



NewsBriefs

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Grand Opening of The Frederick Draws Crowd

New building provides 108 affordable apartments in Courthouse neighborhood

On May 8, more than 300 residents, local leaders and community members celebrated the official opening of The Frederick. The new nine-story building provides 108 new apartments for low- and moderate-income residents in Arlington's Courthouse neighborhood. The party included an official ribbon cutting, a lively DJ, and a colorful moon bounce for the children.

The new building is named after Rev. Lou Ann Frederick, AHC's Executive Director from 1978 to 1998, pictured above. [More photos of the event and building.](#)



Walter Tejada, Arlington County Board Chairman, congratulated AHC on its 30-year history of providing affordable housing in Arlington, and applauded The Frederick's convenient location close to employment, transit and shopping.

Ralph F. Boyd, chairman and CEO of the [Freddie Mac Foundation](#), also thanked AHC for its leadership in combining affordable housing with supportive resident services that strengthen and stabilize families. Boyd announced a \$500,000 grant from Freddie Mac to help support AHC's Resident Services programs.

Also joining the celebration were AHC Chairman Andrew Keyes, County housing officials, and representatives of AHC's financing, design and construction partners on the project: AHC Management LLC, Andy Stern's Office Furniture, Inc., Architects Collaborative Inc., The Bush Companies, RBC Capital Markets, Virginia Capital Advisors, Virginia Housing Development Authority, Wachovia Bank, and WDG Architecture/Interiors.

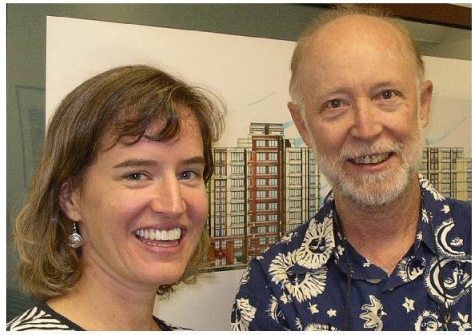
CPR Volunteers Needed for Playground Build on June 7!

We'll provide breakfast and lunch for all volunteers; just bring enthusiasm

We need two volunteers who are trained in CPR to be onsite while we build a new playground at Harvey Hall on Saturday, June 7. One is needed in the morning (8:00 a.m. - noon) and one in the afternoon (noon - 3:00 p.m.). Other volunteers are also welcome. The playground is being built thanks to the generous support of [kaBoom!](#) (a nationwide organization devoted to making playgrounds available to all children) and Arlington-based [Corporate Executive Board](#). The community event also includes demonstrations, raffles, and food from local restaurants. For more information, contact Hannah Moore, 703-486-0626 x 117, moore@ahcinc.org

Tutoring Volunteer Wins Community Hero Award

Bill Arvidson has worked with AHC's Teen Tutoring for more than a decade



Bill Arvidson, a long-time AHC volunteer, has won a Community Hero Award for his efforts with the Teen Tutoring program at Virginia Gardens, an apartment community where most families speak Spanish as their first language. Arvidson was one of the program's first tutors and has worked with numerous children over the years. Congratulations and many thanks for all your efforts, Bill! *Photo: Jennifer Endo, Resident Services Director, with Bill Arvidson.*

Help for Physically Challenged Homeowners

Program helps make homes more accessible for elderly or disabled residents

AHC's "barrier-free" grant program improves accessibility for physically challenged homeowners by installing handrails, stair lifts and wheelchair ramps. This program, in cooperation with Arlington County, allows low- and moderate-income clients with special needs to continue living safely and independently in their own homes. For more information, contact Jimmie Jones, 703-486-0626 x 124, jjones@ahcinc.org or Brian Scott, 703-486-0626 x 168, scott@ahcinc.org

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