

# Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership

## Our Partnership

### Engaging our community.

The 10-Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness was written by the community, and all efforts to implement the plan belong to the community. With this in mind, nearly every step that has been taken has been made by a consortium of partners from the business, faith-based, nonprofit and local government communities.

To ensure that partners who do not actively participate in decision-making stay informed, the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness hosts community forums that are open to the public and allow for information sharing and networking. An e-newsletter, Partner Update, is distributed to interested parties.

In addition to engaging the traditional service and advocacy community, the partnership is moving forward to begin more outreach and active engagement of businesses in the Fairfax-

Falls Church community. The effort is being coordinated through a subcommittee of the Governing Board, chaired by Kathy Albarado, President and CEO of Helios HR, and in partnership with various nonprofit organizations in the community.

Quarterly engagement and recruitment events have been scheduled and implemented to involve business leaders and employers to support our efforts through financial, volunteer and in-kind support.

If you would like to receive the Partner Update, please send a request to [opehprograms@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:opehprograms@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call 703-324-9492, TTY 711.

To participate in the business engagement events, please contact Dean Klein, director, Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness at [dean.klein@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:dean.klein@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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Ending homelessness requires a **true partnership** of the government, businesses, faith-based communities and nonprofit organizations to provide the essential coordinated and collaborative political, community and managerial leadership, policy direction, resource development and stewardship.

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The Office to Prevent and End Homelessness received the Best Government Housing Initiative Award from Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (HAND) at their 20th Anniversary Annual Meeting and awards luncheon on May 26, 2011.

# Enhancing Partnerships

More than 200 faith leaders, housing advocates, elected officials, community partners and others came together at the first Faith Communities Housing Engagement on June 1, to discuss how faith communities can help provide affordable housing and housing resources for people who are homeless. The engagement was hosted by the governing board of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness and Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. A collaboration of key county officials, agency heads, faith leaders, housing organizations and advocates, Enterprise and Office to Prevent and End Homelessness staff planned the engagement.



The goal of the event was to acknowledge the work of the faith communities and enhance the partnership that has been built between Fairfax County faith communities, fair housing advocates and developers. Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova founded Faith Communities in Action, a countywide network of faith communities that enables faith communities and charitable nonprofit organizations to work in partnership with local government to better respond to the needs of the community. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors presented a proclamation acknowledging the long-time work of the faith communities in providing services and support to people who are homeless. Hunter Mill District Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins challenged Fairfax County residents to contribute their property tax savings to help prevent and end homelessness.

The engagement focused on:

- How to leverage faith-based assets to provide housing subsidies and create affordable housing.
- How faith-based communities can make an impact.
- How the Housing Blueprint supports the 10-year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.

During the engagement, participants heard from key community stakeholders, official decision makers, clergy, developers and local and state government staff who are involved in developing affordable housing. They also heard a passionate and moving testimony from Luella Brown on her journey from being homeless to owning her own home.

