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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Spring Season with the Chamber

Greetings Chamber Members,

We are already welcoming Spring in this year and if you have not had a chance to engage with the Chamber via the many programs and events offered - now is the time to start!

You can see the recaps of some of the many activities of the first quarter of the year here in this newsletter. I thought I knew everything that the Chamber did for us but, as I've been in this role as Chair, I've been even more impressed with all the Chamber accomplishes for Arlington businesses on a day-to-day basis.

Advocacy - at the state, local, and sometimes national levels - is just one area where our Chamber excels. The Chamber presented its priorities, weighing in on the 2023 Virginia General Assembly's legislation in support of transportation funding, workforce development, tax policies, and hiring flexibility.

At the local level, the Chamber continues to support the County's on-going efforts, including zoning ordinance changes to allow for new types of tenants, and strongly encourages the County to implement more methods to reduce the current, record-high office vacancy rate.

And at the national level, the Chamber signed a letter with other regional chambers and business organizations in support of the proposed Springfield, Virginia site of the new FBI headquarters – a logical choice for its strong, technically-advanced workforce; the region's robust transit networks and its proximity to higher education institutions and Quantico.

We have an exciting line-up of events and if you are looking to be engaged with the Chamber this quarter, here are the bigger events happening (but check the Chamber's full list of events on the website):

- April 21st is our Arlington Chamber Volunteer Day produced by our Community Action Committee. This annual tradition is a great way to team-build while giving back to the community through a day of volunteering with one of the Chamber's nonprofit members. Volunteer opportunities are available for individuals and groups of all sizes - so small-large companies can all participate!
- On May 16th, the Chamber will recognize outstanding community businesses at the prestigious 37th Annual Best Business Awards. These awards celebrate member businesses that go above and beyond to deliver exceptional quality of service to their customers, offer a unique approach to the delivery of its goods or services, and display a strong commitment to support the community.
- June 27th the Chamber will host the State of the County & Public Safety Awards. This event gives a recap of Arlington's economic achievements and gives insight on the County's future economic and development status. The really moving part of the event honors our public safety personnel and first responders from Arlington County's Fire Department, Police Department, Office of Public Safety Communications & Emergency Management, and Office of the Sheriff who have exemplified extraordinary heroic actions and exceptional performance of their duties.

I look forward to seeing you at one (or more!) of these exceptional programs this Spring and again, I encourage all of you to get involved and stay involved in the work of the Chamber this year (and beyond). If you need help deciding how to do that, we are here to help you.

Thank you for your membership and your fellowship!



Tina Leone

Tina Leone
Ballston BID

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Arlington Business Gala and AWE Women in Business Summit photos by Bruce Buckley

PRESIDENT & CEO'S MESSAGE

It's Our Community

Fun fact: the nonprofit sector is one of the best represented sectors in the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. Why is that? I think it's because our Chamber views these organizations as an asset and provides so many opportunities for them to connect with members of the business community as well as each other.

As nonprofit organizations ourselves, not all chambers of commerce have always welcomed nonprofit members, with some viewing them as potential competitors. I'm proud to say that has not been the case at our Chamber, and when I joined our team in 2007, supporting our many wonderful nonprofit members was woven into our organization's fabric. Many in our industry have now caught up, but I view this as an area where our Chamber was a leader.



We have more than 100 nonprofit members in the Arlington Chamber of Commerce membership. This is a huge pride point for our staff, knowing that these amazing organizations find enough value to invest in membership.

Connecting with businesses is often top of the list for why a nonprofit organization gets involved with the Arlington Chamber. All of our networking events and programs provide great opportunities for nonprofit organizations to connect with businesses and find new volunteers, donors, sponsors, and sometimes even board members. It also provides a big value to our business members to meet these nonprofit organizations, whether it's for company-wide corporate social responsibility (CSR) efforts, or to be able to connect individual employees with causes they are interested in. Our annual Volunteer Day in April is a great teambuilding opportunity for our business members, and gives them a chance to connect with a community nonprofit organization, both for that day of service, and also to learn more about their work and see if they may want to continue that work.

