov/guidance05/preview.pdf>. Below are a few of these funding opportunities that

already have application guidance and kits available.

Faith-based and other organizations meeting the qualifications outlined in the program announcement may apply for a grant under the *Healthy Start Initiative: Eliminating Racial/Ethnic Disparities*. The specific populations to be served, geographic areas served, and activities expected are described in detail in the program announcement.

Over \$73 million will be awarded to about 75 projects for fiscal year 2005. The deadline for the next cycle of funding is December 28, 2004. The application package can be found at:  
<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/preview/guidancemch/hrsa05013-05037.htm>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for an Advanced Education Nursing Program grant to enhance advanced nursing education and practice. Eight projects will be supported with a total of approximately \$2 million. The deadline for applications is December 3, 2004. The program announcement is at:  
<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/preview/guidanceprofessions/hrsa05024.htm>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations are invited to apply for a grant under the Comprehensive Geriatric Education Program. The types of projects supported by this grant include those that train individuals who will provide geriatric care for the elderly, develop and disseminate curricula relating to the treatment of the health problems of elderly individuals, train faculty members in geriatrics, or provide continuing education to individuals who provide geriatric care.

A total of \$660,000 will be awarded to an estimated 13 grantees. The maximum individual award amount is \$50,000. Applications are due December 3, 2004. The application guidance documents are at:  
<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/preview/guidanceprofessions/hrsa05068.htm>.

The Eliminating Disparities in Perinatal Health (Border, Alaska, and Hawaii) grant will support projects located within 62 miles from the United States-Mexican border, within the State of Alaska or within Hawaii. Selected communities must also have a high incidence of poor perinatal health indicators, whether due to factors of education, income, disability, or living in rural areas.

The grants will support projects that provide core service interventions - such as direct outreach, case management, health education, interconceptional care, and screening for depression - as well as the four core system activities of developing a local health systems action plan, a consortium, collaboration with the State Title V Program, and a sustainability plan.

HRSA anticipates awarding two grants of up to \$750,000 annually for projects of four-year duration. Applications are due December 28, 2004. The program announcement and application guidance are at:  
<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/preview/guidancemch/hrsa05013-05037.htm>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for a grant entitled, New Access Points in Programs Funded under the Health Centers Consolidation Act of 1996, to establish a Community Health Center, Migrant Health Center, Health Care for the Homeless, Public Housing Primary Care, and/or School Based Health Center. Each type of health center has specific requirements, expected activities and outcomes. Interested applicants are referred to the consolidated program announcement for detailed information.

This New Access Points funding opportunity is different than the Service Area Competition Funding for the Consolidated Health Center Program announced in the September 28, 2004, edition of the Roundtable™ e-newsletter. The earlier funding announcement was for projects serving the same areas and/or populations already being served by existing health centers whose project period was expiring. This announcement is for the establishment of new service delivery sites.

For the entire 2005 fiscal year, a total of \$99.2 million is expected to be awarded to 160 successful applicants. The maximum individual award amount is anticipated to be \$650,000.

Applications for the first round of funding are due December 1, 2004. The program announcement is at:  
<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/preview/guidanceprimary/hrsa05101.htm>.

## National Institutes of Health

The Centers of Excellence in Translational Human Stem Cell Research grant will support the establishment of three new centers that will accelerate the application of the latest advances in human stem cell biology. The centers will bring together basic stem cell biologists, researchers and clinicians with disease-specific expertise, physicians and surgeons skilled in novel modes of cell delivery, and investigators experienced in developing and assessing animal models of human diseases. The result will be the creation of new research teams that will develop novel diagnostic or therapeutic uses of human stem cell biology and conduct preclinical studies employing human stem cells in animal models of disease.

A total of \$4.5 million will support three new Centers of Excellence. Letters of intent are due February 24, 2005, and applications are due March 24, 2005. The request for applications is at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-NS-05-005.html>.

The Regional Translational Research Center Planning Grants will support projects in the planning stage of establishing Regional Translational Research Centers. Three types of center planning will be funded under this opportunity: regional center, core technology center, and expanded center.

Regional centers provide clinical research services such as data/statistical/bioinformatics support, assistance with regulatory issues and communication with IRBs, recruitment cores, pilot project support, and specialized staff as appropriate. Core technology centers provide core technologies on a regional or national scale to aid the study of disease pathogenesis or early-phase clinical interventional studies. Expanded centers provide both regional clinical research services and core technologies.

A total of \$3 million is available to support at least 20 grants. It is anticipated that the number of planning grants awarded will be 10 to 15 Regional Centers, two to four Core Technology Centers, and three to six Expanded Centers. The ceiling on individual planning grant awards is \$150,000 per year. Letters of intent are due December 1, 2004, and applications are due January 19, 2005. The request for applications is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-05-008.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the Small Grants Program for Cancer Epidemiology to support pilot projects, testing of new techniques, secondary analyses of existing data, and development of innovative projects that could provide a basis for more extended research. Specific activities include questionnaire development, preliminary assessment of exposure prevalence, test development, and support for secondary analyses of existing datasets. Examples of relevant research proposals can be found in the program announcement.

NIH anticipates awarding 30-40 grants with individual annual awards of \$50,000 for a maximum of two years. The next deadline for applications is November 21, 2005. The program announcement is at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-04-159.html>.

## UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Qualified faith-based and other organizations with the capability of conducting activities in Indonesia are invited to apply for a cooperative agreement entitled *Improved Quality of Decentralized Basic Education: Increased Relevance of Junior Secondary and Non-Formal Education to Work and Life Skills*. Successful applicants will focus on activities that provide junior-high aged youth with education that is relevant to work and life.

Activities under this funding opportunity include technical assistance and capacity-building for Community Learning Centers and other organizations, assistance in the development of life and employment skills at the junior high school level (career counseling, computer skills, sewing/weaving, fisheries, animal husbandry, agribusiness, farming, mechanics, carpentry and electronics), and school dropout prevention.

A total of \$18-\$22.8 million is expected to be available to fund the program. Applications are due November 30, 2004. The request for applications can be downloaded from: <http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/AID/OM/IND/USAID%26%23047%3BIndonesia%26%23032%3BRFA%26%23032%3BN0%26%23046%3B%26%23032%3B04-020/Attachments.html#upload3725>.

## Accommodations

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