



# Arlington Street People's Assistance Network

A-SPAN News

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## Director's Corner

by Lora Rinker, Executive Director

In this newsletter, we want to share with you some of the enjoyable and successful happenings around A-SPAN. Our **10th anniversary celebration, held on November 3rd** was a big success in many ways -- it was fun, people found good bargains in the silent auction, the food was delicious, we made some money for our programs, and we honored some very special people who helped make A-SPAN a wonderful organization. We hope you will enjoy reading about them. And we hope you enjoy reading about the many clients who have overcome tremendous barriers to achieve new levels of independence through jobs or benefits and housing. Their achievements are enabled by skilled staff members who assist them, but are primarily due to their own hard work and determination. We congratulate them!

We thank all of our many contributors and volunteers for your unwavering commitment in these difficult times. A special thanks to our new volunteers and contributors, and to Dave and Ann Broder for their substantial end-of-year donation.

### Local Schools Make

#### HBMP Alert

After the EWS closes for the season, HBMP volunteers will pick up the DC Central Kitchen soup cambros at AACH's Sullivan House located at 3103 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Road (at the corner of Highland St.). Call Marianne (703) 820-3457 x17 or see [www.a-span.org](http://www.a-span.org) for details.

**THANK YOU AACH !!**

## Help the Homeless Walkathon A Big Success

Hundreds of walkers -- youth & adults -- supported A-SPAN through the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Help the Homeless Walkathon sponsored by the Fannie Mae Foundation. Walkers joined A-SPAN at the Arlington Community Walk on Sunday, October 28 at Barcroft Park and at the "big" walk on Saturday, November 17 on the National Mall with tennis pro Serena Williams. In addition, hundreds of local students hosted miniwalks which raised thousands of dollars for A-SPAN. A-SPAN is proud of the community spirit exhibited by these students and we say THANK YOU:

**Tuckahoe Elementary School**  
**Randolph Elementary School**  
**Ashlawn Elementary School**  
**Jamestown Elementary School**  
**Thomas Jefferson Middle School**

In addition to the miniwalks, Randolph and Jamestown made sandwiches all year for the HBMP, Ashlawn collected hundreds of boxes of cereal for the EWS, and Tuckahoe collected toothbrushes and toothpaste.

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**Now We Are Three**

Marte Birnbaum, MSW  
Director, Opportunity Place

The celebration of A-SPAN's first decade coincided with another anniversary as well. On September 30, A-SPAN successfully completed its first three years of the Opportunity Place program. On my first day in November of 1998, I rode with A-SPAN founder, Lora Rinker, to look over what would become our offices in a Shirlington warehouse. After a difficult search process, A-SPAN had leased this space to house a new program and I had just been hired to develop and manage it. Touring the empty, dark rooms it was challenging to envision this yet unnamed program. The project had first been conceptualized by A-SPAN in 1995 as a drop-in center for Arlington's homeless. However, as A-SPAN adapted its initial ideas to address the always present NIMBYism that accompanies homeless services and the idea of a daytime case management and employment center emerged. Eventually, the project received priority under the County's Continuum of Care process and a grant was awarded by HUD.

From the beginning, the program was planned to allow A-SPAN to go beyond providing emergency street-based services to focus on assisting homeless individuals to move off the streets and into jobs and housing. Our HUD grant, one of the smaller of the five HUD Continuum of Care grants in Arlington, supports only 65% of the OP program, although we serve hundreds of clients. Other funding is provided by United Way and local foundations, individuals, churches and businesses.

Looking today at our busy, lively offices, the first growing pains have long since receded. I recall one cold December day, sitting cross-legged on the floor with Lora (there was no place else to sit!), reviewing piles of swatches and swearing that we would find a balance between primary colors and government green. I think back now in amusement on our first year, working betwixt and between the various stages of construction. Donated furniture and computers arrived every week. One week a set of kitchen cabinets was salvaged by our builder who also donated much of the construction.

While we were hiring the first case workers and integrating our existing street outreach with the new program, I remember worrying whether clients could find their way to us in this industrial area. But by the year's

end, we were exceeding our planned client case load. Arlington has not been immune to the increasing numbers of homeless being seen in many localities across the country. As the clientele burgeoned, the staff began to develop as well. Good people came and left, and we've been blessed to always find other good people to join us. Our enthusiastic and caring staff spend extra hours learning how to find housing in a decreasing market, talking landlords and employers into giving our clients a chance, obtaining donated household furnishings (and spending weekends moving them in!), taking clients to appointments, and advocating for access to services. Coming from an advocacy standpoint, we sometimes find ourselves impatient with other services but time has increased our ability to work cooperatively and we appreciate the different roles that each provider has in the continuum.