Our Community Action Committee is open to all members, which means everyone who works at a Chamber member business or organization. This group convenes our nonprofit members and is a great place for sharing best practices and forming partnerships with other nonprofit organizations, as well as with members of the business community who are there to see how they can help.

Finally, our nonprofit organizations run like businesses in many ways, just with a different mission and a different tax status. Much of our educational programming for businesses absolutely applies to our nonprofit members, and all sectors are welcome.

If you're a business who is looking to support a nonprofit organization and you don't know where to start, check out our online directory. Feel free to reach out to our staff as well. While we can't reach out with solicitations (even for great causes), we can, and often do, talk with businesses about what their community impact focus areas are, and then provide them with information about our nonprofit members who work in that space.

We kick off our monthly staff meetings with what we call "member impact moments" – a story from each staff member about how the chamber helped a member or a group of members, whether that was through someone getting business as a result of meeting someone at a Chamber event or having a policy issue resolved as a result of our staff's assistance – and many of these stories are about amazing support for our nonprofit organizations that came as a result of the Chamber's work.

I encourage anyone reading this to think about how you can support one of our amazing nonprofit members – whether that's signing up for Volunteer Day, attending a Community Action Committee meeting, or finding a nonprofit organization in our business directory and reaching out to learn more about their work and how you can help.



Kate Bates
Arlington Chamber of Commerce

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chamber calendar

Please check www.arlingtonchamber.org/events for meeting locations.



APRIL

- 3 Monday** **Ambassador Committee**
4:00-5:00 p.m.
- 4 Tuesday** **LeadShare Networking Group**
8:45-10:00 a.m.
- 5 Wednesday** **Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee**
9:00-10:00 a.m.
- 6 Thursday** **LeadShare Networking Group**
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 11 Tuesday** **Membership Development Committee**
2:00-3:00 p.m.
- 12 Wednesday** **Executive Committee**
8:15-9:45 a.m.
- 13 Thursday** **Hotel General Managers Committee**
4:00-5:30 p.m.
- Chamber 101**
4:00-5:15 p.m.
- 14 Friday** **Sustainability Committee**
9:00-10:30 a.m.
- 18 Tuesday** **LeadShare Networking Group**
8:45-10:00 a.m.
- 19 Wednesday** **Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee**
9:00-10:00 a.m.
- LeadShare Networking Group**
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 20 Thursday** **Breakfast Connection**
8:30-9:30 a.m.
- LeadShare Networking Group**
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 21 Friday** **Arlington Chamber Volunteer Day**
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- 25 Tuesday** **Membership Engagement Committee**
4:30-5:00 p.m.
- 26 Wednesday** **Community Action Committee**
9:00-10:00 a.m.
- Small Business Roundtable**
12:00-1:00 p.m.
- 27 Thursday** **Business After Business**
5:00-7:00 p.m.



MAY

- 1 Monday** **Ambassador Committee**
4:00-5:00 p.m.
- 2 Tuesday** **LeadShare Networking Group**
8:45-10:00 a.m.
- 3 Wednesday** **Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee**
9:00-10:00 a.m.
- LeadShare Networking Group**
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Women in Business Networking**
5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 4 Thursday** **LeadShare Networking Group**
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Chamber 101**
4:00-5:15 p.m.
- 9 Tuesday** **Membership Development Committee**
2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Chamber Travel Information Session**
5:30-7:00 p.m.
- 10 Wednesday** **Executive Committee**
8:15-9:45 a.m.
- 16 Tuesday** **LeadShare Networking Group**
8:45 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
- Best Business Awards**
5:30-8:30 p.m.
- 17 Wednesday** **Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee**
9:00-10:00 a.m.
- LeadShare Networking Group**
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 18 Thursday** **LeadShare Networking Group**
8:45-10:00 a.m.
- 19 Friday** **Board of Directors Meeting**
11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 23 Tuesday** **Education and Workforce Development Committee**
3:00-4:00 p.m.
- Membership Engagement Committee**
4:30-5:00 p.m.
- 24 Wednesday** **Small Business Roundtable**
12:00-1:00 p.m.
- 25 Thursday** **Business After Business**
5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 29 Monday** **Memorial Day**
Chamber Office Closed
- 31 Wednesday** **Community Action Committee**
9:00-10:00 a.m.

