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Increasing Affordable Housing Opportunities
in Northern Virginia Since 1979

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Linton Hall Manor Celebration Scheduled

Linton Hall Manor is everything that was envisioned by those who began the project 7 years ago and everyone who has seen it has labeled it a success. It is with your prayers and support that Linton Hall Manor became a reality. Therefore, we want to share this success with you.

On Saturday, September 13, 2008, You are invited to a Celebration from 1 PM to 3 PM at Linton Hall Manor. There will be activities for

children, visits with owners of the town homes, who have invited you to visit their home, and food, of course!

Save this date!
Saturday,
September 13th, 1-3 p.m.

And just to add another incentive, CFH is putting together a silent auction. We have some items already committed and more are coming in. Check our website regularly for an

up-to-date list of all the items, www.catholicsforhousing.org.

Directions: Linton Hall Manor is on Linton Hall Road, Bristow, exactly midway between Routes 28 and 29. **Look for the balloons!**



Leon is an example of your gifts at work. Read about Leon and how your gifts make a difference.

**Read Your gifts at work
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CFH hosting “Silent Auction”

Funding is of concern for every non-profit organization. Without funds programs cannot continue. With that in mind CFH is hosting a Silent Auction in conjunction with the LHM celebration to generate much needed revenue to continue the mission of CFH: increasing affordable housing opportunities in Northern Virginia.

The Silent Auction “team” is busy attracting donations which are posted in this newsletter and also on the CFH website. The list is updated regularly. Bids are ready to be accepted via the CFH website, fax, email or by mail.


Your support is vital to the programs and projects of CFH. Without you there can be no “pot of gold at the end of the rainbow” for the “hometown heroes” - police officers, fire and rescue techs, municipal employees

and public and private school teachers- who were able to purchase a town home through the CFH homeownership program or for the seniors who receive rental subsidy through the Virginia Ely Program or for the individuals and families who move from homelessness to permanent rental housing through the help of the Edie Streett Security Deposit Program. These accomplishments are because of you!

If you have something you would like to contribute to the silent auction, just give us a call 703-330-1541 or email cath4hsg@verizon.net. You may submit your bid on any or all of the items for auction via the CFH website, fax, email or mail.

Happy bidding.



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President John Hall Announces Fall Campaign



This fall Catholics for Housing (CFH) will establish a special Endowment Fund in order to provide a permanent source of income to our organization. Today, endowments have become a necessity for most charitable organizations and, as part of our strategic planning, the Board of Directors feels we need a perpetual and dependable source of funding in order to accomplish one of our primary missions

The primary mission where CFH feels it has a niche is in “workforce” housing for public servants such as police, firefighters and teachers. There are many fine charitable organizations helping the homeless and very low income families and funding is available on the federal, state, and local levels. However, for the workforce – “Our Hometown Heroes” – there is very little funding set aside and serving this population requires expertise which we feel CFH has to assist in putting the financial package together.

CFH has been very successful in putting this type of project together for the first time homebuyer. For example, Linton Hall Manor had over 35 applications for 19 new homes and a lottery was necessary. The demand and need are there in good times and bad – it just requires the expertise and know-how to put these projects together and to work with builders and local government agencies.

We are also focusing on acquiring rental units for

workforce families with the long-term goal of assisting them to become homeowners. CFH recently acquired seven condominium units in Arlington and this is an example of our plan to also rent units to firefighters, police and other civic employees whose work serves the local community. These units in Arlington are only a 5 minute drive to the Pentagon. Should another catastrophe befall that area, needed personnel might be able to be there in minutes rather than possibly be hours away in outlying areas.

Another example is where market conditions, in areas such as the new Pope John Paul the Great High School, allow for acquiring town homes and condominiums at a below market rate that can then be rented to teachers at a rate they can afford. We are working both with the administration of the school and the Diocesan Education Office to identify teachers in need of affordable housing near their assignments.