Over these first three years, **the Opportunity Place program served 628 homeless men, women and children.** Our staff distributed 16,732 items including blankets, clothing, hygiene items, shower vouchers, and bus tokens along with thousands of hours of counseling. As a result of our on-going outreach, 194 clients accessed our case management and other intensive services. 74 increased their income by obtaining employment or, if they were disabled, obtained disability or veteran's benefits for the first time. And 85 of our clients were able to leave the streets and move into housing. Serving a larger number of homeless clients than originally planned has brought additional challenges and most Opportunity Place staff wear more than one hat. We now face the need to expand our infrastructure - our phone system must be enlarged and our computers could stand some updating. Our first tracking system reached its maximum capacity just as we finished a management information system that will take us into the next three years and beyond.

While the Opportunity Place program and staff provide services crucial to assisting homeless individuals in moving toward self-sufficiency, A-SPAN still believes that a drop-in center is needed in Arlington County. We hope that someday such a center will provide a better alternative place for homeless individuals to go during the day besides the libraries, malls, parks, and metros and bring them one step closer to Opportunity Place and a brighter future.

**A-SPAN Thanks**

## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sponsors

The A-SPAN Board of Directors and Staff thank the following local businesses and individuals who helped make our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event -- "Celebrating People Helping People"-- a big success on November 3, 2001:

### Event Sponsors:

**Westfield Realty**

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**Virginia Commerce Bank**

### Event Speaker:

**David Broder**

### Bagged Meal Dinners:

**Carlyle Grand**

**Bungalow Billiards**

**America Seafood Market**

**Capital City Brewery**

**Gene's Market & Deli**

**Pica Deli**

**Luna Grille**

**Santa Fe Café**

**Red, White & Blue**

A-SPAN would like to give a special thanks to **David Broder** who gave an inspiring speech, **Chris Herndon** who played her harp during the silent auction, and **Sally Robertson** who took wonderful photos of the event. And a big thank you to Beth and Kim from **Waterford Public Relations**, whose expertise in PR and event logistics was greatly appreciated.

## A-SPAN Inducts Ten Into

## Hall of Fame

At A-SPAN's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on November 3, 2001, ten Hall of Fame awards were given out to individuals, groups and businesses who have made outstanding contributions to A-SPAN.

**Marianne Moerman** began volunteering with A-SPAN at the Emergency Winter Shelter and in the Homeless Bagged Meal Program in 1994. In 1997, she took over management of the bagged meal program, and in 1998, she joined A-SPAN's Board of Directors. When Opportunity Place opened, she volunteered to assist clients during walk in hours. She now spends at least 30 hours a week at Opportunity Place doing whatever needs done which eases the burden on staff and enables them to focus on client needs. She gives her time freely because she believes in doing her part to make life a little better for those whose lives she touches.

**David Broder**, political reporter and columnist for *The Washington Post*, addressing friends and supporters at A-SPAN's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

**Dave Crocker** was very likely present at the first pre-A-SPAN meeting of individuals at his church to discuss the needs of homeless people in

Arlington and what we could do to address them. Dave has been a constant figure at A-SPAN over the years, and in the earlier years, his beloved late wife M.E. was a regular helper in the kitchen at First Baptist of Clarendon, fixing meals to go out on the streets. Dave's greatest claim to A-SPAN fame is as the all-time "pro" recruiter of volunteers for the Emergency Winter Shelter. Each year, he has persuaded thirty or more St. George's Church members to volunteer. Every winter, Dave shows up not only with lots of volunteers, but with arm loads of newly purchased winter jackets, underwear, warm socks, razors and other items much needed by the homeless guests at the EWS.

**Infinite Photo & Imaging** was one of A-SPAN's earliest partners from the world of business. Pam Juhl persuaded Chuck Laskey of Allen's Copy Center on Wilson Boulevard to provide reduced-rate copying services to a fledgling organization. Since that time, A-SPAN has benefitted greatly from this very generous contribution that has saved us many thousands of dollars. In 1999, the Wilson Blvd. location was closed and the copy center moved to Springfield with the parent company, Infinite Photo & Imaging. Soon after, Chuck Laskey retired. However, these changes did not affect the relationship between the copy center and A-SPAN. The copy center at Infinite Photo & Imaging continues to provide A-SPAN with the same excellent, efficient, friendly and reduced-rate service as before.