Chamber Travel Trip to Vietnam

The Chamber Travel program is back! Chamber members, and the community can purchase an all-inclusive unique opportunity to travel to Vietnam from November 4-13 with fellow business colleagues and community members.

Packages start at \$2,499 and will increase after May 16 and the final registration deadline is July 10. To learn more about this amazing offer, contact Elizabeth Addington at chamber@arlingtonchamber.org for more information.

Visit the Chamber calendar to stay updated on the latest events. Register online at www.arlingtonchamber.org or call (703) 525-2400.

JUNE

- 1 Thursday** **LeadShare Networking Group**
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Chamber 101
4:00-5:15 p.m.
- 5 Monday** **Ambassador Committee**
4:00-5:00 p.m.
- 6 Tuesday** **LeadShare Networking Group**
8:45-10:00 a.m.
- 7 Wednesday** **Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee**
9:00-10:00 a.m.

LeadShare Networking Group
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 8 Thursday** **Arlington County Board Candidate Forum**
5:30-7:00 p.m.
- 13 Tuesday** **Membership Development Committee**
2:00-3:00 p.m.
- 14 Wednesday** **Executive Committee Meeting**
8:15-9:45 a.m.
- 15 Thursday** **Breakfast Connection**
8:30-9:30 a.m.

LeadShare Networking Group
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 20 Tuesday** **LeadShare Networking Group**
8:45-10:00 a.m.

Arlington Chamber Young Professionals Series
9:00-10:30 a.m.
- 21 Wednesday** **Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee**
9:00-10:00 a.m.

LeadShare Networking Group
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 22 Thursday** **Board of Directors Meeting**
3:30-5:00 p.m.

Business After Business
5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 27 Tuesday** **State of the County and Public Safety Awards**
8:00-9:30 a.m.

Education and Workforce Development Committee
3:00-4:00 p.m.

Membership Engagement Committee
4:30-5:00 p.m.
- 28 Wednesday** **Community Action Committee**
9:00-10:00 a.m.

Small Business Roundtable
12:00-1:00 p.m.

Host a Chamber Event!

Are you ready to welcome people into your space? We are looking for hosts for our Business After Business events, Women in Business Networking events, and business meetings. Hosts receive great marketing, both in advance and by showcasing their venue.

For more information on becoming a host, contact events@arlingtonchamber.org.



can't-miss EVENTS

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SMALL BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

This monthly event offers an educational opportunity to smaller businesses, and members have the opportunity to present on a topic relevant to the business community.

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Members can be involved in shaping policy positions through the Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee, which typically meets twice a month.

To be added to the committee distribution list, email chamber@arlingtonchamber.org.

Chamber Day at the Capitol

Arlington Chamber members, President & CEO Kate Bates, and Government Affairs Manager John Musso attended Chamber Day at the Capitol hosted by the Virginia Chamber of Commerce on January 17. They represented the Arlington Chamber of Commerce and joined more than 30 local and regional chambers across Virginia to hear from business leaders, policymakers, and state, local, and regional leaders. Throughout the day, they met with Delegate Elizabeth Bennett-Parker, Delegate Rip Sullivan, and Delegate Alfonso Lopez, as well as staffers of other members of the General Assembly representing Arlington. They also heard from Lieutenant Governor of Virginia Winsome Earle-Sears, House Minority Leader Don Scott, House Speaker Todd Gilbert, Senate Minority Leader Tommy Norment, Senator Monty Mason, and Attorney General Jason Miyares. They each attended legislative receptions where they met with business leaders and heard from Governor Glenn Youngkin.