CFH is also in the process of expanding both our Board of Directors and our Advisory Board. Currently, we have architects and a banker-realtor-financial consultant on the board. We need appraisers, accountants, engineers, and builders willing to share their expertise on our pending projects and assist us in our fund development efforts.

I will follow-up in fall correspondence and welcome and greatly appreciate any input and help that all CFH supporters and friends can do to accomplish this very important mission.

Sincerely,

John J. Hall
President



Thoughts from the Executive Director



Though it is only August, many people I know are already saying: “Where has the summer gone?” It seems that happens about this time every year as we begin to contemplate all the things that lag in the summer months and reappear with earnest come September. As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, CFH is holding a silent auction on-line through August and

continuing until the Linton Hall celebration on Saturday, September 13. I hope that before your summer slips by you will find a minute or two to peruse the varied options listed for the auction and decide to participate - either on-line or by mail. CFH needs your support year-round as we pursue new affordable housing opportunities and this auction is a helpful and fun way to participate in the work of CFH. Thank you for your generous support.

Chris

Silent Auction
to support

**Your dollars can
make a difference!**

**Linton Hall
Manor
Celebration**

"Hometown Heroes"
"Hometown Heroes"

Items for Bid



<u>Item #</u>	<u>Description of Items</u>	<u>Donor</u>
101	Four (4) complementary weekday rounds of golf at the gorgeous Osprey's Golf Club (includes cart fee)	Osprey's Golf Club
102	Gift certificate for bike tuneup	Haymarket Bicycles
103	Round of Golf for four (4) at the magnificent Evergreen Country Club (golf cart fees included)	Evergreen Country Club
104	Gift Certificate for dinner at the exquisite Villa Mozart Fine Italian Restaurant in Fairfax	Villa Mozart Restaurant
105	Free Bowling at Bowl America Woodbridge -2 games including shoe rental for a party of up to 6.	Bowl America
106	Improve your Golf game! 2 Courtesy Cards for a FREE Jumbo basket of golf balls	Sunnybrook Golf
107	A lovely Duncraft # 19613 Living with Nature bird feeder w/ 5 yr. guarantee and squirrel proof.	Pitkins ACE Hardware
108	Free Bowling at Bowl America Woodbridge -2 games including shoe rental for a party of up to 6.	Bowl America
109	Complimentary green fees for four (4) with cart fees included at the lovely Montclair Country Club	Montclair Country Club
110	Golf and Brunch Package at the lovely Montclair Country Club: includes Green fees (carts included) and Sunday Brunch for four (4) Enjoy the best of Montclair!	Montclair Country Club
111	Set of 4 Thomas Kincaide prints Each print depicts one of the four seasons of the year and is presented nicely framed in goldleaf frames.	Antonia & William Chambers
112	Set of 3 Swarovski Austrian Crystal ornaments 2 large and 1 small limited edition stars with authentication certificates	Antonia & William Chambers
113	Set of 2 Swarovski Austrian Crystal ornaments 1 large and 1 small limited edition stars with authentication certificates	Antonia & William Chambers

Silent Auction

to support

Linton Hall Manor celebration

"Hometown Heroes" "Hometown Heroes"

\$\$\$ To Place Your Bid \$\$\$

Visit the Catholics for Housing website: www.catholicsforhousing.org to view the valuable donations submitted for the auction and fill-in and mail or fax this form. Bid sheets are also online. Place your bid for the item(s) of your choice by printing out and filling in the form on the website. Please submit 1 sheet per item, do not bit on more than 1 item on a single bid sheet. You may also email your bid to cath4hsg@verizon.net, fax it to (703) 330-1542 or mail your bid to Catholics for Housing, Inc, 10056 Dean Drive, Manassas, VA 20110-4115.

Item name: _____

Item number(s): _____ **Please submit separate bid for each item**

Bid Amount: \$ _____

Your name: _____

Your telephone number: (h) _____ **(c)** _____

Your email address: _____

Your address: _____

Please note that some items have a minimum bid attached. Should the high bid for any item be duplicated, those bidders will be contacted. All winning bidders will be notified via email or telephone.

