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## 1. February's Program Highlights: Remembering Jeanne Anderegg, Families in Transition Coordinator



RPJ Housing lost one of its shining stars, Jeanne Anderegg, when she passed away on February 5, 2006. Jeanne was the Coordinator of our Families In Transition (FIT) Program in cooperation with Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church for thirteen years. During that time, she assisted dozens of formerly homeless families with obtaining transitional housing, setting up their homes, accessing social services, and developing relationships with peer mentors. Likewise, she recruited, trained and coordinated mentors to provide guidance and support for families who are beginning a new chapter in their lives. The mentors are there to help families sort through everything from paying overdue bills to cooking healthy meals and changing light bulbs. Jeanne was intimately involved in helping our Katrina families settle into their new homes and become acquainted with their new communities, and spent many hours after the work week ended coordinating and transporting donations to the families so each family got exactly what they needed.

Prior to working at RPJ Housing, Jeanne provided counseling to persons with chronic illnesses or disabilities. She was also a Licensed Professional Counselor, and operated a private practice since 1980. Jeanne was a world traveler, joining her husband in Foreign Service assignments in Sri Lanka, Congo, Tanzania, Madagascar and India.

RPJ Housing's staff and the families in the FIT program will miss Jeanne's tenacity, compassion, sharp wit and expertise in getting through the system. Though others will step into her shoes to get the job done, Jeanne will never be replaced.

## 2. Events and Announcements

Rebuilding Together House Captain Meeting: March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at the Church of the Covenant, 2666 Military Road, Arlington, VA. For more information, contact Patti at [pattid@rpjhousing.org](mailto:pattid@rpjhousing.org) or 703-528-5606 x16.

### 3. Want Ads

**WANTED:** Gift certificates to restaurants; tickets to the theater, a concert or the movies; gift cards for music, books, coffee, toys, electronics, etc.; frequent flyer miles; vacation stays in a cottage near the mountains or the beach; or any other item that would make a great raffle prize or silent auction item for RPJ Housing's Monte Carlo Night 2006. Contact Jeannie at (703) 528-5606 x18 or [jcummins@rpjhousing.org](mailto:jcummins@rpjhousing.org) with your contribution today!

**WANTED:** Do you have a neighbor, friend or family member who needs home repairs and can't afford them? RPJ Housing's Rebuilding Together and Hearts and Hammers programs provide free home repair services to homeowners with limited incomes. Repairs can vary from fixing a light switch, installing a grab bar to painting an entire house. To learn more about how to apply contact Michele at (703) 528-5606 ext 10 or visit our website at [www.rpjhousing.org/program](http://www.rpjhousing.org/program) to download an application.

### 4. Hats Off To:

- Arlington County and its Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development for approving \$1.64 million in local financing for the rehabilitation of our two Arlington properties at 123 S. Courthouse Road and 2011 4<sup>th</sup> Street South. Arlington's Department of Human Services also receives special mention for approving a \$40,000 capital contribution to these properties.
- The City of Alexandria and its Office of Housing for working with RPJ Housing to put together a financing package to purchase the Arbelo Apartments and for standing at the ready to work with us on other potential projects as opportunities have arisen over the last few months.

### 5. Did You Know?

The Mark Winkler Company has sold the majority of its 5,020 unit residential real estate portfolio to JBG Investment Fund V, LLC. This leaves Alexandria with a net loss of 3,340 units, Arlington with a loss of 766 units and Fairfax County with a net loss of 734 affordable rental units in one single transaction, as these units will become market rate housing. Fairfax County took action to purchase and preserve the affordability of the remaining 180 units at Crescent Apartments in Reston. The County is using \$9 million of the approximately \$18 million in its One Penny for Housing fund toward the acquisition of this property, which has a price tag of \$49.5 million.

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