Chamber members and staff members with Delegate Rip Sullivan

Virginia General Assembly Session in Review

The 2023 Virginia General Assembly session concluded on February 25. As of the date of publication, the budget is still pending in a conference committee. The Chamber's policy priorities end the Session in a positive place, as bills pertaining to workforce, taxes, and transportation spending that we supported went to the Governor's desks. The Governor had until March 27 to sign or veto bills and the Virginia General Assembly will meet to consider the Governor's vetoes on April 12. The Chamber will have a final report on the General Assembly report after the veto session including any important updates.

Missing Middle Housing Study Update

On March 22, the Arlington County Board voted 5-0 to approve Expanded Housing Options (EHOs) in zoning districts of the County that currently only allow for single detached homes. This concludes the multi-year Missing Middle Housing Study, which the Chamber had been involved in over the past few years. The Zoning Ordinance allows for up to six units to be developed on a residential lot by right. This would include duplexes, townhouses and multiplexes with three to six units. Lot coverage regulations, maximum building height, and minimum setbacks for these developments are the same as what currently exists for single detached homes. The development of expanded housing options will also be constrained by a cap of 58 permits per year, distributed proportionately among residential zoning districts. The Chamber will continue to monitor the implementation of the ordinance, and will share relevant information as implementation progresses.

Chamber Supports Sustainable Metro Budget and Strategic Transformation Plan

The Arlington Chamber expressed support for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Strategic Transformation Plan, which is a high-level overview of the WMATA's goals for the future. The Chamber is especially supportive of the emphasis placed on regional opportunity and collaboration. Fostering strong relationships between Arlington (home to eleven Metro stations), WMATA, and other counties is essential to a prosperous metropolitan area. The Chamber also signed a letter with other chambers and businesses organizations that supports much of the proposed budget for WMATA but urges the Authority leadership to take greater action to ensure sustainably funded operations in future years. The Chamber believes that a reliable and sustainable transportation system is vital to Arlington's economy and to its residents.

If you have any policy questions or an issue where the Chamber may be able to provide advocacy support, please contact our Government Affairs Manager, John Musso, at (703) 525-2400 ext. 203 or advocacy@arlingtonchamber.org.

Culture and Collaboration, the Focus of the 3rd Annual AWE Women in Business Summit

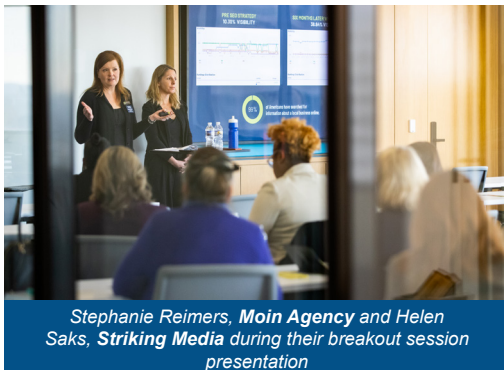
In March, the Arlington Chamber of Commerce hosted the 3rd Annual AWE Women in Business Summit, sponsored by **Ann Wilson Homes**. A diverse group of more than 100 participants joined the professional development and networking event designed to help female entrepreneurs, executives, and professionals support one another in growing their businesses or enhancing their careers.

Keynote speaker Shaara Roman, Founder & CEO of **The Silverene Group**, shared stories and case studies from her new book, *The Conscious Workplace: Fortify Your Culture to Thrive in Any Crisis* which spotlighted high profile companies, clients, and her own workplace experiences. She emphasized the importance of workplace culture and how investing in people, purpose, and values helps to build a truly resilient business, no matter how large or small. “Companies that focus on people and purpose, are not just better places to work, they are also more productive and more profitable,” said Shaara Roman. “We must change how we do business, and it starts with culture.”

The Summit included breakout sessions throughout the day with panelists and speakers with expertise in financial advising, career coaching, technology, marketing, wellness, and business ownership. These sessions touched on topics like mompreneurship, how to handle hard conversations at work, championing inclusive ecosystems for women in tech, and much more.



