



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

An Update from Community Lodgings: November & December 2009

A LOOK AT OUR FAMILIES

This November, two formerly homeless fathers in our Transitional Housing Program made significant progress in their employment. T.S., a single father of two, began working full-time as a security officer for a company in Maryland. Moving from part-time to full-time employment increased his salary by \$1,200 per month! Another father, B.L., secured a job as a custodian at a private school just up the road from his Community Lodgings apartment. Previously he worked for the public school system in Washington, DC; the new job is not only closer to his home and family, it also increases his monthly income to support a family of 4. Also on the job front, we had a single mother K.E. pick up a *second* waitressing job to buttress her income last month.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We are extremely grateful to our supporters Barry Stauffer and Alexandria Sheriff Department for renovating another apartment this winter. We will now be able to serve an additional homeless family in our Transitional Housing Program. Thanks!

Internship Opportunity: We have an internship available this summer for 20 hours per week over 6 weeks. Please contact our office: 703-548-4407.

We are proud to announce that 552 supporters walked on our behalf this year! Our Walkathon/Miniwalk participants were T.C. Williams Key Club, Bishop Ireton High School, Christ Church, Trinity United Methodist Church and Lyles Crouch. We appreciate all those who donated to the Help the Homeless Walkathon Program!



J.D. (pictured above) recently graduated from DC Central Kitchen's Culinary Arts program and received an internship with the restaurant located at a prominent DC hotel.



Here, K.E. is pictured with her son, who she supports working 2 jobs!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM COMMUNITY LODGINGS

“One of my Christmas wishes was for me to focus more on school because I was lacking a little. But by the end of this year it gave me the satisfaction of making me realize that there’s more school help than I thought. In the beginning I thought I was alone with the whole college and SATs things but now I know that Community Lodgings is there to help me. Christmas and New Years was great for me overall and I thank Community Lodgings for helping me and being my guide to a better future.”

-High School student in our Youth Afterschool Education Program



OUR COMMUNITY GIVES BACK

To make the holidays a little brighter, Bishop Ireton HS, Beverly Hills United Methodist Church, St. Rita’s School, International Monetary Fund, Queen of Apostles, Church of the Immaculate Conception, People’s Congregational Church and Christ Church donated holiday gifts for all 75 kids in our afterschool programs. The children in our afterschool program are either homeless or low-income. Additionally, The Madison donated \$5,000 to cover gifts for 14 homeless families in our Transitional Housing Program. We speak for the families and children we serve when we say that we could not be more grateful for our loyal supporters, especially this holiday season!



NBC PRESENTS 12 DAYS OF GIVING

Thanks to our good friends at NBC 4 Washington, Community Lodgings was able to spread our message across the DC Metro region on Monday, December 14. NBC 4’s “12 Days of Giving” presented the stories of local nonprofits. Community Lodgings was 1 of only 12 organizations chosen to be featured for this special series. Anchorwoman Pat Lawson Muse interviewed our Executive Director Bonnie Baxley twice throughout the day as our staff manned the phones to accept monetary and in-kind donations. It was truly an honor to participate in 12 Days of Giving. Thanks, NBC!