Happy 40th Anniversary, Arlington Thrive!

Join us as Arlington Thrive marks 40 years of helping our neighbors with a Celebration & Fundraiser on November 18, 2015 at Army Navy Country Club. Since 1975, Arlington Thrive has been the only provider of same-day emergency financial assistance to Arlington residents who are facing a short-term crisis and cannot pay for their basic needs. This special evening will raise much-needed emergency funds to ensure that Arlington Thrive can continue to provide for the most vulnerable among us.

The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. with drinks and hors d’oeuvres. The program will feature the debut of our anniversary video, a visual display of Arlington Thrive’s timeline and history, and a special musical performance.

You can support Arlington Thrive by becoming an Event Sponsor.

A variety of sponsorship and ticket opportunities are available to display your commitment, and we hope you will consider a special sponsorship gift this 40th anniversary year. Many of us are fortunate to have more than enough to meet our needs, but there are many in our community who do not. When all of its residents thrive, Arlington thrives! Individual tickets and sponsorships may be purchased on our website (www.arlingtonthrive.org).

We offer a special thanks to our pledged event sponsors as of September 1st:

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Mark your calendar now and watch your mail for your special invitation in late September. We look forward to celebrating the 40th anniversary of Arlington Thrive with you.

Please see Page 7 of this newsletter for more event information.

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Arlington Thrive has served this community for 40 years by providing emergency assistance to our neighbors in financial crisis. What accounts for its continuity during those four decades? Stated briefly, it is the support of a caring and compassionate Arlington community whose members have the will to fulfill this important mission of helping our neighbors in need.

Forty years ago, a group of concerned citizens, church representatives and government officials met to consider a system to deliver emergency financial assistance in Arlington. Through their determination, the charity was launched and delivering aid in a matter of months. Through the decades, the organization has continued to carry out this important mission thanks to the work and support of so many members of the Arlington community.

That community includes a dedicated group of volunteers who offer their time to help others, generous donors who share what they have with their neighbors, committed and hardworking staff members, and government officials who set policies to benefit all Arlington residents, including the most vulnerable. Their efforts have not only sustained Arlington Thrive but also enriched the Arlington community.

As we celebrate our 40th anniversary, all of us at Arlington Thrive are grateful to be part of such a supportive and caring community of neighbors.

Thank you,
Gerry Shannon

From the Executive Director

Arlington Thrive’s Staff

The staff’s total work hours comprise less than three full-time equivalent (FTE) employees but we do get the job done with the support of volunteers and a hard-working Board of Directors.
For the year ending June 30, 2015, Arlington Thrive’s income was close to $1,000,000. Income from Arlington County totaled $501,137 and income from all other sources including individuals and foundations totaled $497,709.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, Arlington Thrive provided $727,729 in direct emergency financial assistance for approximately 2,500 cases to 1,500 households serving over 2,300 individuals, including more than 1,000 children. Thrive prevented the eviction of 423 households and most of those were families with children. Rental and utility assistance accounted for 79% of total program expenditures.
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Remember Arlington Thrive by Making a Legacy Gift

Leaving a gift in your will or estate plan is one of the most common and easiest ways you can remember Arlington Thrive. An estate gift or bequest is a commitment of support made through your will that does not affect your current financial situation. You can simply name Arlington Thrive as a beneficiary of all, or a portion of your assets when you write or update your will.

Benefits of a Bequest:
- Your cash resources won’t be affected during your lifetime, and you have full control over all of your assets.
- Designating Arlington Thrive as a beneficiary is revocable, so it can be changed if your financial and/or personal circumstances change.
- Taxes on your estate could be significantly reduced, a significant advantage for your heirs and a comfort to you.
- You can specify how Arlington Thrive is to use your bequest.
- You can make a bequest gift in honor or memory of someone special.

For further information, please contact Shandra Niswander, Development Director. If you have already remembered Arlington Thrive in your estate plan, please let us know so we can thank you. Your estate gift can remain confidential. For specific questions about your will or estate plan, please consult your attorney.
Client Stories: How Arlington Thrive Helped

While most of Thrive’s emergency financial assistance pays for rent and utility bills, we make every effort to be responsive to unique situations like these.

Back to Work
An A-SPAN (Arlington Street People’s Assistance Network) caseworker was working with a Joe* who had become homeless due to personal problems and unemployment. Motivated to become independent again, Joe sought a job working for an electrician. He received a job offer that required him to bring his own set of basic tools, but he did not have the funds to purchase them. At his caseworker’s request, Arlington Thrive paid for the tools so that Joe could start his new job and new life.

Back Home
A Virginia Hospital Center social worker requested assistance this spring for David*, a patient brought to the hospital by police who had found him at National Airport. Despite having a serious mental illness, David had managed to purchase a one-way ticket to Washington, D.C and had been in the airport for some time. Hospital staff contacted David’s caretakers in Oregon and together they determined that it was in his best interest to return to Oregon. Arlington Thrive contributed to the purchase of a one-way airline ticket to send David back to Portland where he would receive the care he needed in the community he knew. As a result, Arlington resources were no longer expended for David’s care.

*Names changed for confidentiality.

Please join us at the Arlington Thrive 40th Anniversary Celebration & Fundraiser
Celebrating 40 years of providing emergency funds for neighbors in need
November 18, 2015 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Army Navy County Club

Sponsorship and Ticket Opportunities

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1. Mail your check to Arlington Thrive P.O. Box 7429 Arlington, VA 22207.
2. Visit www.arlingtonthrive.org to make your payment.
3. Thank you.
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A gift to Arlington Thrive during the 2015-2016 Workplace Giving Campaign is a sound investment in homelessness prevention for our neighbors in crisis.

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Resolve to Run in 2016

Arlington Thrive’s running training program – now in its fifth year – will start up again in early February 2016. You can train for the George Washington Parkway Classic 10-mile or 5K race and raise funds for Arlington Thrive at the same time! In December, we’ll have more information about how to sign up on our Facebook page, website and e-news.