Keynote Speaker Shaara Roman during her presentation



Stephanie Reimers, **Moin Agency** and Helen Saks, **Striking Media** during their breakout session presentation



Attendees enjoying a session with Erin Whalen, **Compassionate Coaching**

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The 99th Annual Arlington Business Gala

More than 350 of the region's business and civic leaders attended the 99th Annual Arlington Business Gala on January 28 at The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City. The event was sponsored by **Crown Castle** and hosted by 2023 Chamber Chair Tina Leone of the **Ballston Business Improvement District**. Attendees enjoyed a three-course dinner, music by Popstar Drive, a photo booth and other entertainments, a lively game of Heads or Tails, and one lucky winner, Jimi Page, **Page Global™**, took home a tropical vacation to Antigua in the Best of Raffle. VIPs in attendance included Virginia State Senator Barbara Favola, Arlington County Board Vice-Chair Libby Garvey, and Arlington County Board Members Katie Cristol and Matt de Ferranti.

"We appreciate the continued support from the Arlington business community for Arlington's Best Night Out, which serves as our biggest fundraiser of the year," said Kate Bates, Arlington Chamber President & CEO. "Through the support of our sponsors and attendees, we raised funds crucial to supporting our work to strengthen business and the economic environment for those to work, live, and do business in Arlington. We are looking forward to a great new year and are excited to begin preparations for our centennial in 2024!"



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Barrel Oak Winery	Freedom Bank of Virginia	National Capital Bank	Washington Nationals
Bartaco	Good Company Doughnuts & Café	NextUp Solutions	Washington Nationals Baseball Club
BCC Consulting	Greg Hamilton	Onelife Fitness Ballston Quarter	Wendroff & Associates
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signature event review

Hospitality Awards Return

In February, the Arlington Chamber of Commerce hosted the Hospitality Awards at the **Hilton Garden Inn Reagan National Airport**. The event, sponsored by **StayArlington**, honored 66 front-line workers in Arlington's hospitality industry. This is the 17th Hospitality Awards and the first since the pandemic. These prestigious awards are presented to hospitality workers who deliver outstanding customer service, exhibit excellence in their roles, and continuously exceed their job descriptions. During the awards ceremony, Kate Bates read inspiring testimonials of how each Hospitality Superstar Award winner has displayed integrity and dedication in his or her work, along with examples of how they care for guests above and beyond the call.



2023 Hospitality Award Winners

Among those awarded was Odilia Ruiz of **Residence Inn Arlington Ballston**. On one occasion, housekeeping linen orders were delayed with no delivery date, so she brought her sewing machine from home and started making pillowcases with clean and recycled linen. As a result of her thinking outside of the box and going the extra mile, the housekeeping team were able to have the necessary supplies for guest rooms. To learn more about this year's award winners, visit arlingtonchamber.org/hospitality-awards.

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State Senators and Delegates Speak at 11th Annual Legislative Breakfast



2023 Legislative Breakfast

In March, the Arlington Chamber of Commerce hosted its Annual Legislative Breakfast sponsored by **Nestlé**. The event - back in person for the first time since the pandemic - offered attendees the opportunity to hear about the recent General Assembly session from the legislators who represent Arlington in Richmond. Arlington's members of the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates discussed the legislation that they patroned, the issues that the General Assembly took up, and the outlook for Arlington and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Nick Minock, Political Reporter with WJLA/ABC7News, moderated the panel of legislators which consisted of Senators Adam Ebbin and Barbara Favola, and Delegates Patrick Hope and Alfonso Lopez. The legislators answered questions on a variety of topics, including transportation infrastructure, Arlington's office vacancy, and housing affordability.

"We are so grateful to the legislators who represent Arlington in Richmond for their ongoing partnership," said Kate Bates, President & CEO of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce, "The Chamber's mission is to strengthen business and the economic environment for those work, live, and do business in Arlington. This event - along with all our advocacy work - is an important part of how we fulfill that mission."

To learn more about this event, and topics discussed, visit arlingtonchamber.org/legislative-breakfast.

