



Fairfax Newsletter

Fairfax VEFC Newsletter Volume 4 Issue 3 Spring 2007

VEFC's Mission Statement:

Volunteer Emergency Families for Children (VEFC) trains and supports volunteers who provide short-term shelter care and mentoring to abused, neglected, runaway, homeless and at-risk children and youth throughout Virginia.

Coordinator's Corner

Thank you for your service and dedication to children in-crisis! In 2006 alone, VEFC had over 18 families in Fairfax County who gave more than 250 hours of volunteer service to children and youth. That is remarkable!

Just a reminder that April is Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month, so please join the **"Blue Ribbon Campaign"** by wearing a blue ribbon on your lapel this month to commemorate Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. Thank you for all you have done as a VEFC Host Family --for you are assisting in the prevention of child abuse in Fairfax County.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 703-969-3795 or mmiller@vefc.org.

Marybeth Miller
VEFC Program Coordinator – NOVA

VEFC Week 2007

Governor Kaine has officially proclaimed **April 30th – May 5th 2007** as **Volunteer Emergency Families for Children Week** in the Commonwealth of Virginia!

Community Council News

VEFC's Fairfax Community Council members help VEFC recruit, train, and support volunteers who open their homes to children & youth in crisis. We are currently recruiting for the following council members:

Civic Coordinator:

Contacts local civic and other community groups regarding VEFC

Media Coordinator:

Sends out press releases and public service announcements (Content provided)

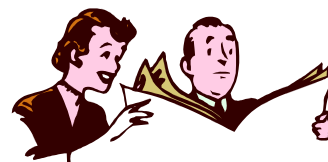
Newsletter Editor:

Prepares a quarterly local newsletter highlighting local program news, accomplishments, and volunteers (Layout and content provided)

Recognition Coordinator:

Plans and coordinates annual volunteer appreciation event

If you are interested, or know someone who might be, call Council Chair Bill Golightly at 703-591-9363 or contact him via email at jeancgo@aol.com



Gala News

The 11th Annual VEFC "Give Your Heart to a Child" Gala and Auction will be **Saturday, May 5, 2007, from 6:00pm - Midnight** at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner. The black-tie optional event will be a festive culmination to VEFC Week. VEFC Host Families can purchase discounted tickets of \$75 per person, and we hope to see you there! Please call 1-800-756-6167 for additional information.

Don't Forget!



Each time a child is placed with your family, please call the VEFC Central Office at 1-800-756-6167 to advise them of the placement. Thank you!

Hospitality Bags

Do you need Hospitality Bags? Did you know that VEFC has Hospitality Bags for VEFC Host Families to give children who are placed in their home? These bags contain a T-shirt, undergarments, personal hygiene products, a book, and a toy that have been donated by community groups. Please call Marybeth at 703-969-3795 or miller@vefc.org with the quantity and age ranges you need.

Welcome New Families

Welcome to our newest family! – Marie Mader of Alexandria/Franconia

New Booster Seat Law ~ Effective July 1, 2007

Governor Kaine signed a new Booster Seat Law on February 23, 2007, & it will go into effect on July 1, 2007, the new law is as follows:

*** Children up to age EIGHT YEARS must be properly secured in an appropriate child restraint when riding in a vehicle.**

(Previously, children in Virginia could legally ride in a standard adult seat belt at age five.)

* Seat belts may be substituted for children between ages four and eight, **ONLY** with a written statement from a physician who determines that use of a child restraint system would be impractical by reason of the child's weight, physical fitness, or other medical reason.



VEFC Contacts

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VEFC Central Office	www.vefc.org	800-756-6167	centraloffice@vefc.org

Fairfax County DSS Contacts:

Fairfax County Placement Coordinator	Sandy Robinson	703-324-7819
Fairfax County Placement Coordinator	Melody Vielbig	703-324-7941

Upcoming VEFC Events

Glory Days Fundraising Event

When: April 29 – May 13, 2007 (What a great way to celebrate VEFC week!)
(Only Sunday – Thursday, please note that Friday & Saturday are not eligible)

Where: Any Glory Days Grill in Northern Virginia www.glorydaysgrill.com

What: When you dine at a Glory Days Grill on a Sunday – Thursday from April 29 – May 13, the restaurant will contribute 10% of your total food purchases to VEFC! Please ask your server for a copy of your guest check (not credit card receipt) and either give it to Marybeth Miller or Bill Golightly or mail it to: c/o Marybeth Miller, VEFC, PO Box 35074, Richmond, VA 23235.

Please see flier on website for additional information and locations!

1st Annual 5K Run for Youth

Saturday, June 2, 2007

Boys & Girls Club - Manassas
9676 Wellington Road, Manassas, VA
Registration fee: \$20

Proceeds to benefit Volunteer Emergency Families for Children (VEFC) and Boys & Girls Club Carteret Mortgage Branch - Manassas.

To register please go to www.active.com, the actual event link is as follows: http://active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1416190

If you have any questions about the race, please contact Jill Wine at jwine@vefc.org.

Annual VEFC Host Family Gathering – Save the Date!

Please mark your calendars for *Saturday, June 9, 2007*, as we will once again gather at the Virginia Run Community Center to get to know other VEFC host families! More details will follow shortly. If you have any questions, please contact Marybeth Miller at 703-969-3795 or via email at mmiller@vefc.org.

Fairfax VEFC Placement Information

December 2006

Total Requests - 6

Total placements for Fairfax- 5

Total # not placed - 1; middle of the night placement; no family willing/available.
No English spoken by 13 year old sexually abused girl.

January 2007

Total Requests for Fairfax: 7 (*All children were placed!*)

5 females - ages 1, 2(2), 8, 13

2 males - ages 1, 8

February 2007

Total Requests: 6

Total Placements for Fairfax - 5

3 females - ages 3 mo., 15 mo., 8

2 males - ages 6, 8

Total # not placed – 1 ~ Child went directly from hospital to long-term foster care.



March 2007

Total Requests for Fairfax: 15

(*All children were placed!*)

In-Service Training Update

Pandemic Flu Training Recap

By Barbara Borg

The Pandemic Flu training was held on Saturday, January 27, 2007 in the Fairfax County Government Center Boardroom. Attendees included regular, child specific, VEFC, mentor and adult foster and adoptive parents, and foster parents approved through private child placing agencies.

The event was well attended and evaluations indicated that the information was extremely valuable. Each participant received an Emergency Preparedness kit and a certificate of training for 3 hours. Dr. Gloria Addeo-Ayensu, Dr. Raja Satouri and Dr. Regina Milteer presented information on the Pandemic/Avian Flu, County Preparedness and preventative measures. Kathy Froyd and Claudia McDowell also spoke about foster parent expectations and the upcoming COOP (Continuity of Operations Planning).

For additional information or to obtain an information packet, please contact Terri Williams-Henderson in Fairfax County at 703 324 7481. \