MEDIA ADVISORY

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MAY 10: FACETS Clients Share their Stories to Educate Fairfax Community about Poverty and Homelessness at FACETS "Opening Doors" Breakfast

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 its annual Opening Doors event, a free breakfast to educate the public and local businesses about FACETS' work to help families and individuals who are struggling in the Fairfax community. Two FACETS' clients will be sharing their experiences with homelessness and efforts to overcome it.

WHY   FACETS Opening Doors breakfast is an opportunity to learn about FACETS and meet fellow community members who take satisfaction in doing something important for their neighbors in need. With the second largest homeless population in the region, homelessness is a real problem in the Fairfax County-Falls Church community where more than 1,700 people are homeless.   A majority of these are in working families with children.

WHEN   Thursday, May 10, 2012, 7-9am

WHERE   Waterford at Fair Oaks
12025 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway
Fairfax, VA 22033

WHO

- Congressman Gerry Connolly
- Amanda Andere, Executive Director, FACETS
- Frank, a FACETS' client: After suffering a heart attack, Frank lost his job and was forced out onto the streets with no belongings. Today he is housed through FACETS' Permanent Supportive Housing program and getting his life back.
- Donald, a FACETS' client: After losing his job and home, Donald, his wife, and four children were referred to the FACETS' motel program. With FACETS help, Donald is now employed, his wife is in school, and they have moved into in a three bedroom apartment.
- Volunteers
- Community Leaders

HOW   To register, visit www.FACETSCares.org or contact Stacy Boden at sboden@facetscares.org or 703-352-3268

CONTACT   To cover the Opening Doors breakfast, contact Shawn Flaherty at 703-554-3609.