Arlington Thrive 2014 Challenge Campaign

This fall, Arlington Thrive is launching the Arlington Thrive 2014 Challenge Campaign with a goal of $200,000. If our supporters donate $100,000 by November 30, Arlington Thrive can leverage an additional $100,000 in matching funds pledged by a group of committed and generous donors, including Dr. Mitchell E. Davis. Read the separate article to learn more about Dr. Davis and his commitment to Arlington Thrive.

Donations to the Arlington Thrive 2014 Challenge Campaign will be used to offset the loss of funding from the Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Program which ended last year. Every gift will be matched dollar for dollar up to $100,000 to provide emergency assistance to Arlington households facing financial crisis. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, Thrive’s assistance prevented the eviction of 612 households and helped another 2300 households with financial emergencies. The majority of those households were families with children which continue to be a priority for Arlington Thrive.

Help Arlington Thrive “Close the Front Door to Homelessness” with emergency funds for our neighbors in need. With your increased donations this fall, we can rise to meet this exciting challenge and double our efforts to prevent eviction and homelessness in Arlington.

Donor Profile: Dr. Mitchell E. Davis

Dr. Mitchell E. Davis has been supporting Arlington Thrive since 2006 when he read about the organization in a Washingtonian magazine article. Dr. Davis is a retired physician (ophthalmologist) with a compassionate and giving heart. He chose to give to Arlington Thrive because he knew that even small donations would make a real impact to a small charity with a low overhead rate. Every year, he has made generous gifts to support Arlington Thrive’s mission of providing emergency financial assistance to residents in need. In fact, his gifts are among the largest made in Arlington Thrive’s history.

Currently, he is particularly concerned about providing needed health care to those with non-covered medical needs. Since 2010, he has provided an annual gift that provided a matching fund incentive for donors to the Help the Homeless fund raising campaign. This fall, Davis is providing a donation that will help serve as a matching fund incentive for Arlington Thrive’s 2014 Challenge Campaign. We are so grateful for Dr. Davis’ generous support which has been critical to our ability to provide a financial safety net for Arlington residents.
From the Executive Director

While we are very sorry that Fannie Mae has ended its annual Help the Homeless program, I am thrilled to announce the first annual Arlington Thrive Challenge Campaign. With our launch year’s goal of $200,000, several of our loyal donors have generously pledged to match donations dollar-for-dollar up to $100,000! Let me say that great news again: every donation to Thrive from now through November 30 will be matched dollar-for-dollar. Please consider increasing your financial support so that we can bridge the budget shortfall we face with the end of the Fannie Mae program. This fall, our appeal will focus on this exciting opportunity. Please look for your annual letter in early October.

Also, I am pleased to announce that Arlington Thrive will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2015! Throughout its history, it has provided emergency financial assistance to help Arlington residents in crisis to pay bills for their basic needs. From its modest beginnings in 1975 as a small, all-volunteer effort with a budget of less than $30,000, it has today become a mature and sustainable non-profit providing annually more than $820,000 in direct financial assistance. Its growth has been necessary to meet the steadily increasing demand for emergency financial assistance in our community. On behalf of the Board of the Directors, our clients, volunteers and the staff of Arlington Thrive, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who has supported our efforts over the years. We look forward to celebrating our anniversary and achievements in the coming year with you.

Thank you,
Gerry Shannon

New Board Member: Kellen MacBeth

Kellen MacBeth is excited to serve on the Arlington Thrive Board of Directors! Recently, he founded and served as the Executive Director of GiveArlington, a philanthropic giving circle for young professionals until it merged with the Arlington Community Foundation’s NextGenNow.

Kellen currently serves on the Arlington Catholic Diocese Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Campaign for Human Development Board and is a member of the Arlington Jaycees. He has previously served as a community member on the Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families, the leadership team of the Arlington Community Volunteer Network, and helped found the Arlington Community Foundation’s Youth Philanthropy Initiative.

