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Bethany House of Northern VA, Inc.



Calendar of Events

There are lots of wonderful things planned for you and your family.

If you would like more information on dates and times or to participate or volunteer in any of the following activities, please call Susan or Jan at (703) 658-9500.

**Easter
April 16th**

**Mother's Day
May 14th**

**Bethany House Celebration
June 25, 2006**

**NOVACO/BHNV Picnic
June 24, 2006**

BHNV wants to thank all the sponsors, donors and volunteers who have continued to support Bethany House over the past 25 years.
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Bethany House of Northern Virginia, Inc. is a (501)(C)(3) non-profit faith-based organization which has a mission to maintain facilities that will temporarily care for battered spouses and their children who are homeless and destitute because of abuse.

NOVACO

Transitional Housing Program

In 1990, several area churches united together and created a way to give homeless victims of domestic abuse a safe place to live while they got back on their feet.

In 1999 a formal coalition of churches became the NOVACO Transitional Housing program for Victims of Domestic Abuse and began receiving funding from HUD, which allowed it to grow into a supportive housing program.

NOVACO is a successful program because it remains rooted in the VOLUNTEERS who assist the families in becoming well adjusted, contributing members of the community.

Families that are victims of domestic abuse that have fled to local shelters are eligible for this program.

For more information, contact Executive Director Vicky Neeley at:

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**Proverbs 11:16
A kindhearted woman gains respect.**

A Woman of Strength

Author Unknown

A strong woman works out every day
to keep her body in shape
but a woman of strength
kneels in prayer to keep her soul in shape.

A strong woman
Isn't afraid of anything,
But a woman of strength
Shows courage in the midst of her fear.

A strong woman
won't let anyone get the best of her,
But a woman of strength
Gives the best of her to everyone.

A strong woman
Walks sure footedly
But a woman of strength
Knows God will catch her when she falls.

A strong woman wears the look of confidence on
her face,
But a woman of strength wears grace.

A strong woman has faith that she is strong
enough for the journey,
But a woman of strength has faith that it is in the
journey that she will be strong.

Eleanor Sparks: A Woman of Strength



The Zonta Club of Fairfax County honored Ms. Eleanor Spark, long time friend of Bethany House of Northern Virginia with the 2005 Woman of the Year Award.

Ms. Spark, In-Home Counselor at NOVACO was among six who were honored. Fairfax County Board Chairman Gerald Connolly gave out the awards, along with Club President Bobbee Cardillo.

Congratulations Eleanor!

Bethany House of Northern VA, Inc.

Bethany House of Northern Virginia, Inc. under its Family Assistance Program, provides crisis intervention for families who are homeless and destitute because of abuse.

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The program provides safe housing, food, clothing, support, and assistance in obtaining Life skills training, on-the-job training, counseling services, financial and legal help for victims.

Bethany House also provides education and outreach to area adults and youth through speaking engagements with local clubs, churches, businesses, and organizations.

The communities of Northern Virginia rely on Bethany House to provide vital services to victims of domestic violence.

Please demonstrate your support of the victims and communities you serve by supporting the Violence Against Women Act.

WE ARE ON THE WEB WWW.BHNV.ORG

If you have a poem, a story or drawing to share with everyone, email us at sandrews@bhnv.org

If you would like to be placed on our mailing list and receive this newsletter please call: 703-658-9500.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please don't forget Bethany House in the following charitable campaigns:

- Combined Federal Campaign: Federal Employees
- United Way Campaign: Participating through your donations.
- Fairfax County Combined Charitable Campaign.

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Joseph's Coat Take Donated Items

Linens
Furniture
Beds
Tables
Desks
Sofas
Clothing
Framed Art
House wares
Goods
Toys

To schedule pick-up of quality used furniture items, please call Joseph's Coat (703) 538-6289 between the hours of 10 AM to 5 PM Monday through Saturday.

Joseph's Coat Thrift Shop **A Unique Thrift Shop benefiting Bethany House of Northern Virginia**

Joseph's Coat Thrift Shop is an integral part of the Family Services Programs of Bethany House of Northern Virginia (BHNVA). Funds and goods from Joseph's Coat provide clothing and other necessities for women and their children living in our shelters.

Ninety-five percent of our clients would not be able to furnish homes if BHNVA did not supply these basic needs.

Joseph's Coat also provides on-the-job training for BHNVA clients, students with disabilities and volunteers from Fairfax County Rehabilitation Center. Joseph's Coat reaches out to the community by serving families and individuals in need and providing an opportunity for learning and/or enhancing their work skills.

In-kind donations are needed and distributed directly to needy families or are sold to continue the work of providing necessities and services to families and persons in need. Your donations of used quality household furnishing, linens, clothing and other household items are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for supporting Joseph's Coat. In appreciation, we are taking five dollars off towards purchases of \$20 or more with this coupon.

Please present this coupon at time of service

\$5.00