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## **AMEN SPONSORS HELP THE HOMELESS WALK PROGRAMS FOR THE FALL**

AMEN is once again joining the Fannie Mae Foundation and other organizations throughout the metropolitan Washington, DC area by coordinating mini-walks this fall as part of the national 2007 Help the Homeless (HTH) program. School mini-walks to benefit AMEN and others are planned for Arlington County schools, which are likely to include Oakridge, McKinley, Key, Taylor, Williamsburg, Swanson and Gunston. The school walks will help to raise student awareness of homelessness and provide funds for organizations like AMEN to work to eliminate homelessness in Arlington. Students who walk will receive a special HTH T-shirt.

AMEN will be prominent among the Arlington organizations receiving funds from the Fannie Mae Foundation. The funds we receive will be based on the registration fees paid for those who walk and from the Foundation's additional financial incentive grants, which depend on the number of walkers. From the 2006 mini-walks, AMEN received over \$30,000 from the Foundation to use in its programs to help Arlington residents in need. This year, AMEN hopes to increase this amount by working to register larger numbers of walkers.



*Walkers gather for the 2006 Help the Homeless Mini-Walk*

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## **From the Desk of the Executive Director**

The title of the AMEN booth at this year's Arlington County Fair was "Helping neighbors help neighbors." This phrase very well sums up how AMEN works. In the six months I have been with AMEN, I have been in awe of the generosity of Arlington's residents to give and to help their needy neighbors through AMEN's programs. They help as individuals, businesses, church congregations and civic groups by sending financial contributions, working as volunteers, and donating furniture on a continuing basis.



This fall, the Fannie Mae Foundation provides AMEN with several ways to raise funds from supporters and to earn financial incentives from the Foundation. AMEN has been named as a beneficiary organization of the Fannie Mae Foundation's 2007 Help the Homeless (HTH) Program. This program aims to raise general awareness of homelessness in Greater Washington, D.C. and to provide fundraising opportunities for its beneficiary organizations. Elsewhere in the newsletter, you can read about AMEN's October 28 Help the Homeless mini-walk, the school mini-walks and the HTH Partners program. You can walk with us on October 28, sponsor students who walk, and donate through the HTH Partners program. AMEN's continuing work depends on your generosity.

Thank you,

Gerry Shannon  
Executive Director

### **ONE PERFECT PORTRAIT: LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHERS HOSTING THANKSGIVING BENEFIT**

Oh Baby Photography of Arlington is hosting a portrait benefit for Arlingtonians Meeting Emergency Needs, The Arlington Pediatric Clinic, and Doorways For Women and Families. In exchange for a minimum \$150 donation to one of these charities, owner Liz Vance, along with fellow photographers Stephanie Millner, Julia MacInnis, and Vicki Freuhauf will be holding mini portrait sessions, with clients receiving a fully retouched high-resolution portrait on a CD along with reproduction rights to make the perfect portrait for holiday cards and gifts while helping others at the same time!

For more information, please see the website [www.OnePerfect-Portrait.com](http://www.OnePerfect-Portrait.com), or contact Liz Vance at 703-731-4592, or via email at [info@OnePerfectPortrait.com](mailto:info@OnePerfectPortrait.com).



## **HOW DOES A PERSON RECEIVE FUNDS FROM AMEN?**

First, a need must be determined by a social worker, as AMEN does not accept direct requests from clients. After reviewing the individual case, the worker determines the scope and legitimacy of the need, and whether it is a need which AMEN can address.

If it is determined that AMEN can help, the social worker then calls the AMEN Daily Volunteer to request funding.

The Daily Volunteer reviews the request and considers other factors, such as the client's past history of requests from AMEN, and the amount available for grants. Based on these factors, AMEN makes a decision on the request and the size of the grant. That information is then conveyed to the Program Manager, who prepares the voucher for the request. The client is then invited to come in that afternoon to sign the voucher and pick up the check which is made out to the creditor. AMEN does not make payments directly to the client.



## AMEN RECEIVES A BRAND NEW CFC NUMBER

The fall CFC campaign is kicking off very soon, and there has been one important change to the process this year. All participants have now been assigned a five-digit number. If you would like to contribute to AMEN through your workplace's Campaign, please use our new number: **30709**. The United Way number will remain the same **8406**.

# AMEN WOULD LIKE TO THANK ITS MANY DONORS FOR THE PAST YEAR

Shown below is a list of the many people, church groups, businesses, and organizations whose generosity has made it possible for Arlingtonians Meeting Emergency Needs to do what it does best. Thank each and every one of you so very much for all of your continued support!

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# **JOIN US FOR AMEN'S HELP THE HOMELESS MINI-WALK ON OCTOBER 28**



You're invited to join us on Sunday, October 28 at 2 p.m. for an AMEN-sponsored mini-walk to help eliminate homelessness. We'll assemble in the parking lot of the First Presbyterian Church at 601 North Vermont St., just off Carlin

Springs Rd. near Ballston Common and walk to nearby Lubber Run Park and back. Registration forms for the walk are available at the AMEN website at [www.emergencyneeds.org/hth](http://www.emergencyneeds.org/hth). The cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children and each walker will be provided with a unique T-shirt. Make a stand and take a step for the needy residents of Arlington!

We look forward to seeing you!

