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**Mar. 20: FACETS Volunteers to Make “March Move-In Madness” a Slam Dunk for Five Homeless Fairfax Families**  
***Innovative Program Keeps Families Out of Traditional Shelters***

**WHAT** With a nod to the tournament season, FACETS is hosting “March Move-in Madness” when FACETS volunteers help local vulnerable families regain control of their lives. These energetic and dedicated volunteers will move five families that are currently on the County’s shelter waitlist into five, 2-3 bedroom apartments. By helping these families move right into an apartment instead of a motel or other shelter, this program is one of the county’s first to implement a housing first model.

**WHY** Finding housing is a first step to helping homeless families stabilize their lives and beat the odds. With the help of FACETS’ transitional housing program, moving into their own homes is a winning moment for these families in crisis. FACETS works throughout Fairfax County to help impoverished men, women, and children succeed by offering a full spectrum of services, such as basic needs and financial assistance, counseling and outreach, educational enrichment programs, and permanent and transitional supportive housing.

**WHEN** Saturday, March 20, 2010 from 10am-5pm

**WHO**

- 40+ Move In Madness Volunteers, including GMU students
- 5 Fairfax families
- Amanda Andere, executive director, FACETS

**WHERE** Copperfield Square Apartments,  
11120 Fairhaven Ct., Fairfax, VA 22030. (Please do not publish address)

**HOW** Using a trailer on loan from Interstate Vans, the apartments will be furnished with donated furniture. After moving in, the families will work with their FACETS case manager to find jobs, improve budgeting skills, and begin working towards taking over the lease of their apartments within three months.

**CONTACT** To cover Move-In Madness, contact Shawn Flaherty at 703-554-3609. Photo opportunities are available.