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Arlington Science Focus Elementary Students Have a Heart for the Homeless

What: Fourth grade students at Arlington Science Focus School's Y.E.S. club are making Valentine's Day posters, decorations and cards for homeless residents at Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Residential Program Center. The club, which stands for Youth Experience Success, provides extra attention and activities for children who further down the line might be at risk of not graduating from high school. After the school partnered with Volunteers of America Chesapeake this past fall for the Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon, the students came up with the project themselves, as a way to continue to give back to those in need in their community.

"This is a great idea," said **Eileen Corbet**, Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Residential Program Center Senior Program Director. "We love when the community – especially the children in our local school system – partners with our organization and continues to support those we serve at our center. Our residents love to know that someone cares about them!"

Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Residential Program Center provides three crucial services – non-medical detoxification, substance abuse recovery and homeless services for single adults – all under one roof. Since its inception in 1994, Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Residential Program Center is the only 24-hour program of this caliber in Arlington County.

When: 3:45 – 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday February 8th, 2011

Where: Arlington Science Focus School, Room 147
1501 North Lincoln Street
Arlington, VA 22201

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA CHESAPEAKE

Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc. is a faith-based, non-profit organization whose mission is to to inspire self-reliance, dignity and hope through human services in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Founded in 1896 in Baltimore, MD, Volunteers of America Chesapeake is one of the first branches of Volunteers of America - one of the nation's largest and most comprehensive human services organizations. Through a dedicated and committed team of management, staff and volunteers and guided by our Core Values: Caring, Respect, Faith, Quality and Trust

Volunteers of America Chesapeake helps more than 9,000 people each year at our 26 programs serving: the homeless, mentally ill, individuals with intellectual disabilities, the aging, those in need of affordable housing, those recovering from substance abuse and community corrections. For more information about Volunteers of America Chesapeake, visit: www.VOAchesapeake.org

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