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ARLINGTON CHAMBER VOLUNTEER DAY

Friday, April 21 | 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



The Arlington Chamber of Commerce is seeking individuals and teams of enthusiastic volunteers to participate in Arlington Chamber Volunteer Day, an annual tradition that engages businesses and individuals in rewarding half-day service projects throughout the community. Produced by the Chamber's Community Action Committee, Arlington Chamber Volunteer Day connects Arlington businesses to Chamber member nonprofits. Volunteer opportunities are available for individuals and groups of all sizes! To register to volunteer, review the available projects on our website and select the site of your choice. For registration questions, please contact Operations Manager, Elizabeth Addington, at 703-525-2400 or chamber@arlingtonchamber.org.

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Best Business Awards

Tuesday, May 16 | 5:30-8:30 p.m. | Army Navy Country Club

Join the Chamber as we recognize outstanding community businesses at the prestigious 37th Annual Best Business Awards. These awards celebrate area businesses that go above and beyond serving their clients to make Arlington a great place to work and live. Awards are earned by businesses that deliver exceptional quality of service to their customers, are industry leaders or offer a unique approach to the delivery of its goods or services, and display an interest in and concern for the Arlington community. For a list of this year's nominees, visit arlingtonchamber.org/events.

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State of the County & Public Safety Awards

Tuesday, June 27 | 8:00-9:30 a.m. | Army Navy Country Club

The State of the County & Public Safety Awards is a celebration of Arlington's economic achievements, the community's future, and all who make the area an excellent place to live and work. The event will include an address that will highlight the economic and development status of Arlington and is emceed by ABC7/WJLA's Victoria Sanchez. We will also honor our public safety personnel and first responders from Arlington County's Fire Department, Police Department, Office of Public Safety Communications & Emergency Management, and Office of the Sheriff, who have exemplified extraordinary heroic actions and exceptional performance of their duties.

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members in the news

april, may, & june

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30 Years

Ruth's Chris Steak House

25 Years

Arlington Food Assistance Center
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10 Years

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PATHFORWARD

PathForward Receives Historic HUD Grant

In February, **PathForward**, in partnership with Arlington County, was awarded a new and historic grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that will provide non-congregate transitional housing and rapid re-housing for people experiencing homelessness in Arlington. The grant, spread over three years, will prioritize housing and supportive services to people who are experiencing unsheltered homelessness and those who cannot achieve or maintain housing. "We believe that we can end unsheltered homelessness in Arlington," says Betsy Frantz, President & CEO of **PathForward**. "For people living on the streets, under overpasses and bridges, in encampments, and in other settings unfit for human habitation, both physical and mental health can rapidly deteriorate until they become a crisis. In addition, all people who experience unsheltered homelessness experience trauma, and this grant allows us the opportunity to provide them a path to safety, stability, and housing."



ARLINGTON PARTNERSHIP FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING (APAH)

Arlington Presbyterian Church Provides Gift to Help Residents Struggling to Pay Rent

In March, **Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH)** announced that the Arlington Presbyterian Church (APC) congregation has committed



\$200,000 to help low-income residents facing eviction remain in their homes at four **APAH**-owned properties along Columbia Pike. This funding will help eliminate outstanding rent balances for as many as 200 **APAH** residents and their families. The timing of the gift is critical, as multiple pandemic-era safety net programs that provided relief to struggling renters have ended. "These relief programs provided lifelines for vulnerable residents to ensure their housing needs were met, and right now,

low-income households everywhere are experiencing hardship now that the safety nets are no longer available," said **APAH** President and CEO, Carmen Romero. "**APAH** is committed to ensuring that its residents have a stable place to call home and we are grateful to have a partner like Arlington Presbyterian Church who shares our mission. Our hope is that APC's generosity inspires more community partners to join them in helping our neighbors remain housed."

Have news to share?

Let us know! Members in the News article submissions must be emailed to the Communications Manager and received by the first of the month prior to the publication month (i.e., March 1 for consideration in the April/May/June issue of the *Arlingtonian*), in order to be considered for inclusion.

Members should submit a press release or news article, along with photo options, if available. For questions, contact Communications Manager Samantha Ruark, at communications@arlingtonchamber.org or (703) 525-2400.

