

A Permanent Home For AFAC

Campaign Update, Summer/Fall 2009

A Note from the Permanent Home Campaign Co-Chairs

Dear Friends of AFAC,

We are at a pivotal moment for AFAC. By purchasing its home in south Arlington, AFAC made a tangible stake in the community. By launching the \$1 million Permanent Home Campaign, AFAC seeks to pay off the mortgage on its home, replenish its endowment (from which the down payment was borrowed), and establish a capital needs fund. Completion of the Permanent Home Campaign will significantly increase the monies available for AFAC's only mission—providing food to families in Arlington who are referred to AFAC for assistance. Following our June benefit reception, we are just over 40% of our goal.

As stewards of the Permanent Home Campaign, we seek your help in embracing AFAC's mission to aid Arlington families who are especially vulnerable during the current economic downturn. Please partner with us to achieve the goals of our Campaign. Your gift will mean everything to the over 1,100 families who rely on AFAC each week.

Best,

Steve Bevis & George Covucci
Campaign Co-chairs



Fall Fun!

Fall brings to mind colorful leaves, hayrides, pumpkin patches, ghosts and goblins, and of course the promise of a great harvest. Now you can help us reap an abundant harvest for AFAC...while having lots of fall fun along the way! So mark these special dates on your calendar, and please pass the word so others can join the fun.

Crate & Barrel 5% Day For AFAC! Wednesday, September 16th

In recognition of Hunger Action Month, 5% of all sales this day at Crate & Barrel in Clarendon will be given to AFAC. This is the third year that C&B has generously extended this opportunity to AFAC—and this year they are including the purchase of gift cards in our 5% benefit! So start your holiday shopping early, redecorate that room, upgrade your dinnerware, replace some cookware...the possibilities are endless. Bring all your "shop-'til-you-drop" friends for a C&B spree! C&B is located in The Market Common, 2800 Clarendon Blvd., and is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Whole Foods 5% Day For AFAC! Wednesday, October 14th

Your favorite, wholesome place to grocery shop—Whole Foods in Clarendon—has once again offered AFAC a 5% shopping day! So come fill your grocery cart, and 5% of your purchase will come back to AFAC and the Permanent Home Campaign. Don't forget to tell your family, friends and neighbors! Whole Foods is located at 2700 Wilson Boulevard and is open from 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

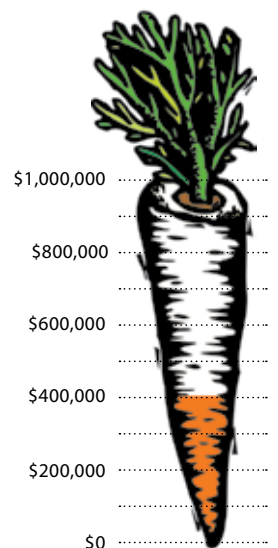
Jewelry "Trunk Show": Friday, October 23rd, 5 to 8 p.m.

Jackie Quigley, a certified gemologist, plans to "open her trunk" and offer a collection of her original designs along with other beautiful jewelry she's gathered during her world travels. Another opportunity for early holiday shopping! Merle Schneider, AFAC Permanent Home Campaign Committee member, is generously hosting this sale at her Arlington home, and 16% of total sales will benefit the Permanent Home Campaign. If you are able to attend, please contact Merle at mcs0111375@comcast.net and she'll send you further details and directions.

Keller-Williams Reception: "Pay It Down, Pay It Forward" Thursday, November 12th

Keller-Williams presents a repeat of last year's fabulous reception and silent auction to benefit AFAC's Permanent Home Campaign. The generous people at K-W know all about mortgages and are anxious to help us pay ours down—and do they know how to throw a great party! The event will again be held at the Clarendon Ballroom. For information about tickets and sponsorships, please call Gayle at K-W at 703-625-1358.

Progress requires partners!



*Please help us reach
our Campaign goal.*

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June 4th Permanent Home Fundraiser A Huge Success!

Heavy rain couldn't dampen the atmosphere at the Washington Golf and Country Club for AFAC's second annual benefit reception, which once again was targeted to achieving the goal of our Permanent Home Campaign. Despite the weather, a lovely time was had by all, with great conversation, music, tempting food and beverages, and a fantastic silent auction.



Paul Evans, AFAC Board member and his wife Susan enjoy the evening.

to continue helping us tackle the growing problem of hunger among our Arlington neighbors. Thanks to the generous attendees, contributors and sponsors of this event, over \$55,000 was realized for the Permanent Home Campaign! The date for next year's benefit reception is June 8, 2010. We hope to see you there!

Compelling remarks were made by County Board Vice Chairman Jay Fisette, the Rev. Andrew Merrow, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Arlington, and NewsChannel 8's Kyle Osborne. All three touched on the need for the more fortunate in our community



Christine Lucas, AFAC executive director with guests, David Mann and Tracy and Tim Thompson.

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