**St. George's Episcopal Church** has played an important part in the birth and continuing growth of A-SPAN. In the early 90s, as volunteers began to meet together with many homeless people who called the Rosslyn-Ballston corridor their home, the doors of St. George's were always open to us. A-SPAN was born as an organization in their parish hall, our name and our logo were adopted in that

same room. And for the first few years, our Board meetings were held in one of the church classrooms. But the involvement of St. George's Church did not end there. Over the years, St. George's has provided legions of volunteers for the shelter, has held memorial services and provided comfort for friends and family of deceased homeless persons, and has cooperated with A-SPAN staff in providing services to the homeless, including those who go to St. George's for their lunch each weekday. Most recently St. George's has welcomed Eat Well volunteers into their kitchen to prepare meals for the shelter. The Eat Well volunteers, Fresh Fields, and St. George's Episcopal Church were honored as Community Heros for this program during last year's Neighborhood Day.

**Chuck Laskey, with Toni Dantzer of Infinite Photo & Imaging, remembering how Pam Juhl talked him into discounting copy services for A-SPAN.**

**The Arlington Interfaith Council** is comprised of 49 religious congregations working together in a joint effort to meet urgent and ongoing human needs in our community. It would have been difficult, if not impossible, for A-SPAN to have become an organization without the involvement and support of the County's religious community. In late 1989 when Pam Juhl and Lora Rinker agreed to take food to homeless people on the streets, Pam was Emergency Food Committee

chair and Lora was a recent past President of the Council. It was members of participating congregations that first came forth to help and volunteer. A-SPAN quickly became one of the Council's "Helping Hands Agencies." The Arlington Interfaith Council and the member congregations give financial, in-kind and volunteer support.

**Ron Carlee** has been Arlington County Manager for less than a year, but he began his service to Arlington County in 1980. He became Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS) in 1987 and it is in this capacity that A-SPAN got to know him well. In the late 80s and early 90s, homelessness was just beginning to come onto the radar screen of the County. Ron helped to negotiate the opening of the Emergency Winter Shelter which was urged by many and fought by others. The 1993 Homeless Street People study, the establishment of the detox and shelter facility on Columbia Pike against stiff community opposition, and the work of the Human Services Commission all occurred under his watch. Finally, Ron was very supportive of the establishment and opening of Opportunity Place. Though A-SPAN has not always gotten everything we wanted from Ron, he has been our friend, he is available to listen to us, and considers our position with an open mind. Ron has set a precedent at DHS of working with the non-profit agencies to achieve as much benefit as possible for those in need.

**Tom Leckey**, in 1994, agreed to help the treasurer of the A-SPAN Board of Directors by keeping the financial records and preparing financial reports. When the treasurer resigned Tom took over as Board Treasurer. At that time, A-SPAN did not have an office, the annual expenses were around \$40,000 and there were only two temporary employees during the winter. Between 1994 and 2000, the budget, the programs and the staff increased significantly and as Tom's work-load grew, so did his commitment to A-SPAN. By the year 2000 he was spending, at minimum, 20 hours a week

preparing payroll, keeping the books and turning out reports. Tom not only performed these duties with distinction, he also served as financial advisor and watchdog. In 1997, Tom was honored as a Community Hero at the annual Neighborhood Day celebration. Tom reluctantly retired from A-SPAN in 2000 and we miss him.

**Lora congratulating Davvy Clardy, past-President of A-SPAN's Board, and County Manager Ron Carlee.**

**Randolph Elementary School** children, teachers and staff participate in a community service program they call "Helping Hands". A different group of students each month prepares 60 bagged meals for the Homeless Bagged Meal Program. Information about homelessness is integrated into the school curriculum to stimulate discussion, thinking, skill-building, and empathy among the students. Randolph students have a mini-walk each year to help raise funds for A-SPAN as part of the Help the Homeless Walkathon. The Randolph Elementary School Helping Hands Program received the Fannie Mae Foundation's Good Neighbor Award in 2000 for their innovative work.

