



# ALIVE! Wire

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## President's Message

Have you heard the commercial on the radio that asks if you almost volunteered to do charity work, but never got around to it? The slogan is something like: "Almost giving happens when good thoughts and intentions don't turn into actions."



That commercial must have been meant for me. I can't tell you how many times I mean to do something for ALIVE! but just can't fit it in my schedule. Fortunately, ALIVE! volunteers are always there when you need them to fill in. And it seems we need them all the time. I've been thinking about how generous Alexandrians are when they are informed about a need. Because when a need is made known, Alexandrians respond.

Unfortunately, right now, ALIVE! has a growing problem on our hands and we need your help. The number of people asking ALIVE! for food is growing at an alarming rate, up nearly 20%. Each day, ALIVE! volunteers hand deliver bags of donated food to people in desperate need. Most weeks, ALIVE! volunteers take food to 25 to 30 families, and in some cases we have had to deliver to 10 families in one day! In addition, at the end of every month we provide food to more than 600 needy families, which include more than 1700 family members. That's over 20,000 people each year! That not only takes a lot of food, it takes a lot of volunteers.

I am often asked what kind of food ALIVE! needs most. The answer I give is always the same: peanut butter and jelly, as well as canned meat and fish (like tuna). But I quickly tell people that rather than buy 5 cans of tuna fish, I would much rather they give one dollar. When they look at me perplexed, I explain that buying five cans of tuna fish could cost them \$5.00 (depending on what kind of tuna it is). I then explain that ALIVE! can buy food from the Capital Area Food Bank for 9 cents a pound, so we can make cash donations go a lot further. Imagine, you could spend \$5 buying five cans of tuna fish, and provide part of one meal to five families, or give ALIVE! that \$5 and

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## Naod

Sometimes, it's really hard to make the transition from home to school! There are so many new and different things to learn about, so many new and different people to get to



know, and so many new and different routines, that it can seem overwhelming at first. But experienced, nurturing teachers can make all the difference. That was what one member of our Blue Room Class experienced when he joined us in October, 2007. 4-year-old Naod Araya had spent his previous two years in the care of a trusted family provider. But now, it was time for him to get ready for kindergarten. And so, his mother, Elsa Thighe and dad, Soloman Araya, chose our ALIVE! CDC as the best place for Naod to prepare for the "big school" because Naod's older sister, Reem, was a graduate of ALIVE!, and had thoroughly enjoyed her time with us.

Naod, however, wasn't quite sure. For the first two weeks, Naod cried every day when his Mom brought him to ALIVE! But his teachers and the other staff of ALIVE! were kind and patient with him. As the days passed, Naod was able to relax and sleep at naptime, play energetically with the toys (especially the blocks and cars!), and to develop friendships with his classmates. This enabled him to move forward with getting ready for kindergarten by practicing writing his name, learning the alphabet, and counting all kinds of things in the classroom. Now, Naod comes to school each day with a big smile and greeting for everyone. He was especially happy to find one of his favorite characters, SpiderMan, on the Director's desk, and greets him enthusiastically each day!

Naod's experience is but one example of how a high-quality early childhood education can make a dramatic difference in a child's readiness to learn. Hooray for Naod, and may he always be a friend with SpiderMan!

## Notes from the Executive Director

“Twenty-two years ago, and I haven’t forgotten....”

“I just called to say ‘Thank you’” the gentleman caller said. “It was a long time ago but your kindness helped me out a great deal and I’ve never forgotten. My family was having some problems with my son. He had limited mental capabilities and we had an opportunity to get him into a residential farm that a Mr. Williams ran. But, I needed the up-front payment before they would take him in. ALIVE! helped us with that payment to make it all possible. I lost my son fourteen years ago and I still miss him every day.

The caller closed by saying, “I just dropped a thank you card in the mail and it had a few dollars in it. Not much; but, it’s the best I can do right now. I wish I could give you more.”

