

# Support for the Homeless

## Fauquier Family Shelter

March, 2009

### We have many ways you can help:

- Visit our website and view our "wish list".
- Participate in "Hoofin' It for the Homeless".
- Contact either shelter site and volunteer.
- Attend the Spring Gala.

## Residents receive the help they need

### Transitional Housing

Two families have recently graduated from Vint Hill, our two-year program transitioning families from homelessness to stability. A single mom with two children had worked diligently to improve her credit score and save money for the future. They have just moved into their own home.

The other graduate family settled \$28,000 of debt and greatly improved its credit standing. Much of that debt was the result of the birth of twins, one of whom born with several handicapping conditions. This family will remain at Vint Hill for a time as one of our Good Neighbor families.

Several children in our after-school program have been recognized by their schools for making the A/B Honor Roll. These and other students continue to work with our tutor three days a week in remedial skills and homework help.

Director Transitional Housing -  
Annie Cato

### Emergency Shelter

A two parent family with two small children came to the Shelter recently with their marriage in disarray upon being evicted from their apartment. They worked together and obtained counseling, both found jobs and moved into permanent housing. Another married couple with one daughter at the Shelter but five other children living with relatives, were able to rent a home and reunite the family.

A single woman that had come for shelter, was first required to complete 30 days sobriety and entered the Boxwood Rehabilitation Program. Upon completion she resided at the Shelter, obtained employment and has gone into permanent housing.

Current Life Skills classes offered to the residents at the Shelter have included: Dress for Success, Job Readiness and Healthy Families. Budget and Financing classes offer information about building and repairing credit, budgeting and savings plans.

Emergency Shelter Coordinator—  
Sue Smith

***"Our mission is to provide short term shelter, transitional housing, and comprehensive services, means and guidance to homeless families and individuals in our community"***

## From the Director— The Economic Meltdown

It's constantly in the news, everyone's talking about it, and now just about every family is touched by it. Every day brings news of someone we know who is laid off, facing a salary cut, or having trouble meeting their mortgage.

Whether or not government stimulus packages will work is a moot point to someone already in hot water - their need is now.

This agency is working hard to help families in need.

The Family Shelter on Keith St. in Warrenton works with individuals and families helping to provide shelter, food, and case management for finding a job and a new place to live. And offering some hope.

Our transitional housing program at Vint Hill works with families in a 2 year program to improve job skills, find a higher paying job, save money, and budget income.

But, you know and we know that all these steps become harder in these economic times. I'm proud to report that donations of support to our work have helped us to keep pace with current needs. We have not scaled back any of our services or laid off any of our workers. Thank you for that.

Please take a few minutes to read about what each of our programs has been doing recently and especially take note of ways you can help us raise money this spring. Thanks for your support and compassion.

Executive Director -  
Ed Childress





Visit us on the web  
[ffss@fauquierfamilyshelter.org](mailto:ffss@fauquierfamilyshelter.org)

Address label here

### Fauquier Family Shelter

P.O. Box 3599  
Warrenton, VA 20188

#### Contact Information

Emergency Shelter           540-351-0130  
Vint Hill Transitional Housing   540-347-7374  
Business Office               540-341-0900

**Because every Family Deserves a Home!**

### Upcoming Events

#### **“Hoofin’ It For The Homeless” Walkathon**

This fun family event is scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd at beautiful Airlie Conference Center.

Please have your family and friends create a team, gather donation pledges and join us for this 4 mile walk followed by food, music, entertainment, games for the kids and more!

It is a great way to get the family involved in the community and raise money for a great cause!

Registration begins at 8:00 AM and the walk begins at 9:00 AM.

All participants raising \$50 or more will receive a t-shirt.

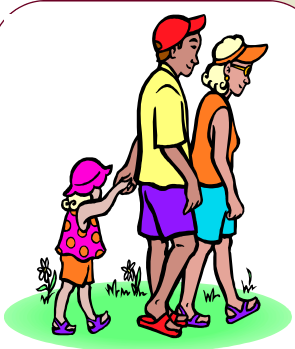
For more information, or to register your team please contact Carey Sheehan at 540-341-0900 or visit our website at [www.fauquierfamilyshelter.org](http://www.fauquierfamilyshelter.org)

#### **“One Enchanted Evening” Spring Gala**

The Soroptimist International—Manassas Chapter is sponsoring a Gala April 18th to benefit several homeless shelters in our region and the Matthew’s Center in Manassas. Fauquier Family Shelter will be one of the agencies helped by this event and we invite you to attend!

The Gala will be held at the Heritage Hunt Country Club (just off US29 N) in Gainesville from 6:00 to 11:00pm on Saturday, April 18. Tickets are an affordable \$50 each. The evening will include sit-down dinner, silent and live auctions, and entertainment by Mike Rose Magic – professional magician.

This is a wonderful opportunity to take your spouse on a date or to get your friends together for a night out. (We’re especially counting on our friends in Prince William County – and we serve a good number of your neighbors.) Call our office at 540-341-0900 to purchase your tickets today.



**Your family can  
make a difference!**