**Randolph students with Mary Ann Penning, Karen Darner, Laurine Musto and Principal Kathy Panfil accepting award.**

**Davy Clardy** joined the Board of Directors in 1994 after learning about A-SPAN by volunteering at the shelter. Davy chaired the shelter committee and was responsible for hiring a director and other staff each winter, training the staff, making and revising policies and overseeing operations. In one particularly difficult winter, after the shelter director resigned, Davy (without interruption to her full time job at Fannie Mae) stepped forward to replace the shelter director on many nights, to arrange for volunteers and to see that the shelter kept operating in a safe and healthy environment. Davy recruited teams at Fannie Mae for the Homeless Bagged Meal Program and the winter shelter. She made further contributions by serving six years on the Board of Directors, two of them as President of the Board. In 1998, Davy was chosen by her peers to be recognized for her exceptional volunteer service by a Crest of the WAVE grant to A-SPAN.

**Pam Juhl** is a **Co-Founder** of A-SPAN. At the end of the 1980s, she was volunteering through the Arlington Parish Council (now Arlington Interfaith Council) to provide food to low income apartment dwellers in Arlington while Lora Rinker was volunteering with the newly formed Northern Virginia Union of the Homeless. Together, Pam and

Lora decided to take food to the streets to serve hungry homeless people.

Pam Juhl was a critical force in the establishment of A-SPAN as an effective organization. Her past experiences in the Peace Corps imbued her with courage, persistence and fearlessness in the face of adversity which enabled her to push ahead to obtain just treatment of homeless individuals in the community - more realistic temperature guidelines at the shelter, more nights open at the shelter, more services available, improved facilities, and so on. Pam showed great concern for each homeless person and his or her right to opportunities to get off the streets and provided volunteer case management to all those she could reach. As the only person who could rival Dave Crocker in volunteer recruitment, she organized a large corps of volunteers for the newly formed Emergency Winter Shelter and served as a director of the shelter during the early years. This short statement cannot do justice to Pam's contributions in the early A-SPAN years.

## **Lora Rinker Honored at 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Lora Rinker, Co-founder and Executive Director**, was honored with a special award in celebration of A-SPAN's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She has been a tireless champion of the homeless and of justice issues for many years. The birth of A-SPAN comes directly from the heart of Lora, Pam Juhl and others who heard the call and nurtured A-SPAN to reality.

Lora has been the Executive Director of A-SPAN, paid and unpaid, since its official beginnings. Her commitment to justice issues goes back even further. She was co-director of the Center for New Creation, creator and organizer for a multi-cultural, interfaith celebration named "One World Day," and chair and continuing member of the Arlington Interfaith Council.

Her volunteer service spans a number of

other issues from school volunteer to member of Arlington's Human Services Commission, Arts Commission, secretary of Arlingtonians for a Better County, and co-founder with husband Charlie of Arlington New Directions Coalition.

Lora's reputation as a champion of those in need is well deserved. How lucky for us that she has devoted her time and energy to the cause of homelessness in Arlington. A-SPAN has grown into a multi-faceted, well-respected organization under her careful guidance and direction.

**Meg Tuccillo, A-SPAN President, Pam Juhl and Lora Rinker reflect on A-SPAN's beginnings 10 years ago.**



**A-SPAN is seeking a church or other group to partner with us in sponsoring a family** in need of a co-signer to rent an apartment or house. Our client is a survivor of

domestic violence, with no drug or alcohol issues, and has been working full-time for the last year. She has two children (ages 14 and 5) in Arlington schools, and would qualify for limited rental assistance from the county, but due to her bad credit, A-SPAN has been unable to secure her a lease. If you are interested in this opportunity to make a difference in several young lives, please contact Marianne Moerman at (703) 820-4357, ext. 17.

**If you would like to volunteer to teach a client to drive, please call Bernard at (703) 820-4357 x19.**

**If you would like to volunteer to help A-SPAN move clients into new housing, please call (703) 820-4357 x17.**

## **New Face At A-SPAN**

A-SPAN welcomes Brian Holtzman as our newest Case Manager. He comes to us with several years experience in the mental health field. He feels it is an honor and privilege to work with homeless people. He has seen homeless people achieve success in confronting severe barriers by using resourcefulness, intelligence and patience. He believes, "Their achievements may be hard to see because they are climbing a steeper mountain with fewer paths than most others."