You gave us a lot today, sir. More than you know. Knowing that ALIVE! helped your family a long time ago and that you still remember all these years later is priceless. And, your sharing your widower’s mite is a huge gift indeed. Nearly 40 years after its humble beginnings, these are the kind of stories that keep ALIVE! volunteers committed to doing their job in the best way they know how. *Ken*



*Ken Naser, ALIVE!'s  
Executive Director*

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## Alan Feinstein Foundation Offers Matching Funds for March/April Donations to Fight Hunger

The Alan S. Feinstein Foundation divides \$1 million among anti-hunger agencies nationwide. Only donations received between March 1st and April 30th are counted. The donations can include cash, checks and food items (that can be valued at \$1.00 per item or pound) as well as pledges if they are obtained only in response to this challenge. At the end of the campaign, the \$1 million will be divided proportionately among the agencies complying with the challenge. Please consider donating during March and April to help ALIVE! qualify for matching funds. The more we collect during March and April, the larger our portion of the \$1 Million! Your donation toward the Feinstein campaign makes us all partners in this very successful effort to fight hunger.



## ACT Presents ALIVE! with Capacity Building Grant

The Alexandria Community Trust (ACT) has presented ALIVE! with a capacity building implementation grant for the 2008 operating year for the purposes of helping ALIVE! with its long-range donor development ability. Shown here at the February meeting of the ALIVE! Board of Directors is ACT Executive Director, Jonelle Wallmeyer, presenting the grant check to ALIVE! Board President, Gerry Hebert, and ALIVE! Executive Director, Ken Naser.

ALIVE! is grateful to ACT for their past support and looks forward to working with ACT to continue to improve the capacity of ALIVE! as it enters its 40th year of service to the Alexandria Community.

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buy 55 pounds of food which will feed a number of families for a whole week! For as little as a dollar a week, we can buy 575 pounds of food in a year! We can feed many, many families with that much food. So if you had those good intentions, here's your chance.

And there's another crisis you should know about too. Each week, ALIVE! volunteers help those who are poor and living below the poverty level avoid homelessness. Some of ALIVE!'s clients are forced to choose each month between buying food and paying rent. Our Family Emergency Program tries to make sure the needy don't get evicted by helping to pay part of their rent. We know that once a family spirals downward and becomes homeless, it takes far more resources to get them back on their own two feet than it does to keep them going at some minimal level.

The ALIVE! volunteers in the Family Emergency Program also help people pay their utility bills to avoid having their electricity or gas turned off. These days of extreme cold weather can be miserable without heat. And that is especially dangerous for small children and infants, as well as our elderly. No one I know enjoys being cold.

The good people of ALIVE! make a difference in the lives of those in need every single day. One of the joys of being involved with ALIVE! is seeing people in desperate situations being uplifted by the tireless work of the volunteers that make up this great organization. If you're looking around for true heroes, look no further than the volunteers in our Family Emergency and Food Programs. They are really making a difference. And so are you with your cash donations. If you can write a check to ALIVE!, that money will be used to prevent someone from becoming homeless, or to help pay someone's utility bill to keep them warm. Or it could go to buy food at 9 cents a pound to feed the hungry.

One final thing, over 95% of every dollar that is donated to ALIVE! goes directly to those in need. No costly overhead or fat in this organization. It is no wonder that ALIVE! was recently named one of the best charities in the entire Washington Metropolitan area by the Catalogue for Philanthropy. So please consider sending us a check, or take time to volunteer with us. Better yet, do both. Don't be one of those who almost gave but never quite got around to it. Peace, Gerry Hebert

## Meet ALIVE!'s Administrative Assistant



In January, ALIVE! welcomed new Administrative Assistant, Kathleen Richards. After 22 years as owner/manager of her own gift shop, Kathy's Corner in the Belle View Shopping Center, Kathy took a short break before joining ALIVE! Prior to owning her own business, Kathy was a Public Relations official with Union Carbide.

ALIVE! welcomes Kathy with open arms. A long time member of Fairlington United Methodist Church, one of our more active congregations, Kathy arrived with an already developed dedication to the mission of ALIVE! and an eagerness to help us serve the Alexandria Community even better.

