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Fairfax County Awards Shelter House Contract to Continue Operating Artemis House

RESTON, VA – Shelter House has been awarded the contract to continue operation of Artemis House, Fairfax County’s only 24-hour emergency shelter serving victims of domestic and sexual violence, stalking and human trafficking.

With Shelter House’s contract expiring in August 2017, the organization was amongst a competitive process to earn the contract for the next three years, with the potential of a contract extension up to nine years. Shelter House management worked together to formulate an impressive Request for Proposal (RFP) to submit to Fairfax County addressing why Shelter House should remain the organization to operate the shelter. Due to Shelter House’s accomplishments, the organization was selected above the competition as the premier choice to continue operating Artemis House.

“Over the past three years, we have increased our bed capacity from 34 beds to 56 beds to serve victims fleeing from domestic violence, sexual assault and/or human trafficking,” said Shelter House Executive Director and CEO, Joe Meyer. “These 18 additional beds are privately funded through grants. I could not be more proud to be part of such a passionate, creative and high functioning team.”

“To be honest, putting together an impressive application was easy and rewarding because our team does amazing work,” said Shelter House Division Director of Domestic Violence and Permanent Housing Program, Dani Colón. “Day in and day out, you think of the needs of our clients and how to serve them at their most vulnerable point. I am constantly reminded of the great power of human compassion when I go to Artemis House.”

By regaining this contract, Shelter House remains the leading organization operating the most programs serving homeless families and victims of domestic violence in Fairfax County.

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About Shelter House, Inc.

Shelter House, Inc. is a community-based, non-profit organization that provides crisis intervention, safe housing and supportive services to homeless families and victims of domestic violence in our community. Our organization was formed in 1981, when several ecumenical groups came together to better serve Fairfax County’s low-income population. Shelter House’s administrative office is located in Reston, Virginia while operating three shelters in Fairfax County. Shelter House has been operating the Patrick Henry Family Shelter in Falls Church since 1985. In 2007, Shelter House was awarded Fairfax County’s contract to operate the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter in Fairfax. In 2010, Shelter House became the first non-profit to operate Artemis House, Fairfax County’s only 24-hour Domestic Violence Shelter. For more information about Shelter House and how you can get involved, visit www.shelterhouse.org.