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## THC - Housing Families, Transforming Lives

THC is a faith-based, non-profit partnership that provides housing and comprehensive support services for more than 300 homeless and at-risk families in Washington, DC.

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### Volunteer with THC!

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## Affordable Housing Renovations Complete!

### Two Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies this Summer!

THC Affordable Housing, Inc. (THCAH), an affiliate of THC, and Somerset Development Company, LLC are proud to announce that both Fort View Apartments and Webster Gardens Apartments are leasing up residents and many families have begun moving into their new homes. These two newly renovated apartment complexes will provide a total of 114 units of affordable housing to residents in Ward 4. Congratulations to everyone involved in this long-awaited venture. We applaud Suzanne Welch, Director of Affordable Housing, for her hard work, perseverance, and commitment to developing Fort View and Webster Gardens into two beautiful apartment complexes in DC.



**THC Affordable Housing, Inc.**  
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## Special Events



AKA Volunteers at Garden Club

## Partner Spotlight



**The Backpack Project, Inc.** is an up-and-coming organization that provided **more than 40 THC families** with Christmas gifts in 2010. This year, they will be donating backpacks to THC children in PreK-6th grade as well as continuing their generous holiday giving program in 2011.

For more information:

The Backpack Project [Website](#)

Like their [Facebook page](#)

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The Backpack Project's mission is simple - **One Child, One Mentor, One Backpack at a time** – but profound; and its impact on the life of a child is immeasurable.

## 2011 Walkathon



THC is proud to announce that we have been selected once again as a Beneficiary Organization for the 2011 Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon Program!

Thank you, Fannie Mae, for your continued support and commitment to raising awareness on homelessness in the Metro DC area.

If you'd like to be on a volunteer committee board to assist (and have fun) in fundraising, networking, and planning a happy hour fundraiser, please email Andrew Adams ([aadams@thcdc.org](mailto:aadams@thcdc.org)).

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for **Webster Gardens Apartments** took place on May 25, 2011 (pictured above). THCAH, Somerset Development, and the Webster Garden Tenants Association hosted a special event commencing the revitalization of Webster Gardens. For more details and our latest slideshow of pictures, visit the THCAH website by [clicking here](#).



The **Fort View** Ribbon Cutting Ceremony took place on June 29, 2011 with Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (pictured above), Councilmember Muriel Bowser, the Right Reverend John Bryson Chane, and other distinguished community leaders. More details of the event and a slideshow of pictures can be seen at THC's website by [clicking here](#).

## Computer Classes

### New Residential Services at Webster Gardens Apartments

To kick off the new residential services at Webster Gardens affordable housing apartments, Patrick Williams (Residential Services Coordinator) and Andre Woods, a volunteer computer instructor, have developed a beginner's level curriculum to teach residents the basics in computer technology. The course started on June 21st and will provide 2 classes per week for 6 weeks. Residents will learn the basics in navigating the internet, email, and MS Office.



## Two New Homes

### Christ Church Rockville and Church of the Redeemer Adopt Apartments at PA1!

Two 3-bedroom apartments were furnished last month at THC's Partner Arms 1 through the Adopt-an-Apartment Program (AAP).

#### Christ Episcopal Church (Rockville)

Christ Church furnished a lovely 3-bedroom unit for an incoming family. Christ Church utilized a Target.com gift registry which made the item collection process smooth and simple while they also gathered a wonderful collection of lightly-used furniture, kitchen, bedroom, and living room items. Thank you to all of the Christ Church members who donated and participated in making a new home for a family at PA1!



#### Episcopal Church of the Redeemer (Bethesda)

Parishioners from Redeemer furnished a 3-bedroom apartment for an incoming family at PA1. Redeemer members put 110% effort into the AAP process from securing a major discount on 6 new beds from Mattress Warehouse (Bethesda) to gathering a beautiful collection of newborn necessities for the nursery in the mother's room. THC and the newly adopted family are truly grateful for the passion, energy and donations from Church of the Redeemer.



By furnishing the apartments, churches help incoming homeless families by providing a welcoming home, furniture that they can take once they leave, and the relief and pressure of finding and purchasing all of the basic needs that a new home requires. THC is very blessed to have AAP partner parishes such as Christ Episcopal Church (Rockville) and Episcopal Church of the Redeemer (Bethesda). We wholeheartedly thank all of you!



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