## Child Development Center's Wish List

**Portable Sink \$1,725.00**

**(\$1495.00 + 15% S&H)**

**Constructive Playthings Item No. CP - 39**  
**www.cptoys.com**

An important health requirement for NAEYC Accreditation is accessible handwashing sinks in each classroom. This has always been a challenge for our ALIVE! CDC because there has been no affordable way to install classroom sinks. Now, there is a solution! This portable sink comes fully assembled, and meets all UL and FDA safety standards.

**Educational Laptop For Kids by Educational Laptop \$69.99 + \$19.99 S & H)**  
**Available from Amazon.com**

Our once-upon-a-time brand new IBM children's computers are broken beyond repair, and must be replaced! Computers in preschool classrooms are another important element of a high-quality, accredited program. Two computers for each classroom would be great!!

Save The Date .... Mark Your Calendars .... Watch The Mail

# Night on the Bayou:

An Evening of New Orleans Food and Jazz

ALIVE!'s Annual Gala and Auction

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial

Saturday, April 26, 2008, 7 pm

Get ready for good New Orleans cooking and jazz!

Proceeds will benefit ALIVE!,  
a portion of the ticket is tax deductible.  
For more information, call 703-837-9300 ext 6,  
alivegala@alive-inc.org, or visit [www.alive-inc.org](http://www.alive-inc.org).



# ALIVE!

We look forward to seeing you on April 26th!

Thanks, Maureen!

*Maureen Franks receives much deserved recognition at the November Recommitment and Volunteer Recognition Dinner for her years as a volunteer and co-chair of the Family Emergency Program. Left to right, President, Gerry Hebert, Maureen Franks and Linda Coleman, Chair of the FEP.*



Newest Little ALIVE! Supporter

*Congratulations to proud parents Claire and Mat Maucieri on the birth of their son. Leo Park Maucieri was born on Friday, February 15th at 10:55am. He was 9lbs 4oz and about 20 inches long. Claire was Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director for more than 2 and a half years until she resigned to be a full-time mom. All our best wishes to the Maucieri Family.*

## Mark Your Calendars Now!

# STEP ALIVE! Sunday May 4, 2008

### Walk for the ALIVE! Child Development Center

- Plan to sponsor on the Tee shirts - NOW
- Organize your teams – NOW
- Gather support from family & friends – NOW
- Conflict? Get creative – NOW
- Date conflicts? Choose another date.
- Want to do a mini-walk another time/place? We can help!
- Want someone to talk to your Youth Group or other group? See below
- Pledge Form on page 11.

For information and details, go to [www.Alive-Inc.org](http://www.Alive-Inc.org) or call the ALIVE! Child Development Center at (703) 548-9255. And, THANK YOU! in advance for supporting the ALIVE! CDC in this fun way.

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### Congratulations!



Ms. Raisha Pollard, Assistant Teacher in the Red Classroom, recently completed the assessment process and has been awarded the Child Development Associate Credential. A teacher with a CDA has demonstrated the ability to meet the specific needs of children and work with parents and other adults to nurture children's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual growth in a child development framework. As such, this marks an important milestone in Ms. Pollard's education and represents a considerable investment of her time and effort. The children are already benefiting from what Ms. Raisha has learned. Ms. Pollard first came to the ALIVE! CDC as an intern in 2004 in the Early Childhood Education Cooperative Education Program at West Potomac High School. She enjoyed working with the children so much that, after graduation in the summer of 2005 she decided to apply for an assistant teacher position, and has been employed by the CDC ever since. Ms. Pollard was formally presented with her CDA certificate by Interim Director Pam Blankenship at the Parent Circle Meeting held on January 9, 2008. Congratulations, Ms. Raisha, on a job well done!

