



## Welcome New WHDC Board Members

George Kostel, Vice Chair • Jeffrey Greenspan, Treasurer  
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## New Youth Services Coordinator

Funding from the Fairfax County CCFP allowed WHDC to hire a part-time Youth Services Coordinator for the Lincolnia Community Resource Center at Strawbridge Square. A business owner and former elementary school teacher, Nicole C. Johnson joined the Center in September.

## A Tribute to Our Friends

Wesley Housing is saddened to learn of the recent deaths of two long-time friends and volunteers.

- The Rev. J. LeRoy Young, who served as President of the Board of Directors from 1987-1989 while he was the minister at Graham Road United Methodist Church, died on June 17 in Covington, VA. LeRoy first got involved with Wesley Housing while performing sweat equity, working with a team of men who converted Adams Manor Apartments in Arlington into our William Watters community.

- Former Board member Al Eggerton died on July 26. Previously a PR executive for Norfolk Southern, Al contributed many hours to drumming up publicity for Wesley Housing in its early years, and often volunteered to serve as our “official” photographer at annual dinners and other events. Always cheerful and generous, he never let WHDC reimburse him for his film or developing.

## Camp Counselor Gains Experience on the Job



Above: Camp counselor Jesse Krieger working with Lincolnia Community Resource Center summer campers.

Jesse Krieger is a young man with a plan. He graduated from Annandale High School last spring, took a semester off to work, and will attend Northern Virginia Community College in January to study architecture. In the interim, Jesse found time to volunteer at the Lincolnia Community Resource Center (LCRC) located at Strawbridge Square — where he has lived with his grandmother, younger sister, and cousin for the past five years.

Jesse has been a volunteer for the LCRC's Homework Help and Reading Assistance programs and has attended numerous field trips. This summer, he served as a camp counselor during the LCRC's five-week camp. He credits these experiences with helping him grow in his concern for others and for teaching him the importance of good communication.



Reflecting on his experiences at the LCRC, Jesse observed that kids learn “to respect each other and themselves” through group projects, group activities, and team building. The most valuable lesson he learned? Communication is vitally important. “Sometimes you need to express yourself to the fullest because people might not be able to understand you.” This is helpful when there is a developmental, language, or cultural barrier.

Jesse will most likely continue to volunteer for after school programs in the future and may serve as a counselor again. His advice to future camp counselors: “Overall, be prepared to learn.” Clearly, Jesse's experiences as a volunteer and counselor have prepared him well for college and beyond.



Lincolnia CRC



Whitefield CRC



Wexford CRC

## Annual Bi-District



Above: Youth from the Calvary United Methodist Church, Remington United Methodist Church and Gainesville Episcopal Church.

July 21, 2004, was a typical hot summer day. Forty-five youth from Northern Virginia United Methodist churches gathered at Friendship UMC for the Annual Bi-District Mission Plunge. A part of the day was given to learning about homelessness, how it happens, and what can be done about it. Rev. Joanne Maughlin, Faith Community Liaison with Wesley Housing, shared information with the youth and arranged for small groups to do mission projects at two WHDC communities: Springdale House and Agape House.



## Support from Community Partners Helps WHDC Fulfill its Mission

**Katie Garsson, Community Relations Intern Sponsored by the ExxonMobil Foundation**



Katherine Garsson forged new partnerships this summer.

Katie Garsson, a senior communication major at Virginia Tech, served as Wesley Housing's Community Relations Intern this summer. Katie helped develop marketing materials to recruit volunteers, conducted new partnership outreach to area corporations and community groups, and assisted with web site analysis and updates.



Andrea Morris designed a resident survey.

**Andrea Morris, Data Management Intern Sponsored by the Citigroup Foundation**

This summer, Citigroup Intern Andrea Morris developed a resident survey and created a database to analyze information about the unique needs of the varied populations WHDC serves. Ms. Morris recruited a small group of volunteers to conduct a sample survey as Phase I of the project.

Survey volunteers included a statistics teacher and an economist who worked on the 2000 Census. Part two of the survey will help WHDC provide relevant programs and services, maintain its affordable rents, and secure philanthropic grants. Andrea is a doctoral candidate at George Mason University's School of Public Policy.

**Stacey Hunter, Asset Manager**



Stacey Hunter, WHDC's new Asset Manager and former Colonial Village site manager, recently attended the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation's asset management training course at the NeighborWorks Training Institute. Her participation in the week-long course was sponsored by Citigroup. Stacey

reported that the training was “excellent, full of useful tools to enhance my work at Wesley Housing.” Special thanks to Citigroup for making this professional development opportunity possible.



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## You Can Help the Homeless

WHDC and the Alexandria and Arlington Districts of the United Methodist Church partnered to Help the Homeless this fall with two new events: **Walk a Mile With a Smile** and **Camp Givehope**. Additionally, the Fannie Mae Foundation's 17th Annual Help the Homeless Walkathon will be held at the National Mall on Saturday, November 20.

The two new family events were designed to help participants learn more about the causes of homelessness. Walk a Mile With a Smile, which

featured a mini-walk and fun mission projects, was held at Camp Highroad near Middleburg on October 9. Camp Givehope, October 22 and 23 at Clarendon UMC, was designed to give first through sixth graders an overnight “homeless” experience. There is still time to organize a mini-walk or sponsor one of WHDC's “kids!” For more information, call Rev. Joanne Maughlin, WHDC's Faith Community Liaison, at (703) 536-4153.

With some of the highest rents in the nation, many DC metro area families are unable to meet housing costs without sacrificing other basic needs. According to the **Fannie Mae Foundation**, approximately 14,000 people are homeless on any given day in the Washington region. Nearly half are families; more than a third are children; and close to a third of homeless adults are employed.