Kellen holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Politics from Marymount University and serves as Vice President of the Alumni Advisory Board. During the day, he works as a government consultant for RCM Solutions, Inc.
Fiscal Year 2014: The Year in Numbers

% of Income by Source (\$1,235,962)

- Arlington County: \$519,992 (42%)
- Business/Civic Organizations: \$126,649 (10%)
- Foundations: \$190,193 (16%)
- Churches: \$13,619 (1%)
- Individuals: \$385,509 (31%)
- Restaurants: \$13,619 (1%)

The fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 was the first year that Arlington Thrive’s income surpassed the $1,000,000 mark. This was due in part to an unexpected $100,000 bequest. Also, income from foundations and individuals totaling $575,702 surpassed income totaling $519,992 from Arlington County.

% of Assistance by Type

- Rental: \$520,647 (63%)
- Utility: \$127,782 (16%)
- Prescription: \$69,104 (5%)
- Miscellaneous: \$30,845 (4%)
- Medical: \$38,216 (5%)
- Dental: \$58,763 (7%)
- Other: \$8,484 (1%)

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, Arlington Thrive provided nearly \$822,000 in direct emergency financial assistance to almost 3,000 households serving over 5,600 individuals, including 1,900 children. Thrive prevented the eviction of 612 households and most of those were families with children. Rental and utility assistance accounted for nearly 80% of total program expenditures.
Thank You to Arlington Thrive’s Generous Donors
September 2013 through August 2014

$100 TO $249
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Hanna Eun
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Jennifer Garrett
Gay Hammerman
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Paul Steinmetz & Linda Hill
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Dorothy Nicholson
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Daniel & Jeanne Sweeney
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Bryan & Marguerite Tomasek
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Arlington Interfaith Council, Inc.
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Mary Jane Nelson & John Niesthaus
Kathleen Seidel
Dennis O’Connor & Gerry Shannon
Keith Klein & Anne Spiesman
St. Charles Borromeo Church
William & Linda Swedish
Steve & Pat Telkints
Peggy Tevis
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Volunteer Profile: Ginger Ansell

Volunteers play a valuable and important role in fulfilling Arlington Thrive’s mission of providing emergency financial assistance. Ginger Ansell, who has been an Arlington Thrive Daily Fund volunteer since 2004 recently sat down with Development Manager Shandra Niswander to discuss her experiences. Ginger resides in North Arlington with her husband, David and their two grown sons, Ben, 26 and Jake, 23. She is a lawyer by training and currently serves as a Democratic Party Precinct Captain. As a retiree, she enjoys tending to her garden, yoga and walking her dog, Brodie, a West Highland White Terrier.

Ginger explained that “serving as a Daily Fund volunteer for Arlington Thrive is a good way to help those in need right here in Arlington.” She noted that her volunteer responsibilities fit well with her beliefs and schedule. She believes that “we are all our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers and that service to others is one of the most valuable and meaningful things we can do.”

She further remarked on how this volunteer position allows her “to really help people directly by authorizing the funds for needs that are very real, like rental and prescription assistance.” Ginger values the good relationships she has formed with social workers over the years as volunteer. The main frustration she faces as a Daily Fund volunteer is when the funds run out early in the afternoon and she cannot approve assistance for worthy requests that arrive later in the day. Ginger enjoys her volunteer service for Arlington Thrive and finds the position very rewarding because she feels a direct connection to the people she is helping.

How you helped Mr. Adams

This past year, your financial support enabled Arlington Thrive to prevent a housing catastrophe for a grieving man who lost a member of his family.

Mr. Adams (name changed for confidentiality) is a 74 year-old resident who requested assistance from the Department of Human Services (DHS) Aging and Disability Services. He had multiple health issues, including diabetes and a heart condition. Also, he was dependent on an oxygen tank. Mr. Adams had fallen behind on his rent because of unexpected expenses related to a death in his family.

Arlington County social workers helped Mr. Adams to obtain a housing grant and to make an application for Virginia Medicaid. Medicaid would provide him with badly needed additional insurance coverage for his medical needs. His County social worker asked Arlington Thrive to help pay for part of his May rent. With help from the County DHS and Arlington Thrive, Mr. Adam’s disposable income increased and he avoided eviction from his apartment where he had resided for 15 years. Without the partnership of Arlington Thrive and Arlington County DHS, Mr. Adams would not only be grieving the loss of a family member but would be homeless as well.