## **Stories from the Streets**

### **A Success Story Waiting to Happen**

By Bernard Carey, Employment Coordinator

This is a story of an individual who was sick and tired of being sick and tired and she was ready to get on with life. Her name is Jeanette Morris. I met Jeanette last August when she was about to leave a substance abuse program and she had been trying to secure employment and housing. Jeanette was so anxious that she started crying in my office. I gave her some tissues and began the process of lifting her self-esteem. I pointed out to her all the things that were positive in her life. She smiled and I made a promise to her that while I didn't have a magic wand, I was a hard worker who would be

there for her and her son. I explained that A-SPAN's approach is comprehensive, meaning we are not in the habit of putting band aides on large wounds. Jeanette said, "Oh, I get it. A-SPAN changes water to wine." We both laughed. I told her that A-SPAN was not in the wine-making business; instead we are about the business of seeing you in your own place taking care of your own business.

Since that day a lot of positive things have happened in Jeanette's life. Jeanette was feeling bad because she had no money for Christmas. One day out of the blue, I received a call from **Kaiser & Associates**, a DC consulting group that helps businesses improve performance and sustain growth. They wanted to adopt a family for Christmas. Kaiser staff provided Jeanette and her son Brian with great practical gifts. After Christmas, Ms. K. F. Ebner, Senior Vice President for Kaiser, told me that they would adopt Jeanette and her son Brian for the entire year. A-SPAN salutes companies like Kaiser & Associates. They and all our volunteers make it possible for us to do our jobs.

When Jeanette received a Section 8 certificate, we were able to find a beautiful apartment for her and Brian. Jeanette had a place but no furniture. Kaiser staff came to the rescue and provided a kitchen table and chairs, kitchen supplies, bed linens and bath towels. Lora Rinker's son provided a queen size bed and the AMEN furniture bank provided a couch. Jeanette in tears stated, "People really do care don't they?" For me, I felt that I had just earned my paycheck. I have the greatest job in the world.

### **Jeanette and Brian stand with Kaiser & Associate staff at Christmas time.**

### **A HOME IN ARLINGTON**

By Dan Figg, Case Manager

Fifty years ago, Eddie Lockett's family moved to Arlington from Macon, GA. In the late '90's, Mr. Lockett, now in his 60's, lost his housing due to an ongoing struggle with addiction and skyrocketing rents. Mr. Lockett checked himself into the detox facility at the Residential Program Center (RPC) and was then accepted into Early Recovery, a 3-month substance abuse treatment program. Mr. Lockett was successful in his recovery process, but toward the end of his stay encountered difficulties in his job search

Mr. Lockett began to meet with me and then A-SPAN Employment Coordinator, Diana Ventry. After an in-depth assessment, it was clear Mr. Lockett was experiencing physical as well as mental challenges in his job search. Mr. Lockett was referred to the Arlington Free Clinic, which at the time had no waiting list, where he was diagnosed with high blood pressure and circulation problems. Clinic staff prescribed medications, which could afford at a \$5 copay. He was referred to Dr. Stanley Lanway at the Ballston Mall for a free eye exam and then to the Ballston Mall LensCrafters for a donation of eye glasses.

It was clear that the task of completing employment applications often felt overwhelming to Mr. Lockett, so he was placed in Opportunity Place's on-the-job-training program concurrent with outside job searches led by Diana. It was soon apparent by his consistent attendance to all appointments and his outstanding attention to detail in his custodial duties that Mr. Eddie -- as he came to be known by staff -- had no lack of interest in work. It was the process of the job search that proved to be a formidable obstacle to this older individual. Early Recovery staff were pleased that these issues had

been identified and referred Mr. Lockett to the RPC shelter.

The RPC shelter has a 30-day time limit so the search for a job remained urgent. And yet we encountered yet another obstacle — that of age discrimination. Employers seemed reluctant to hire Mr. Eddie after meeting him in person. Since employment seemed doubtful, I applied for SSI disability benefits, which has a very lengthy approval process, often involving multiple appeals. Finally, with the ongoing support of RPC staff, who granted multiple time extensions, Mr. Eddie was hired by HOC, Inc., a custodial service serving commercial properties in the DC area. Mr. Eddie's supervisor at HOC was impressed with his polite graciousness and his many years of experience in floor maintenance, and she was able to place him in light-duty jobs. After working four months, in early winter of 2000, we received a call from her that the only available job was two mornings a week in the distant suburb of Springfield. So, Mr. Eddie decided to start a new job search with Diana. This time, she convinced Mr. Eddie to broaden his search beyond the custodial field, something he had been hesitant to do. Diana arranged interviews at two new large grocery stores. Together with Diana's persuasiveness and a strong reference from HOC, Mr. Eddie was offered porter jobs at both stores. He chose to work at the Giant in Alexandria.

