



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

An Update from Community Lodgings: January & February 2010

JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!

Thanks to the tireless efforts of our Case Manager Charlyne and the families with whom she works daily, we can report that **3 single mothers secured employment** in January! S.S. works for a local non-profit as part of a childcare team, J.D. works for a local restaurant and V.W. works for a local retirement home! Also, a **father of 2 increased his salary by \$3 per hour!**

NEW FAMILY LEARNING CENTER WING OPENS!!!

In February, we opened a brand new wing at our Family Learning Center. The renovations, which were made possible with the help of supporter Barry C. Stauffer, will house our High School afterschool program and an **Employment Center** for formerly homeless adults in our Transitional Housing Program. Stay tuned for more information on an Open House which will be held this Spring in the new Wing. We look forward to seeing you there!

Join Community Lodgings to Celebrate
Spring Forward to Union Street
Our 5th Annual Spring Forward Event

Hosted by

Union Street Public House

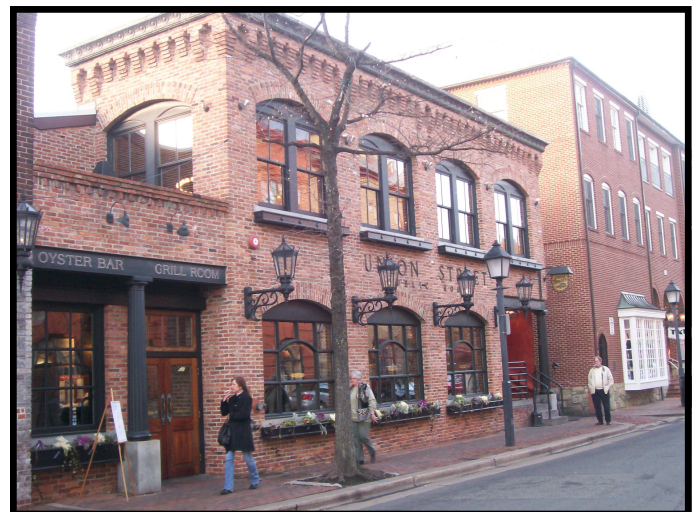
Who Has Generously Donated the Venue, Food and Wait Staff
121 South Union Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sunday, March 14, 2010
5:30pm to 9:30pm

Cocktails – Silent & Live Auction – Dinner – Entertainment

*Honoring Barry C. Stauffer's Dedication
and Commitment to Community Lodgings*

If you would like to purchase tickets and learn about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jim Dempsey at jdempsey@communitylodgings.org, or visit our website!



Old Town Alexandria's Union Street Public House has generously donated their restaurant, food and staff for our event

COMMUNITY LODGINGS FEATURED IN THE WASHINGTON POST'S EL TIEMPO LATINO



Ramon Calderon, 18, who grew up only with his mother, along with Bonnie Baxley, director of the center.

On January 29th, the Washington Post Company's El Tiempo Latino featured an article on how important the Family Learning Center is to our homeless families and the surrounding Latino community. El Tiempo even interviewed Ramon, a student who has participated in our afterschool programs since we opened the first learning center in 2002! The article was followed up with a radio interview of Ms. Yasmin, our High School Coordinator.

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PADDLE CHALLENGE

At Spring Forward to Union Street, the Paddle Challenge allows to donate to our programs which serve homeless and low-income families. Board Member Maggie Johnston and her husband have agreed to match all donations up to \$2,500! We will call out donation amounts from high to low increments. When an amount is called out on which you wish to bid, raise your paddle number and a runner will log your donation. You may pay by cash, check or credit card at the end of the night.