Article inclusion is available on a limited basis and is not guaranteed. Articles printed in this newsletter submitted by members represent their ideas and beliefs and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce.

Celebrating the 2023 Northern Virginia 40 Under 40 Honorees

In March, **Leadership Center for Excellence** and Leadership Fairfax partnered to recognize young leaders through the Northern Virginia 40 Under 40 program. This program celebrates emerging leaders who demonstrate exceptional and impactful leadership in their professional and personal spheres within the Northern Virginia region. “The Northern Virginia 40 Under 40 event serves as both a celebration and an annual reminder of the need for leaders who work daily to effect change, collaborate with others, and create a positive impact within their community,” said Lisa Fikes, President and CEO of the **Leadership Center for Excellence**.



Several Chamber members had representatives that were honored this year, including **Dominion Energy, Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH), M&T Bank, Blake Willson Group, NAACP Arlington, Columbia Pike Partnership, Animal Welfare League of Arlington, and Northern Virginia Family Service**. Congratulations to all of the 2023 honorees.

welcome to our NEW MEMBERS!

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Communications and IT

Movement Mortgage
TD Bank

Health and Fitness

Arlington Pediatric Dentistry
Sunrise of Arlington
Sunrise of South Arlington
Bekins Moving Solutions

Home and Personal Services

Bekins Moving Solutions
Mr. Handyman of Northern Virginia - Arlington to
Haymarket
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As our region's preferred health system, VHC Health is expanding to meet the needs of our community where you live and work. Our new Outpatient Pavilion, featuring Women's Health services, opens this summer. VHC Health is committed to providing outstanding and personalized care for all our patients. Appointments available at: vhchealth.org/schedule



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Your Chamber in the Community

The success of the Arlington Chamber is tied to its membership base. This is why the Chamber's Directors, staff, and members are dedicated to supporting community events and programs.



Chamber staff at Microsoft TechSpark event



Chamber staff at VACCE Staff Development Conference



Kate Bates and Tiina Leone at the Chambers Dinner hosted by Board of Trade Metro Area Chambers Dinner



Governor Youngkin and Kate Bates at Women's History Month Reception

Below is a sampling of events that Chamber staff participated in:

February 7: Kate Bates attended the **Virginia Tech Innovation Campus Topping Out Ceremony**

February 9: Kate Bates, Mike Rosenow, and John Musso attended the **Microsoft TechSpark: Community Building Across the United States**

February 17: Kate Bates and John Musso attended the **2023 Economic Outlook Discussion** hosted by the **Rosslyn BID** with the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond

February 20: Will Mulligan attended the **Capital Youth Empowerment Program** Unite Conference and Career Expo

March 3: Will Mulligan attended **ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia 40th Anniversary Reception**

March 9-10: Kate Bates, Elizabeth Addington, Will Mulligan, and Samantha Ruark attended the **Virginia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (VACCE) Staff Development Conference**. During the conference, Kate Bates led a session on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging.

March 15: Mike Rosenow attended the **Amazon Small Business Breakfast**

March 21: Kate Bates and Chair Tina Leone attended the **Board of Trade Metro Area Chambers Dinner**

March 22: John Musso attended the **Northern Virginia Transportation Roundtable** hosted by the **Northern Virginia Transportation Authority & the Intelligent Transportation Society of Virginia**

March 28: Kate Bates attended the **Governor and First Lady's reception** celebrating **Women's History Month** in the Commonwealth



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The vision of the **Arlington Chamber of Commerce** is to be the essential partner for business success.

thank you!

- **Venture X Arlington, VIDA Fitness, and Washington Workplace** for hosting Business After Business
- **Arlington Sports, Inc., Bean, Kinney & Korman, Body Harmony of Arlington, Intercoastal Mortgage LLC, Lorraine Barclay Nordlinger - TTR Sotheby's International Realty, MGI Corporate Gifts, Monument Home Loans, and Washington Workplace** for donating door prizes at Business After Business