

## Take Action

Homelessness is a real problem in our community.

You can make an impact. **Today.**

There are many ways you, your organization or your family can impact homelessness and advance our community's goal to prevent and end it in 10 years. Donate funds, organize a food drive or volunteer your talents and time. Anything you can do will help those most vulnerable in our community.

To find out more about how you can help, visit  
[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless)



### DONATE

**Give as much as you can.**

Donate funds to the Partnership to End Homelessness/CFNCR fund.

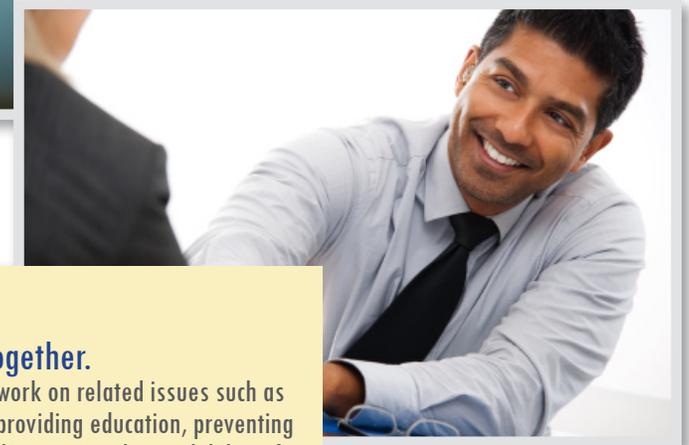
100 percent of your donation will impact our most vulnerable neighbors.



### VOLUNTEER

**Share your talents and your time.**

Offer support that would be most beneficial to local nonprofit organizations, faith-based communities and government agencies helping families and single adults who are homeless.



### EDUCATE

**Find solutions together.**

Discuss how you can work on related issues such as paying living wages, providing education, preventing domestic violence and increasing the availability of affordable housing.

# Building Momentum

### The year ahead.

It has been my sincere pleasure to lead the Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness. In moving forward into the new year, we look to build upon the tremendous momentum and accomplishments achieved by our community through our partnership of so many committed nonprofit, faith-based, business and government entities.

We are living in very challenging economic times and anticipate this upcoming year to be the same. It is my hope that through the increased commitment from our community, we will collectively be able to continue to leverage existing resources, to bring in new resources, as well as additional partners to continue the implementation of our collaborative and innovative approaches towards ending homelessness in the Fairfax-Falls Church community.

During the past year, we have successfully prevented and diverted hundreds of individuals and families from falling into homelessness through the use of new federal stimulus funds. Due to the enormous demand for immediate assistance with basic needs, such as food and shelter, we have fully expended more than \$1 million of these funds in just one year. More than \$2 million in additional funds from the TANF (Temporary

Assistance for Needy Families) emergency funds were also used to provide assistance to families in need. These types of resources help our most vulnerable residents and remain critical to our efforts to prevent homelessness, rapidly re-housing people at risk of homelessness, and thus effectively moving toward ending homelessness. To fill in the gaps, we are now actively exploring other options to secure similar types of resources from businesses, philanthropic entities, government agencies and faith-based communities.

In order to reach our goal of ending homelessness, we have committed to make more than 2,650 housing units available to those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness over a 10-year period of time. This past year we made some strides toward this goal, however, in order to reach our goal we need to increase awareness and build support on the issue of affordable housing within our community. We welcome your support and involvement as we continue to work on this challenge.

We will be seeing some changes to our efforts as mandated by the McKinney-Vento Act as amended by HEARTH legislation. These changes will affect our community and others throughout the country who work on the issues surrounding

ending homelessness. These changes will impact our federal funding levels as well as the need for increased communitywide data collection, implementation of innovative strategies and decisions on reallocation of resources. However, these changes also will provide added energy, opportunity and attention to the issue of ending homelessness.

During the next year, we will rely upon our collective work to engage partners from all sectors of our community to be part of the solutions for preventing and ending homelessness. We need your help in reaching our critical goals and welcome your ongoing financial, in-kind and volunteer support. We recognize the importance of the role of each and every person in our community in the complex solutions to ending homelessness. I encourage you to visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/give](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/give) to find out how you can be part of our community partnership, how you can get involved and support our work as we move forward.

I extend heartfelt appreciation for all you have done and cheerfully thank you in advance for making this new year a tremendous success.

**Dean H. Klein**  
Director, Fairfax County Office to  
Prevent and End Homelessness



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