

MEDIA ADVISORY

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APR 25: Clients Share Stories about Poverty and Homelessness in Fairfax 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. Several 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, April 25, 2013, 7-9am

WHERE

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

WHO

- Congressman Gerry Connolly
- Amanda Andere, Executive Director, FACETS
- Lisa, a FACETS’ client: Separation and job loss led to losing home. Now, found work, getting degree, and lives with daughter in apartment.
- Ken, a FACETS’ client: Quit job to care for sick mother. After she passed, was left with no retirement or home. Ended up living in the woods. Today, is economically stable and housed.
- State Senators: George Barker, Mark Herring, Chap Petersen
- Delegates: Jim LeMunyon, Mark Keam, David Bulova, Vivian Watts
- Council Members: Micheal DeMarco, David Meyer
- Supervisors: John Cook, John Foust, Pat Herrity
- Pat Harrison, Deputy Fairfax County Executive for Human Services
- Dean Klein, Director, Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness
- Volunteers

HOW

To register, visit www.FACETSCares.org or contact 703-352-3268

CONTACT

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