However, the challenge of finding housing remained. Arlington County Substance Abuse staff advocated for additional County funding to allow Mr. Eddie to enter the Vanguard Services Reentry program, a transitional house in Arlington for individuals in recovery. This 18 month program offered onsite groups and 12-step meetings. During this time, I focused on a long-term housing plan for him. Given his busy new work and meeting schedule, I took it upon myself to ensure that his name was on every possible subsidized housing waiting list in the area and the Arlington County Section 8 program, which finally reopened in May 2001 after a nearly two year closure.

In October, he reached the top of the waiting list at the Carlin, a senior high-rise housing

property developed through tax-credit programs to provide affordable housing. Though the rent for the sixth-floor one bedroom unit was lower than most in our county at \$800, it was still too much given Mr. Eddie's low income. With the speedy approval for a County Housing Grant, Mr. Eddie was able to meet the Carlin's income requirements. (Like most other rental properties, the Carlin no longer accepts Housing Grants). Next, we applied for funds for first-month's rent from the Arlington County Human Services, which was initially denied. A very discouraged Mr. Eddie depleted his small savings to pay for the security deposit and A-SPAN appealed the denial. Human Services then approved assistance and along with AMEN funds paid the first-month rent. He also received furniture from AMEN's furniture bank.

Last month Mr. Eddie's name reached the top of the Section 8 wait list. The Section 8 program is still accepted at the Carlin, unlike most rental properties in the county. Starting in April, his rent will be reduced from 40% of his income to 30% and he can keep this subsidy for life. In December, Mr. Eddie was named Employee of the Month and was honored at a regional Giant banquet as his store's Employee of the Year.

The photo included shows me congratulating Mr. Eddie on his new apartment and on his hard work and faith that led to him building a better life for himself. As we moved his furniture into the apartment, I felt grateful as an employee of A-SPAN to be standing with him within the solid walls of his new home in Arlington.

Mr. Eddie would like to extend a special thanks to the following individuals: Chris Ward, Director, Early Recovery Program; Judy Montville-White, Arlington County Substance Abuse Services; Mary Savoy-Baucum, Case Manager, Residential Program Center; Peggy Morris, Therapist, Arlington County Substance Abuse Services; and Jewel Williams, Counselor, Reentry Program.

### **A-SPAN Receives Auto Donation**

A-SPAN would like to give our sincere thanks to Kelly and Ken Kaye for their wonderful donation of a 1988 Honda Civic. The lucky recipient was a single parent who desperately needed a vehicle to drop her son off at school and then manage to get to Falls Church during the morning rush hour where she is working. She was elated with receiving such a gift from Ken and Kelly Kaye. Kelly is a former member of our board of directors.

#### Client Wish List

- Microwave
- Small TV
- Radio
- Clock on a stand
- Big Frying Pan
- Small Pots with lids
- Dutch Oven
- Starter set dishes & glasses
- Starter set of flatware
- Single bed sheets

Call (703) 820-4357 to make a donation.

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**A FEW THANK YOUS....**

- \* **To Fresh Fields for the Sept 26 5% Day!!**
- \* To everyone who gave holiday donations!!
- \* To the **Arlington Young Democrats** who held a Valentine's Auction, along with Democrats of a New Generation and Fairfax Young Democrats, to benefit A-SPAN.
- \* To local businesses that held coat drives and donated supplies: **Fresh Fields, Axiom Resource Mgt., Charles E. Smith, Virginia Commerce Bank, Cherrydale Health & Rehab Center.**
- \* To local schools and churches who made sandwiches for Opportunity Place and the EWS: **Chesterbrook Elementary School, St. Ann's School, Nottingham Elementary School, Trinity Presbyterian Church.**

The Arlington Street People's Assistance Network is a nonprofit, community-based organization whose mission is to assist every homeless person in Arlington County get off the streets and live a life of dignity.

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A-SPAN invites you to join with us to work with and for Arlington's street homeless to secure needed support, services, jobs and housing.

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