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Important Announcement

The United Way of the National Capital Area has partnered with the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region and online fundraiser Razoo.com, along with leaders in the nonprofit, government, business and social medial fields to organize a massive regional online fundraising day: **Give to the Max Day: Greater Washington.**

For 24 hours, starting at midnight on November 9th, area nonprofits will rally their supporters to make online donations.

Please mark your calendars, tell your friends and family members to help Catholics for Housing make this an important fundraising event. Watch for more details in future mailings and on our website.



As we regularly review the donations from friends of **Catholics for Housing**, it is very humbling to know that the programs of Catholics for Housing continue to receive your support.

A tenant who is moving from one of our affordable units told us how much he appreciated the opportunity to have a safe and comfortable place to call home when he had been downsized and was trying to get back on his feet. He and his wife have a beautiful baby boy and he hopes to be able to help others through **Catholics for Housing** as he continues to regain financial stability. Your support made that possible.

Thank you!

Karen DeVito, Executive Director

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Homeownership Initiative

Catholics for Housing, CFH, continues its incredible opportunities for homeownership. To be eligible, you must be able to secure a first mortgage, make a \$500 deposit and complete a Virginia Housing Development Authority Homeownership class. HUD expanded the income limits for this program to convert the maximum number of foreclosed properties into viable homeownership opportunities. Current interest rates are very attractive and CFH has properties available for immediate occupancy.

This program has some very unique features that are unduplicated by any other homeownership opportunity.

\$500 can move you into your own home. You don't even have to think about closing costs - up to \$8,000 is **forgiven!**

The second trusts created from the program incentives require **no** payments and carry **no** interest. Second trusts up to \$15,000 are **forgiven** after 5 years; second trusts from \$15,000 to \$40,000 are **forgiven** after 10 years; second trusts over \$40,000 are **forgiven** after 15 years. Properties must be owner occupied.

Call
 703-221-4510
 For more information

CFH would like to express its appreciation for the grantors who support the CFH programs: Fairfax County Consolidated Community Impact Fund, St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church, PWC United Way Community Impact Fund, Good Shepherd Catholic Church, St. Luke Catholic Church, St. Mark Catholic Church, Wardman-Naselli Trust, the Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation, The Gannett Foundation and the Twinkling Eyes Foundation.

Visit us on the web at
www.catholicsforhousing.org

Notes from Bob CFH President Robert F. Neuman

As I move through my first term as President of **Catholics for Housing**, I continue to be impressed by the involvement of the Board of Directors, the expertise of the members of the Advisory Board and the experience and dedication of the staff. Of course, we're all limited by busy lives, full of commitments to children, grandchildren, employers, church and those special causes that touch our hearts.

We appreciate the continued support of the new and old friends of **CFH** as well as the gifts from the area churches. In addition to this support there is a need for your talents. **CFH** is writing grants to secure funds that will provide the ability to hire a Fund Development Director, but, as yet, those grants are still pending. Would you consider working with a Board member and the staff to develop fund development strategies? This is a very important area that needs to be filled to ensure the continuation of the excellent programs administered by a skilled and dedicated staff.

John Hall, former President and Chairman of the Board, continues in his former role of looking for and developing new projects for **CFH**. John was instrumental in bringing Linton Hall Manor to fruition and guided **CFH** through the purchase of the rental units at the Grove and Charleston Square as well as the development of the Fredericksburg units. John continues to share his development expertise as **CFH** looks forward to expanding its rental portfolio.

Our Executive Director, Karen DeVito is not only responsible for the overall management of **CFH**, but she is writing all the grant applications, acting as a Financial Director, Property Manager and HR Director. Beverly Shaner, our Administrative Assistant not only answers all emails and phone messages and administrative details, she is also the primary contact for the CFH tenants as well as administering the two direct service programs.

Bringing your talents to the table to assist with fund development would provide additional funds to enhance not only the programs of **CFH**, but also the staff. I trust you will share your talents and work with all of us to move **Catholics for Housing** into the next era. Please give us a call or send an email to the office. I appreciate all your support.

Bob Neuman, President



CFH continues to provide a variety of housing opportunities

The good news is that affordable rental homes of **Catholics for Housing** have been fully leased for almost 2 years. The bad news is that **Catholics for Housing** doesn't have more affordable rental homes.

Almost every day someone calls asking for help finding an affordable rental home. Currently, **CFH** only manages 11 units and while it's great that we have kept them fully rented, when someone needs to find a rental unit, being placed on the waiting list isn't much help. We do provide resources through some websites, but can we do more? The Board is currently exploring possibilities of acquiring additional rental units that could provide a housing opportunity for the local workforce.

An elderly participant in the Virginia Ely Program recently called the office to let us know that she has received a Housing Choice Voucher and will no longer need help from **Catholics for Housing**. She was most gracious in expressing her appreciation to Catholics for Housing for helping her maintain her independence and live a more comfortable life. Your support made that possible.

CFH has already served 41 senior households in the Virginia Ely Senior Rental Assistance Program. Because several seniors have recently received a Housing Choice Voucher, we will be able to help 3 or 4 from the waiting list who have been waiting for over a year. Good news!

Based on the first two months of FY 12, **CFH** is on target to provide security deposits to about 55 households this year through the Edie Streett Security Deposit Assistance Program. This means that 55 households are no longer homeless or living in less than adequate conditions.

You make a difference!

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A message from John J. Hall, Chairman of the Board

One of my favorite philosophies is based on a comment from Winston Churchill who said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give".

Most of us will not be known by what we earn in our lifetime; for most of us, few will remember what we did in our life. But when we give, we not only experience the joy of giving to others, but we also have the added satisfaction that we have touched another life and have made a difference.

During my tenure at **Catholics for Housing**, we have been fortunate to be able to provide homeownership opportunities to first responders, municipal employees and teachers, both public and private in as well as to acquire affordable rental units that provide comfortable homes close to places of employment.

We are now looking towards the future as **CFH** assesses the economy and what that means for the housing market and the local workforce. We believe that acquiring additional rental units can make the most impact and have been working with members of the CFH Advisory Board to locate the appropriate opportunity.

So as we move into the next era of **Catholics for Housing**, I ask you to think about all the people impacted by the CFH programs throughout the 32 years and to share the Winston Churchill philosophy of being known by what you give.

*John J. Hall
Chairman*

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www.catholicsforhousing.org and click

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support the programs that provide a basic need – housing.

Those we serve are so grateful!

We appreciate all those individuals who have so graciously supported **Catholics for Housing**. We thought we might focus on the on-going gifts from the parishioners of local Catholic Churches. Their regular gifts provide help for so many. Please look for the list of generous individual donors in the next newsletter.

Religious Communities –

The work of **Catholics for Housing** has been graciously supported by the following Religious Communities throughout our 32 years:

All Saints Catholic Church
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George Mason Campus Ministry
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Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Marymount University Campus Ministry
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St. Luke Catholic Church
St. Mary Catholic Church
St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church
St. Mark Catholic Church
St. Theresa Catholic Church
St. Thomas á Becket Catholic Church
The PAX Community

Catholics for Housing appreciates all the support from the area churches. **Catholics for Housing** would like to expand the partnership between the local area churches and **Catholics for Housing** by creating a Church Advisory Council to enhance communication, allowing us to know about the needs of the parishioners and allowing the churches better understand **Catholics for Housing**.

Thank You!