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**Shelter House Named Non-Profit of the Year  
by the Northern Virginia Chamber**

**TYSONS, VA** – Today, Shelter House was named Non-Profit of the Year by the [Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce](#) (Northern Virginia Chamber), The Voice of Business in Northern Virginia™. The award was presented at the Northern Virginia Chamber's Outstanding Corporate Citizenship Awards presented at the organization's Annual Chairman's Luncheon at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner.

Presented across seven categories, the awards honor extraordinary business leadership and above-and-beyond corporate social responsibility (CSR).

Shelter House has committed themselves to provide leadership in the community to improve and expand the DC region's capacity to prevent and respond to domestic violence and homelessness. Through this commitment, Shelter House continues to focus on its mission: to prevent and end homelessness and domestic violence by engaging the community, building effective relationships and providing crisis intervention, safe housing and supportive services.

"Thirty-six years after its creation, Shelter House is at an exciting and expansive stage of development," said Shelter House CEO and Executive Director, Joe Meyer. "Our plan as an organization maximizes a strengths-based approach as a nexus for innovation and the leadership within our enterprise. We are dedicated to putting our ideas into action to solve human service challenges of today and tomorrow."

"We're proud to honor Shelter House, a perfect example of the strong commitment to community common throughout Northern Virginia," said Northern Virginia Chamber President & CEO Jim Corcoran. "Through their leadership and efforts, they make meaningful contributions to the well-being of our community."

To learn more about Shelter House, please visit [www.shelterhouse.org](http://www.shelterhouse.org). More information about the Northern Virginia Chamber can be found [online](#). To view pictures of the event, visit the [Northern Virginia Chamber Flickr page](#).

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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](http://www.shelterhouse.org).

**About the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce:** The Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce (Northern Virginia Chamber), The Voice of Business in Northern Virginia™, is the preeminent Northern Virginia membership organization for businesses to grow through relationship building and partnership engagement throughout the Greater Washington region. 700 organizations and 500,000 employees strong, the Northern Virginia Chamber is the largest chamber of commerce in Northern Virginia and has been working hand-in-hand with regional businesses, government, and academia to build a robust and innovative business community for more than 90 years. To learn more about the Northern Virginia Chamber, please visit <http://www.novachamber.org> and follow the Northern Virginia Chamber on Twitter: [@NOVAChamber](https://twitter.com/NOVAChamber) and [@NOVAChamber\\_CEO](https://twitter.com/NOVAChamber_CEO).