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Increasing Affordable Housing Opportunities
in Northern Virginia Since 1979

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Fall 2008 Endowment

CFH is sincerely grateful for all the support received throughout CFH's history. The fall 2008 campaign will focus on developing an endowment to allow all the good work that has been the trademark of CFH to continue. The CFH programs are funded by grants to cover the direct services but qualified staff is required for administration of current programs and to develop new programs to keep pace with changing housing needs.

The "Fall 2008 Endowment Campaign" will provide the basis to ensure the most qualified staff is available to continue the excellent programming of CFH.

John J. Hall, President of our Board of Directors will be discussing our new projects and the endowment campaign in the coming newsletters.

Linton Hall Manor HOA Elects Officers

Recently, the owners of the 20 single family detached homes and the 19 town homes were contacted regarding their interest in becoming members of the first Board of Directors of Linton Hall Manor. Nine homeowners responded. From the interested homeowners,

CFH appointed the first Board of Directors – Marie C. Kelly, David Anderson, Latrice Pope and Sarah Walters. CFH Program

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David Anderson, LHM HOA VP, on playground with wife and son.

\$109,250 Received from Fairfax County



The Virginia Ely Senior Rental Assistance Program has been providing rental assistance to seniors living in Fairfax County owned retirement facilities since 1996. In the early years, the program provided rental assistance for a few months before a permanent rental subsidy was received. Today's rental market is very different. The CFH program provides rental subsidies for years while the participants wait for permanent assistance.

CFH was recently notified that our grant application to the Fairfax County Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) for FY 2009 and FY 2010 would be funded in the amount of \$109,250 for each year. CFH has been a grateful recipient of funding from the CCFP for several years, totaling almost \$500,000. These funds allow seniors who meet all the requirements of the County facilities except for the income requirement to live independently in a safe

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Silent Auction

to support

"Hometown Heroes"

The completion of Linton Hall Manor is an exciting time for CFH and the 19 new homeowners who now call LHM home. A closing celebration is planned at the site that will offer food, fun and also a Silent Auction. Invitees will include LHM residents, CFH staff and supporters, and also local dignitaries who support affordable housing efforts.

CFH has enlisted the business community that has opened its heart and wallet in support of affordable housing for "Hometown Heroes". The Silent Auction to be held in conjunction with the Linton Hall Manor Closing Celebration is off to a great start with many wonderful items and services already pledged and many more under consideration.

A list of items for auction will be updated in CFH newsletters and on the CFH website as they are confirmed. Check the CFH website regularly. Bidding will be accepted via email, fax and via the CFH website, as well as at the celebration.

Following is a brief summary of the donors and items whose participation has been confirmed. Anyone with unusual and valuable items or services who would like to donate to the CFH Silent Auction are welcome to contact the CFH office via phone, fax or email – contact information is in this newsletter.

The list has just begun. Many other businesses are in the process of confirming participation and deciding on their donation – it could be a car, boat, golf clubs... who knows what may be on the list. Continue to watch for the growing list of interesting and valuable items.

What's Up for Grabs....

Brown's Manassas Volkswagen	Gift Certificate
Hendrick Honda Isuzu	Donation to be determined
Evergreen Country Club	Round of Golf for 4 – includes golf carts
Haymarket Bicycles LLC	Bike tune-up gift card
Sunnybrook Golf	Gift Cards
Bowl America	(2) 2 games of Bowling for party of 6
Cruisers & Steve Shifflett	NASCAR Coke bottles
Pitkins ACE Hardware	Donation to be determined
Villa Mozart Fine Italian Cuisine	Dinner
Montclair Country Club	Donation to be determined
Osprey Golf Club at Belmont Bay	4 complimentary rounds of Golf (cart included).

Board of Directors

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Thoughts from the Executive Director



One truth that CFH has found via its homeownership projects at Southbridge and Linton Hall Manor is that more affordable housing is needed for the workforce community in Northern Virginia. Despite the current downtrend in real estate, there are still far too many people who earn their living serving the needs of one jurisdiction while living in another due to the high cost of housing closer to the workplace.