*The following are excerpts from an essay written by high school student Benjamin S. Hoover in November 2007 for school. Ben is the grandson of ALIVE's Corresponding Secretary, Vivian Webb.*

## Alive!

I sluggishly walked up the steps as my Mom and Grandma gave me hopeful smiles. My Mom thought it would be a great idea if we woke up at 7:30am to help with a community service program called Alive that my Grandma went to once a month. Basically, we got up very early on a Saturday to bag grocery products and carry them to the cars of people recommended by a church or Social Services. I'd done community service before but nothing interacting with the people I was helping. I had no idea what to expect or how much work I would be doing.

As soon as we walked up some stairs and entered through the back door of the church, my Grandma introduced me to the lady who was coordinating the food drive. She had a voice like a drill sergeant that could be heard across the room. Being put right to work in an assembly line gave my half asleep mind a jolt. We would fill an entire bag with various food products that the other "runners" and I would set in a line. After we set up something like 250 bags we were ready for people to start coming through and collecting their food. I was assigned to carry the grocery bags for people who couldn't manage them on their own, which ended up being pretty much everyone.

When they first learned I would be carrying their bags, some looked skeptical and others looked grateful. But as I followed them through the produce section where they were able to choose from items like salad or bananas, they became grateful as they watched me strain to carry the heavy bags. I sped up my pace and started working harder. Every time someone smiled or thanked me, my movements took on a new speed.

I didn't realize what was happening but I knew for sure that I didn't want it to stop. I would try to help them make decisions that seemed so important to them. Should they choose white or wheat bread? As their mind went into the decision so did my heart. When they asked me to stand guard on their groceries as they brought around their car, it was as if they trusted me with everything they had. I stood over each bag like my life depended on it and felt proud that I had earned their trust. I could tell they looked at me differently than the other volunteers; like we had a special connection. I felt connected even to the ones who didn't speak English or hardly a word of it. The burning in my arms and back was better than any trophy or good grade that I'd ever gotten.

There was one particular woman who had terrible trouble standing as she waited for her taxi. I rushed inside and grabbed two chairs and sat down with her. I can hardly remember what we talked about, but I do remember one thing. I remember I felt better than any other moment in my life. I can happily say that I go to that Alive program as often as I can and many others that have been suggested to me. I'll always be thankful to my Grandma and Mom for introducing me to what I want to do with my life.



### Food Program Notes WAGONS HO!

Last Saturday Food Distribution needs some sturdy kid's wagons (metal or wood) to haul bags of groceries for elderly and disabled clients up the steep hill at Church of the Resurrection. If you have questions or would like to donate one, please call Jean Moore at 703 370-4627.

Also the Food Program would like to offer a big thank you to Donald and Beth Campbell for building a much needed shelf in the Family Emergency food closet. Thanks for making life easier for all of us!



### Food Program Needs:

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Canned Meat and Fish

Spaghetti Sauce

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ALIVE! needs volunteers for the following tasks. All inquiries should be directed to ALIVE!'s Volunteer Coordinator, Pam Goodell, 703-837-9300 ext 2 or [volunteers@alive-inc.org](mailto:volunteers@alive-inc.org).

- The ALIVE! Child Development Center (CDC) needs volunteers to take down, wash out, and replace simple light fixtures. This is a great job for a group of older teenagers looking to complete community service hours.
- The CDC is also looking for someone to help drop off and/or pick up laundry on a weekly basis. Drop off is Friday afternoons and pick up is Monday morning. If you have flexible working hours or are retired, please consider helping on one or both days. (This job can easily be shared – one doing pick-up and another the drop off.)

## PLANNED GIVING

If you are required to take an IRA distribution, make it a tax deduction too! Did you know – for 2006 and 2007, IRA owners age 70-1/2 or older can direct the IRA custodian to make a distribution directly to a charity? The distribution, up to \$100,000 each year, is federally tax-free and can be used to satisfy part or all of the required minimum distribution (RMD). Contact your financial advisor for more details.