Will you Resolve to Run in 2015?

The Resolve to Run program benefitting Arlington Thrive will mark its fourth year this January. This is the year to train for the George Washington Parkway Classic 10 miler or 5K race on April 19 and raise funds for Arlington Thrive. If you want to participate but do not want to run, the 5K race will be open to walkers.

Certified trainer and long-distance runner Denny Pinch will again lead the program along with Eileen Gould. Eileen is a long distance runner and store manager at Pacers-Fairfax. The three-month training begins in late January and participants will receive a discount from Pacers stores for race registration, running shoes and related apparel. To those who are unsure about the physical commitment, Coach Denny points out, “Getting in shape can be easier and more fun than you might think. And you get to help your neighbors in need at the same time.” Running for your neighbors in need will strengthen your heart and your charitable spirit. Look for additional information on the Arlington Thrive website http://www.arlingtonthrive.org and on Facebook in December.
Spotlight on Grace Community Church

Tell us a little bit about the mission of Grace Community Church and your position there.

Our vision at Grace is “to be a church for people who don’t go to church.” We appeal to people wherever they may be on their spiritual journey with a warm, welcoming environment. I am the Director of Community Life at Grace. I am primarily responsible for all of our local and international outreach, which includes liaising with our nonprofit partners.

Why does Grace Church support Arlington Thrive?
Grace Church receives requests for assistance from both church members and non-members on a regular basis. We value the thorough client assessments that Arlington Thrive requires and so we refer all individuals and families looking for support to Arlington County Department of Human Services. We explain to those requesting help that Grace supports emergency financial assistance to those in need with monthly donations to Arlington Thrive.

Is there a particular part of Thrive’s mission or programs that resonate with Grace?
Grace Church wants to meet local needs and give back to the Arlington community. We support Arlington Thrive with consistent donations because they are a high quality and high performing nonprofit. Further, Grace Church is pleased with Arlington Thrive’s proven track record of efficiency and integrity.

What’s the best way to learn more about Grace Community Church?
To learn more about Grace, please visit our website at http://trygrace.org. Whether you’ve been going to church your whole life or you’ve never set foot inside one, you are welcome to give Grace a try. Sunday services are held at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

Thrive Hosts Student for High School Senior Experience

Grace Lundgren fulfilled her High School Senior Year Experience term at Arlington Thrive this June before graduating from Washington-Lee High School. Grace has participated in the “Resolve to Run” program the past two years and raised funds for Arlington Thrive to help neighbors in need. She explained, “I support Arlington Thrive because homelessness can really happen to anyone. Arlington Thrive helps by preventing homelessness and emergencies in your local area before they happen.”

During her three weeks with us, Grace developed and posted new content to the website and social media accounts as well as performed data entry and filing for the office. She graduated from Washington-Lee High School with an Advanced Studies Diploma. She is starting her first-year at York College of Pennsylvania majoring in Computer Science. Her other interests include business, politics, gaming, skateboarding and theatre. We thank Grace for her time and work with us and wish her every success in college!

“I support Arlington Thrive because homelessness can really happen to anyone. Arlington Thrive helps by preventing homelessness and emergencies in your local area before they happen.”
-Grace Lundgren
YOUR DONATIONS TO Arlington Thrive ARE HARD AT WORK!

A gift to Arlington Thrive during the 2014-2015 Workplace Giving Campaign is a sound investment in homelessness prevention for our neighbors in crisis.

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN # 27295
UNITED WAY # 8406

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Holiday Boutique
Saturday, December 6, 2014 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall (upstairs)
800 23rd St. S. Arlington 22202

The boutique will feature many vendors selling unique and specialized items, a wreath table where you can custom order a Holiday wreath, a bake sale, and a raffle where you can win any number of fabulous gift baskets.

ARLINGTON THRIVE WILL HAVE A DISPLAY AND RECEIVE A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS.

Do your holiday shopping and help our neighbors in need!

Support Arlington Thrive’s 2014 CHALLENGE CAMPAIGN by November 30 and DOUBLE your gift! See page 1 for details.