



MEDIA ADVISORY

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APR. 24: Fairfax Residents Share Stories 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. 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 24, 2014, 7-9am

WHERE

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

WHO

- Virginia Senator Chap Petersen
- District 35th Delegate Mark Keam
- District 37th Delegate David Bulova
- District 67th Delegate Jim LeMunyon
- Fairfax County Board of Supervisor Chairman Sharon Bulova
- Braddock District Supervisor John Cook,
- Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herryty
- Fairfax City Mayor Scott Silverthorne
- Fairfax City Councilman Michael DeMarco
- Amanda Andere, Executive Director, FACETS
- Tavon, employed and recently housed FACETS' client, who was kicked out of his home after his girlfriend became pregnant and had trouble finding housing and a job.
- Sandara, newly housed FACETS' client who often slept in the woods after fleeing an abusive spouse
- Volunteers

HOW

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

CONTACT

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