## Volunteer Spotlight on:

## Paul Doherty

This Volunteer Spotlight is the first in what will hopefully be a continuing series of brief sketches on some of ALIVE!'s volunteers. Volunteers are the life blood of ALIVE! – we could not survive without them! These Spotlight pieces are to celebrate the hard-working individuals who donate their time and energy selflessly. It is also to help all of us get to know more about what makes our volunteers tick and see the diversity of volunteers who participate with ALIVE! every day.

Paul Doherty has the honor of being our first Volunteer Spotlight. Paul has volunteered with ALIVE!'s Last Saturday Food Distribution Program at Cora Kelly for nearly six years.

## Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I have been with the US Department of State's Foreign Service for about 27 years. In fact, I'm about to retire.

I lived abroad for about 23 years in a number of different countries. I started out with the Peace Corps in Ethiopia then I taught English in Iran and Greece. I also served with the Department of State in Mexico, Canada, and Uruguay.

## How did you get involved with ALIVE!'s Last Saturday Food Distribution Program?

I heard about ALIVE! and the Last Saturday Food Distribution Program at my church, Christ Church, and decided to go and see what I could do. This was about five or six years ago and I have been volunteering ever since.

## What is your role?

I began translating for our Spanish clients and continue to do so. I also now help with keeping and updating the books, making sure old forms are updated or removed and that the new forms are inserted in their proper place.

## What motivates you to volunteer at ALIVE!'s Last Saturday Food Distribution Program?

I feel like I am part of a team and that I am helping others. I know a lot of the clients by name now. I think it gives them a feeling of comfort since they know they can come to me if they have a problem.

## What would you tell other people about volunteering at Last Saturday Food Distribution?

You should come and try it. It is an incredibly rewarding experience, even if you only come once.



## The Results are IN!

A successful Help the Homeless Campaign earned ALIVE! House \$25,142. This amount includes \$1,500 from our Partner, SENTEL Corporation, plus a \$300 incentive; \$5,500 Youth Engagement Award; \$4,186 Mini-Walks at St. Rita School and Grace Episcopal School; and \$8,656 from walker registrations and donations. Our total number of walkers was 490, just short of the 500 qualification for a \$5,000 incentive award. Top fund-raiser was Devin Trout of the Beverly Hills United Methodist Church Youth Group - closely followed by his teammate, Sergio DeLeon. The largest contingent of walkers came from the Virginia Theological Seminary headed by Peter Gray. We also received \$1,750 in direct contributions to the House including \$1,500 from Immanuel Church on the Hill and \$100 from Bahai Assembly. So many people contributed to our grand total of \$26,292 - THANK YOU ALL!



## ALIVE! House Happenings

### Kudos & Congratulations!

On January 30, 2008, one of our mothers was reunited with her 2-year-old son after his 22 month placement with the Fairfax County Department of Human Services Foster Care Program. While “mom” has fully met the requirements for reunification and was awarded sole legal and physical custody, the Fairfax County Department of Family Services will continue to provide protective supervision, intensive case management and home-based services for up to four months. Mom has made great progress during her stay at ALIVE! House, and is expected to move on soon to permanent housing.

We are also happy to announce that all four adult residents are employed and two are enrolled in vocational training programs scheduled to start this Spring.

### Sunday Suppers

On February 24th our residents were treated to supper by the employees of SENTEL Corporation. The moms didn't have to cook! The family can sit together at the dinner table and enjoy a catered meal. In March the Youth Group from Blessed Sacrament Church will provide the dinner, and in April it will be the turn of the Youth Group from the Old Presbyterian Meeting House. If you and your friends would like to do the same, please call the House to make arrangements (703-684-1430) for a Moms' night out at home!

### Thank you, Friends of ALIVE! House . . .

For your generous gifts during the 2007 Thanksgiving & Christmas seasons! Truly, it is compassionate, dedicated people like you who help ensure the continued success of our mission - Helping women and families achieve their goals in a nurturing, homelike atmosphere.

The Women's Giving Circle of Alexandria and their children (WGCA Kids) put together Rainy Day Bags, Fun Bags and Craft Bags for the children of ALIVE! House. Never a dull day now. They also provided \$25 gift cards for the November and December birthdays.