Through a new pilot program CFH is trying to assist some of those who face this problem. CFH is working with the Education office of the Diocese of Arlington to make it possible for some teachers to improve their commute. The goal is to match teachers needing housing closer to their

school assignments with affordable units close by those schools. When units are identified, CFH

will help teachers who have shown an interest in buying a home arrange their financing or CFH may buy it and rent the unit to the teacher. For starters, CFH has targeted the Route 1 area of Prince William County near the new diocesan high school, Pope John Paul the Great. Teachers hired for the coming year are being informed about the program and, if interested, asked to provide some basic information to help CFH pre-qualify potential buyers.

CFH hopes that success in this new endeavor will lead to replicating this program in various communities around the diocese not only with teachers, but all civil servants who make our neighborhoods safe and liveable.

Chris

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

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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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**Chris Purdy
CFH Board of Directors
Treasurer**



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Chris Purdy, Treasurer for the CFH Board of Directors has worked with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Marketing and Regulatory Programs since August 2007. He travels to field offices and works with headquarters managers in an effort to learn as much as possible about how the USDA has marketed services in the past and what organizational goals are for the future.

As a new member of the Office of the Deputy Administrator, Chris' responsibility is to develop strategies for promoting USDA services more effectively to current and prospective customers, a unique job in a Federal Government agency.

Previously, Chris worked in both the public and private sectors where he developed new strategies for markets in

the United States, Mexico, and Central and South America. He has published articles, lectured on marketing, and worked as a legislative assistant for a member of Congress, where he worked on a task

force to promote exports.

Initially, Chris worked to build a library of marketing communications

tools, increase efforts to educate the industry about program offerings and

improve USDA ability to systematically target new opportunities.

Chris relies on a representative team from each branch to assist him in devising industry outreach efforts meaningful for each service offering of the USDA.

“I'm very excited to be working with an

agency with such a diverse offering of services for its customers, as well as one that is highly respected by the industry it serves,” said Chris.

CFH is grateful for the expert and valuable knowledge Chris Purdy brings to the organization in his position as Treasurer on the Board of Directors.

**Notes from
Program Manager**



In our last newsletter we announced that we would be holding a “Closing Celebration” at Linton Hall Manor on June 28th. Due to time constraints of staff, this Celebration has been re-scheduled to Saturday, September 13th, 1:00 – 3:00 PM at Linton Hall Manor.

The new schedule allows the CFH staff and volunteers to gather items for the silent auction, to complete the plans for the celebration and to keep the ongoing work of CFH on track.

So, if you have a few hours to help gather items for

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**CFH Closes on
The Grove at Arlington**

CFH closed on 7 Community Benefit Units at The Grove at Arlington on March 31, 2008.

In conjunction with Arlington County, guidelines have been established and CFH staff has met with the tenants. CFH looks forward to a continuing relationship with Arlington County to provide quality affordable housing units in Arlington.



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Catholics for Housing wishes to thank all those individuals and churches who have made donations. Your support to CFH is also very much appreciated.

Without donors the programs and support CFH provides to the community would not be possible.



Latrice Pope is President; David Anderson is Vice President; Maria Kelly is Secretary and Sarah Walters is Treasurer.

Vice President Anderson said, "Catholics for Housing has provided our family and other neighborhood families a chance to start lives as homeowners. The location of our home is great, our community and the surrounding communities really bring a sense of home to us, thank you CFH."

Congratulations to all and the best of luck with your new HOA!!!

port from St. Mark Catholic Church, St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church, United Way Community Impact Fund for Fairfax County, the Wardman Naselli Trust as well as individual donors.

In the words of many of the Virginia Ely participants, "God Bless You"!

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the silent auction or ideas for items that would benefit the silent auction, please give us a call or drop us an email. I can be reached at 703-330-1541 or my direct email is programmgratcath4hsg@verizon.net.

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Manager, Karen DeVito, will hold the fifth seat on the Board of Directors. Three additional homeowners were appointed to the initial Architectural Review Board: Alicia Fonseca, Joshua Peters and Angie Parker-Coe.

Officers were elected at the first meeting of the Board of Directors.

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and secure environment. Without this rental assistance, many of these seniors would become a burden to family members or be forced to move to institutions.

The CCFP funding allows CFH to complete grants for additional funding and has gratefully received sup-

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 13th and enjoy a visit with town home owners and perhaps walk through one of the town homes. Your help and support made this project possible.

Thanks!

Karen