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The Advocate Current

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Advocates' 2012 Gala a Great Success!!!

Advocates 2012 Gala raised \$17,352 thanks to all of our supporters. Rev. Sandra Kay Rice, board president, and Ken Allread, executive director, wish to recognize and thank all of the many volunteers who contributed to the success of the organization's Annual Gala, held on September 21, 2012. First, thanks must go to chefs Bob Fowle, Andrew Tackman, and Scott Richardson, whose passion for fine food turned traditional barbecue fare into a major food event. We also thank Giant Eagle Store Manager Steve Hines and his staff for donating all of the food!

Our appreciation goes out to Dan Lajewski, who prepared the dessert selections, and to Katie Goetz, creator of the artful cupcake presentation. And we can't forget the following: guitarist Tony Rizzo and musicians Gene Sarno and Steve Hess, who played with great abandon; Tracy Boyd, who designed the gala invites/signage and served as official photographer for the event. To all the event volunteers, Advocates' Board, staff, and participants, thank you for your time, effort, and commitment to our mission to help Frederick County homeless families achieve self-sufficiency. *(more photos on next page)*

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**Proudly serving
the Frederick
community
since 1988.**

Advocates empowers motivated families to overcome homelessness. Our families succeed through a two-year structured program of housing, education and support services

Please Help Us Prevent Homelessness

Advocates recently was awarded a \$16,000 matching grant from the State of Maryland to help 25 families with children from becoming homeless. The grant requires an equal amount in donations -- your donation today will help to meet the match and help low-income families with children stay in their homes or move to more affordable housing. Funds will be used to help families pay rent, utilities, or security deposit/first month's rent for more affordable housing while they work toward financial stability. In keeping with our operating principle that Advocates' provides a "hand-up and not just a hand-out," one or both parents must be working, agree to develop and adhere to a household budget, and attend 10 units of instruction in financial literacy in our weekly Life Skills Workshop. Parents who are interested in their families' long-term economic security will be encouraged to apply for our Families Forward Program, where we provide access to education to enhance employment options and ongoing supportive services.

V O L U N T E E R ✦ R E C O G N I T I O N



Advocates' welcomes Renee Lindley, Volunteer Coordinator.



Corporate volunteers paint one of Advocates' properties dedicated to housing a homeless family.

We all welcome Renee Lindley, who has come on board as Advocates' Volunteer Coordinator. Renee immediately stepped up to the plate and arranged with volunteers from the firm of Janssen Pharmaceuticals to paint the interior of one of our properties in September.

Due to your generosity...

Since January 2012, Advocates has provided 42 homeless individuals (16 adults and 24 children) with safe, well-maintained, separate housing units in our Transitional Housing program.

We currently have **150** homeless families on our waiting list • **7** families have transitioned to permanent, affordable housing • **10** participants are working full- or part-time while pursuing vocational certifications or academic degrees • **2** participants are full-time students at Frederick Community College • **12** participants have saved a cumulative total of \$16,000 towards their respective futures • **4** children are on the honor roll at their school

We appreciate your support each and every day!

Advocates for Homeless Families has begun to accept sponsors for our newsletter. If you would like to be honored in an upcoming addition by sponsoring, please contact Ken Allread at kallread@afh88.org or 301-662-2003.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Advocates for Homeless Families' mission is to empower motivated families to overcome homelessness. Families achieve success through a structured two-year program of education, housing, and support services.

Planned Giving Corner



Who do you think of when you hear the word “philanthropist”? Andrew Carnegie? Bill Gates? How about a washerwoman who gave her life savings of more than \$1 million to endow a scholarship fund for students in Mississippi? Indeed, anyone can be a philanthropist, even those of modest or moderate means who save their resources and share them

with the community. Join the ranks of ordinary people with the extraordinary vision to leave a lasting legacy for the betterment of the communities they call home. The size of the gift doesn't matter; it's the beneficial impact that your thoughtfulness has on others that matters. Start today with a gift to Advocates' Endowment Fund with The Community Foundation of Frederick County. As Lao-Tsu shared, “The wise man does not lay up treasures. The more he gives to others, the more he has for his own.” That wise man is indeed a philanthropist.

If you would like to discuss the array of planned giving options that are available to you, please contact Ken Allread, Advocates' Executive Director, at 301-662-2003 or Betsy Day, President of The Community Foundation of Frederick County, at 301-695-7660.

Wish List Items

The homeless families in our programs are always in need of the following:

Liquid laundry detergent
Body Wash
Women's deodorant
Men's deodorant

Paper towels
Toilet paper
Dish detergent
All purpose cleaners

Donations can be dropped off at our office between 9:30 am and 4:00 pm. We suggest you call first, so we can make sure a member of our staff is available to receive the goods.