



# Arlington Street People's Assistance Network

A-SPAN NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL EDITION

## A-SPAN WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR!

After a thorough search, A-SPAN is proud to announce our new Executive Director **Brian Carome**. For the past 7 years, Brian has been Executive Director of Project Northstar, a nonprofit in Washington, D.C. that provides one-on-one tutoring & mentoring to over 200 children who are homeless, living in foster care, public housing or underserved communities. Brian has decades of direct service, program development, and nonprofit management and leadership experience and training working with homeless adults and children throughout the Metro DC area. He previously held positions with New Hope Housing, Sasha Bruce Youthwork and the Father McKenna Center among others. As a long time resident of Arlington, he is grateful for the opportunity to work alongside his community and to carry on A-SPAN's vision and mission to assist all street homeless individuals, the population he holds dearest to his heart.



A search committee consisting of A-SPAN Board members, volunteers, and staff oversaw the entire process and interviewed a number of very qualified candidates for the position. The process definitely was a first for the organization following Lora Rinker's 12 year tenure as Executive Director and an additional 6 years as A-SPAN's volunteer founder. Lora affirms, "With Brian as the new Executive Director, along with our excellent and committed staff and Board of Directors, A-SPAN is poised to achieve even more significant accomplishments in the mission of ending homelessness in Arlington."

# SUSHI-ZEN

Celebrates TEN Years in Business

1997 - 2007

By Giving Back to the Community

On **Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** come out to Sushi-Zen for a great meal that will support A-SPAN!!!! 10% of the total sales for the day will be donated to A-SPAN. For those who identify themselves as supporting the fundraiser of the day, an additional 10% of their meal will be donated to A-SPAN for a total of 20% of that dining ticket (tax & tip not included).

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## In other A-SPAN news...

A-SPAN welcomes back **Fred Cain** who has returned as an Outreach Worker for the Rosslyn area, a position that is contracted out by the Rosslyn Business Improvement District. Fred and his family moved to Minnesota last year, but have recently moved back to the area. Fred was an excellent staff member, so we are thrilled to have him back on board.

**Molly Maliborski** joined us this month as our new Volunteer Coordinator. Molly just moved to the area from Wisconsin and recently spent time abroad in China teaching at Xi'an International University. Molly has previous experience working with volunteers and is very excited about joining A-SPAN. We look forward to everyone meeting Molly very soon! She can be reached at 703 820 4357 ext. 17 or at [aspanvolunteer@aol.com](mailto:aspanvolunteer@aol.com).

We have also said good-bye to several staff members during the past couple of months. **Jacci Scott**, a Case Manager for the past 4 years and **Olga Garcia**, an Outreach Worker for the past 5 years both have moved on from A-SPAN to pursue other opportunities in the area. We wish them the best in their new endeavors!

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## A-SPAN COOKOUT

On June 29<sup>th</sup> A-SPAN held a cookout for volunteers and clients at Barcroft Park. Despite threatening weather, several volunteers, clients, and staff enjoyed good BBQ and a chance to visit with each other. We would like to thank **Arlington Food Assistance Center, Capital Area Food Bank, Food for Others, Restaurant Depot, and Safeway** for graciously donating food, drinks, and paper products for the event.



## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Fannie Mae Help-the-Homeless Walkathon Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

Last year A-SPAN received over \$50,000 generated from donations, schools and churches that held Miniwalks, and registered walkers that participated at the "big walk" in DC. If you are interested in hosting a Miniwalk (high schools are included this year!) or becoming a Partner Sponsor, please

contact Rachel Akins,  
Director at Resource Development  
at 703 820 4357 ext. 20 or at  
[aspandevlopment@aol.com](mailto:aspandevlopment@aol.com).

You can access A-SPAN's donation page at  
[www.helpthehomelessdc.org](http://www.helpthehomelessdc.org).

## A-SPAN Employment Opportunities

We currently have two open positions at A-SPAN's Opportunity Place located in South Arlington. A full-time Case Manager and a full-time bilingual Outreach Worker need to be filled. If you are interested in applying for either of these positions please contact Leonard Chari, Director of Opportunity Place at 703 820 4357 ext. 19 or at [aspanop@aol.com](mailto:aspanop@aol.com).

The Emergency Winter Shelter season is just around the corner. The season runs daily from November 1 until April 1. A-SPAN will be hiring temporary, part-time Shelter Monitors for various shifts. If you are interested in applying please contact Lucy Cronin, Director of Shelter & Housing Services at 703 820 4357 ext. 15 or at [aspancm03@aol.com](mailto:aspancm03@aol.com).

## FY08 A-SPAN Board of Directors

<i>Meg Tuccillo</i>	<i>President</i>
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## A-SPAN Summer Wish List

### *Outreach Items*

- Bottled Water
- T-shirts (XL)
- Underwear/socks
- Sneakers/work boots
- Jeans (larger sizes)
- Razors
- Backpacks/duffle bags

### *Food for Shelter Food Program*

- Sandwich bread
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Tuna fish/Mayo
- Various snacks (chips, crackers, desserts)
- Powdered drink mixes

## Save the Date

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Help-the-Homeless  
Holiday Gala  
Top of the Town in Rosslyn  
Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**



*An exciting kick-off event for the annual  
'LIGHT UP Rosslyn - Light Up a Life'  
campaign sponsored by The Rosslyn  
Business Improvement District*

## A-SPAN Staff

Brian Carome, Executive Director  
Rachel Akins, Director of Resource Development  
Leonard Chari, Director of Opportunity Place  
Lucy Cronin, Director of Shelter & Housing Services  
Olivia Payton, Assistant Director of Shelter Services  
Ralph Johnson, Finance Manager  
Molly Maliborski, Volunteer Coordinator  
Lacey Rosenbaum, Employment Coordinator  
Fred Cain, Outreach Worker  
Sheryl Johnson, Outreach Worker  
Latasha Carter, Case Manager  
Kenny Kluttz, Outreach Monitor  
Marianne Moerman, Front Desk Monitor  
Vanessa Witt, Administrative Assistant

## Please Join Us

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.

Please add me to your mailing list.

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Please make checks payable to A-SPAN

Mail to: A-SPAN, P.O. Box 100731, Arlington, VA 22210-0854

(703) 820-HELP (4357)

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