Thanksgiving turkeys were distributed to residents and alums by Westminister Presbyterian Church.

Christmas celebrations started with an invitation for residents and former residents to the annual Fairlington United Methodist Church party. Our own House party was hosted by the Westminister Presbyterian Youth Group. A chicken dinner, songs and general merriment

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## ALIVE! House WISH LIST

**Diapers, Size 4 & 5 and Good Night Pull Ups**

**Furnace Filters (Sizes 14 x 20 & 16 x 25)**

**Umbrellas**

**Bus Tokens**

**Metro Cards**

**Small sizes of dishwashing & laundry detergents**

**Cleaning Supplies**

**Laundry supplies: dryer sheets,**

**bleach, ammonia, softener**

**Trash bags – small, large/tall kitchen**

**Treat Cards -**

**ice cream, fast food restaurants, movies, etc.**

**Outdoor Thermometer**

**Hand-cranked radio - with AC adaptor to charge cell phones (\$49.95!)**

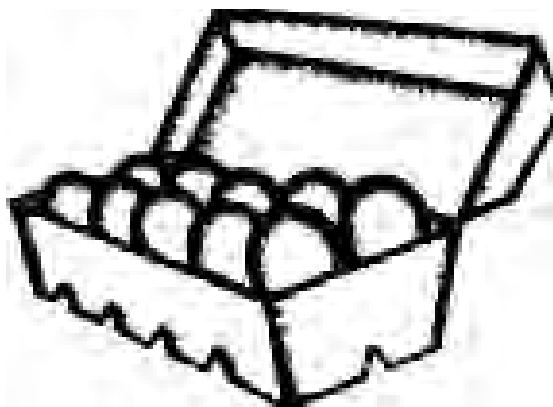
**2 Sets of Cooking Knives & Cutting Board**

**Pizza Cutter**



## Egg Money

Both ALIVEs Family Emergency Program and the Last Saturday Food Distribution use a lot of eggs as a good source of protein to help feed the hungry in Alexandria. For instance, every weekday FEP volunteers deliver a three-day supply of emergency food to the homes of clients, and in addition to nonperishable items, they include a dozen eggs with each delivery. And the LSFD program provides bags of food for approximately 600 clients each month. Again each receives a dozen eggs. Those eggs might be the family's only source of protein. Like many other things, the price of corn has been going up (perhaps even higher because of the interest in ethanol) and the escalating cost of "chicken feed" has caused the price of eggs to escalate as well. The budget isn't expanding fast enough to keep up. So some groups are planning "Egg Money" fund raisers to help out with this vital need. Ideas include giving children plastic eggs that they can fill with money and return or using empty egg cartons to collect. Since the price of eggs changes quickly, we don't have an accurate price for everyone, but by dividing the current cost of a dozen eggs in your local grocery by twelve you can find the cost of just one egg –showing for example: less than 20 cents each, five for \$1.00, etc. Even small amounts count and really matter. These are just a few ideas for ways to make a little "Egg Money" add up to something special again! If you know of a group looking for a service opportunity, please pass this on. Thanks!



*“ I heard the voice of the Lord, saying,  
Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?  
Then said I, Here am I; send me.” Isaiah 6:8*

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preceded the arrival of Santa. He distributed stockings and toys assembled by the youth group from Immanuel on the Hill Episcopal Church. Christmas/Holiday gifts were provided by the Montessori School of Alexandria and St. Rita School. Ms Jerylen Daniels brought in a Christmas dinner for the two families staying at home. Each of the residents received a coat from David and Marianne Ingold and an anonymous donor from Alfred Street Baptist Church provided winter boots. Former residents were not forgotten. The Church of Latter Day Saints in Crystal City brought gifts for two families. An anonymous donor from Alfred Street Baptist gave clothing to a family with three teen-age daughters! Bill and Marsha Haas' Christmas Party yielded many toys for alumni children. Lauri Ploch, A Fresh Image – Personal Image Consultation & Women's Clothing, who has been advising the residents, encouraged her Yoga Class to donate \$575 in store and dry cleaning gift cards. Enterprising Women Entrepreneurs, another group to which Lauri belongs, gave the House over \$120 in gift cards. At the end of the holiday week, residents attended the annual Christmas Dinner at Alfred Street Baptist Church and participated free of charge in Alexandria's First Night Celebration.

