

MEDIA ADVISORY

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MAR 18: FACETS Hosts “Housewarming” for Recently Housed People Who Experienced Homelessness *Clients to Share Stories of Chronic Homelessness and Open their Doors*

WHAT

FACETS, a nonprofit that opens doors by helping parents, their children and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty in Fairfax County, is hosting a housewarming celebration to welcome 18 neighbors who were recently homeless into their new homes. The housewarming party is a result of the [100,000 Homes Fairfax: A Home for All Campaign](#), in which FACETS joined other local nonprofits in identifying over 400 people who are chronically homeless. FACETS is kicking off the next phase by moving these individuals off the streets and into their own apartments through its new program called TRIUMPH II Housing, which also provides supportive services. The FACETS’ team, community leaders and volunteers will help these neighbors in need celebrate this accomplishment as well as provide tours of their new homes.

WHEN

Tuesday, March 18, 2014, 12:00 - 1:00PM

WHERE

American Legion Post 177 (located right next door to TRIUMPH Housing)
3939 Oak Street
Fairfax, VA 22030

WHO

- Amanda Andere, Executive Director, FACETS
- Councilman Michael DeMarco
- Pam Michell, Executive Director, New Hope Housing and 100K Homes Partner
- Dean Klein, Director, Office to Prevent and End Homelessness
- Sandara, Newly Housed FACETS Client who often slept in the woods after fleeing an abusive spouse
- Volunteers

WHY

Fairfax County/City has nearly 2,900 people who are homeless—14% of whom are chronically homeless. Supporting the County’s 10 year plan to end homelessness, the 100,000 Homes Campaign is focused on building efficient local systems that target resources to individuals who are most vulnerable. Campaign partners anticipate getting half of the most vulnerable people who are chronically homeless in supportive housing in three years—which will save money and possibly lives. FACETS’ TRIUMPH II Housing is part of this important effort. These recent successes have propelled the community close to its goal of 50 people housed in a year.

CONTACT

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