Support CFH efforts to continue to provide affordable housing opportunities in the Northern Virginia area.

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make a difference!**



Notes from Program Manager

Such a busy time! Remember those lazy days of summer? Where did they go? In today's economy, so many people need help. In

July, CFH provided security deposit assistance to more families than we did during the first 6 months of FY 08. Fortunately, CFH has been able to respond with assistance. There are 5 seniors on our Virginia Ely waiting list; one of our grants was not renewed, so CFH cannot commit to provide any

additional rental subsidies. Linton Hall Manor is such a success that calls come in routinely from people asking where the next homeownership project is going to be. CFH receives about 5 phone calls a day requesting rental assistance from young families

and single moms; CFH does not have a program to help.

It is a privilege to work for Catholics for Housing sharing the gifts you so generously give with the individuals and families who need a helping hand.

Thanks for all you do. *Karen*

CFH receives surprise gift

Belgium native and naturalized US citizen, Georgette Kamenetz, respected the country that allowed her a better way of life. She believed that the opportunities afforded her in the US allowed her the abundance of living and wealth that she enjoyed so she chose to share her wealth with others.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Kamentz, who was a nurse in a London hospital, earned a Master's degree in nursing at Yale and a doctorate in French literature at the Sorbonne, continued to reside in DC.

CFH was the grateful recipient of \$20,000 from Ms. Kamenetz estate through Attorney Jean Galloway Ball who had learned about CFH through the Catalogue of Philanthropy.

Your Gifts At Work...

Monetary gifts to CFH often help in ways you may never imagine. Unlike brick and mortar projects like Southbridge and Linton Hall Manor,

the rewards of your gifts may not be easily seen but the value and need is just as real.

One such example of your gift at work is Leon (front page), a Virginia Ely subsidy recipient who has received rental assistance

since 2003. Leon served under 2 US Presidents and continues to serve as a security guard at his home property. Leon and other seniors who benefit from your "love gift" are grateful for the independence enjoyed through your gifts.

The need for assistance has increased and CFH works hard to meet those needs.

CFH would be unable to continue the work if it were not for your gifts.

Thanks to all of you!

Membership Form

Yes, I support "The Right to a Decent Home"! Enclosed is my Check

for \$_____. I will continue my support: Monthly Quarterly. I will contact my employer regarding a matching gift.

Thanks for your support

Complete this form and mail it with your check to:
Catholics for Housing, 10056 Dean Drive, Manassas, VA 20110-4115

Your Email address requested!

If you would like to receive CFH news, newsletters and information via Email, send us your Email address to: cath4hsg@verizon.net

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- CFH General Support to create housing opportunities
- The Edie Streett Security Deposit Assistance Program
- The Ruth Sullivan Resident Enhancement Program
- The Virginia Ely Senior Rental Assistance Program

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Linton Hall Manor pronounced "Success"

Linton Hall Manor has moved from a vision in the eyes of some long-time supporters of CFH to a project with 20 owned and occupied single family detached homes and 19 owned and occupied single family town homes. The HOA is coming into it's own with Officers and an Architectural Review Board and has adopted architectural guidelines and a process for handling requests. The owners who have stepped up to serve are all very enthusiastic.

The project is almost complete – the final coat of asphalt should be added shortly and the landscaping continues to receive attention. There are 3 single family finished lots that are not yet built. CFH hopes these lots will become homes in the near future to make Linton Hall Manor a complete picture.

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Let your skills help others

We all have skills, often ones we do not recognize. What are your skills? Do you like typing, shredding documents, talking on the telephone, doing promotions, driving? Are you an idea person?

Whatever your talents, if you have a few hours to give, CFH be a great match to you and those talents.

CFH is presently seeking volunteers to assist in funding raising activities and other program support tasks.

If you have a desire to use your life skills to help others please contact Linda Wright, Administrative Assistant at (703) 330-1541 for a volunteer application. You may also email your interest to cath4hsg@verizon.net

Volunteering is worthwhile fun!

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