## Making Wishes Come True

Thanks to employees of the American Medical Group Association, APTA (American Physical Therapists Association), and the SENTEL Corporation as well as the Catholic Women's Club of Fort Belvoir for donating the items on our Wish List - small appliances, laundry and cleaning supplies, paper goods and more!



**ALIVE! Presents**  
**Night on the Bayou: An Evening of New Orleans Food and Jazz**  
**April 26, 2008**

**Auction Donation Form**

**Donor Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want your name listed in the program?  Yes  No

**Donation Information**

Item(s) Being Donated: \_\_\_\_\_

Description for Catalog: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Is the item included with this form?  Yes  No

Does the item need to be picked up?  Yes  No

Will you deliver the item?  Yes  No

**Please return form to:**

**ALIVE!, Attn: Auction, 2723 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302**  
**Fax to: 703/837-9399**

Thank you for your generosity!



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*ALIVE!, founded in 1969, is a nonprofit organization devoted to helping Alexandrians facing emergency situations become self-sufficient members of the community. ALIVE! has grown from a handful of organizations and volunteers to a vigorous organization of 41 congregations and many volunteers.*

*ALIVE! offers Alexandrians in need help through ALIVE! House Shelter, Furniture, Housewares, Food Pantry, Family Emergency, Child Development Center and Last Saturday Food Distribution Programs.*

Contact ALIVE! at  
 703- 837-9300  
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## Spring 2008 Calendar

### March

- 4 **Board Meeting at Beth El Hebrew Congregation**
- 29 **Last Saturday Food Distribution:** Church of the Resurrection, Cora Kelly Recreation Center and Ladrey Senior High Rise

**Food Collection:** Alexandria Church of the Nazarene, Alfred Street Baptist, Beverly Hills Community UMC, Church of St. Clement, Third Baptist, Washington Street UMC

**Furniture Collection::** Old Presbyterian Meeting House, First Agape Church, Fairlington Presbyterian

### April

- 1 **Board Meeting at St Paul's Episcopal Church**
- 26 **ALIVE! Gala & Auction -- Night on the Bayou: An Evening of New Orleans Food & Jazz**
- 26 **Last Saturday Food Distribution:** Church of the Resurrection, Cora Kelly Recreation Center and Ladrey Senior High Rise

**Food Collection:** Agudas Achim Congregation, First Christian, Good Shepherd Lutheran, Old Presbyterian Meeting House, St. Joseph's Catholic, Trinity UMC, Unitarian Universalist Church, Zion Baptist

**Furniture Collection:** Grace Episcopal and Church of the Resurrection

### May

- 4 **Step ALIVE! Walk for the Child Development Center**
- 6 **Board Meeting at Good Shepard Lutheran Church**
- 31 **Last Saturday Food Distribution::** Church of the Resurrection, Cora Kelly Recreation Center and Ladrey Senior High Rise

**Food Collection:** Agudas Achim Congregation, Christ Episcopal Church, Church of the Resurrection, Fairlington UMC, Grace Episcopal

**Furniture Collection:** Christ Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church and Blessed Sacrament

### June

- 3 **Board Meeting at Downtown Baptist Church – Election of Officers**
- 28 **Last Saturday Food Distribution:** Church of the Resurrection, Cora Kelly Recreation Center and Ladrey Senior High Rise

**Food Collection:** Blessed Sacrament Catholic, Fair-Park Baptist, First Baptist, Immanuel Church-On-The-Hill, St Mary's Catholic Church

**Furniture Collection:** Christ Church, Unitarian Universalist, St. Paul's Episcopal, Washington St.UMC