

PathForward

Monthly News and Updates

January 2023



PathForward invites you to join us in commemorating 30 years of service at our No Place Like Home celebration.

The event's "No Place Like Home" theme will honor the organization's past, recognize the accomplishments of the present, and celebrate our future of providing stability in the lives of people experiencing homelessness. Join as we pay tribute to the courage, heart, and success of the organization as it celebrates its vision of an inclusive and equitable community where all neighbors live stable, secure, and independent lives free from the threat of homelessness.

The celebration will be on Thursday May 11th from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm at the Army Navy Country Club.

[Get Tickets](#)

Click [here](#) to review corporate sponsorship levels and benefits, or reach to Liz Nohra, Sr. Director of Strategic Partnerships, at lnohra@pathforwardva.org.

Feet on the Ground: Christina Beasley



PathForward's Outreach team goes out multiple times a week to provide food, hygiene kits, and connection to people living unsheltered in Arlington, and integral to the team is Christina Beasley, the Associate Director of the Day Program and Outreach. She and her team work to build trust and establish the first means of communication.

Christina tells us, "Every single person experiencing homelessness is different - they have their own story, their own worries. That's why outreach is so important - it allows us the chance to get to know each person and learn from them what they need. Everyone goes at their own pace, and our job is to give our clients the resources they need to get to where they want to go."

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How It All Began



In this four-part series, we will travel through PathForward's history to learn how we became the organization we are today.

In the 1980s, PathForward (then A-SPAN) was borne out of Lora Rinker and Pam Juhl's passion for ending homelessness and hunger. Two nights per week, Lora, Pam, and friends prepared and served meals to Arlington's most vulnerable. They knew even then that the first step is outreach

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Partner Highlight: NovaSalud



The mission of Nova Salud is to improve and strengthen the health and well-being of our diverse community through culturally-competent and language-appropriate HIV/AIDS services. NovaSalud works to help individuals overcome health disparities, stigma and obstacles to adequate care.

Through this valuable partnership, Nova Salud provides confidential HEP-C and HIV testing and connects clients to counseling and care services as needed. Nova Salud has also provided winter care bags for clients.

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Foundation Highlight: The Washington Forrest Foundation



The Washington Forrest Foundation was established in 1968 by Benjamin M. Smith, an Arlington business man, who served as County Board Chair and on the Arlington School Board, and was committed to serving and giving back in his community. For over 50 years, the Washington Forrest Foundation has invested in programs and organizations that facilitate economic development and access through safety net services, education, and community development in Arlington.

“As the board we have been extremely impressed with PathForward's commitment to excellence and innovation in their programs. The expertise of the staff, and particularly the expanded focus on mental health, is critical to the community.”

-Allison Erdle, Executive Director

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Cycle to End Homelessness with PathForward THIS SATURDAY! Register now!



We're excited to partner with SoulCycle in Clarendon for a Cycle to End Homelessness FUN-raiser to benefit PathForward. 100% of proceeds benefit our programs!

The class, led by an instructor, is 45 minutes and a "go at your own pace" with no leaderboards, competition or metrics.

Limited Spots available!

**SoulCycle Studio - Clarendon
Saturday, January 28, 8:30 am
Registration Fee \$30**



[Register Here](#)

We Need Metro Passes

Did you know that last year over 60 of our clients held jobs while staying at the shelter? PathForward tries to do all that we can to support our clients, and this includes ensuring their success in the workplace. We serve breakfast early so clients can eat before work, give them packed lunches from our Homeless Bagged Meal Program and help them find professional attire in our free Clothing Closet. Our clients are in great need of Metro passes to travel to their jobs. If you would like to help our clients succeed, please contact Nina Alomar at [703-228-7815](tel:703-228-7815) or nalomar@pathforwardva.org.

Make Our Wish (List) Come True!



PathForward's Amazon wish list is comprised of items our clients have requested. Two items that are high on our priority list: Boost Glucose Control (Creamy Strawberry flavor) and blankets. Click the link below to gift someone with the item(s) they need

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