

## **\*\*MEDIA ALERT AND PHOTO OPPORTUNITY\*\***

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### **Volunteers of America Chesapeake Purchases New Facility in Arlington to House and Provide Individualized Service Plans to Adults with Intellectual Disabilities**

*North Kensington Open House Scheduled for March 28 from 3-5 p.m.*

**What:** As Volunteers of America Chesapeake continues to expand its reach of services to those in need across the region, the organization will hold an Open House to introduce media and the community to its newest facility in Arlington, Va. The North Kensington House will serve intellectually disabled adults in Arlington with no where else to turn.

The recently-renovated, five-bedroom house, located at 3607 North Kensington Street in Arlington, was purchased by Volunteers of America Chesapeake and will house and provide individualized service plans for five intellectually disabled men in need of medical, psychological and behavioral treatment. Volunteers of America Chesapeake also provides additional services so these adults can become self-sufficient, productive members of society.

**Who:** President and CEO of Volunteers of America Chesapeake **Russ Snyder** and Arlington County officials

**When:** Sunday, March 28, 3-5 p.m.

**Where:** The North Kensington House  
3607 North Kensington Street  
Arlington, Virginia

**Background:** The North Kensington House will join six others of its kind as the Northern Virginia Community Living Centers, a collection of group homes providing services to more than 45 adults with intellectual disabilities, many with secondary diagnoses. The staff and volunteers will care for the individuals while also providing intense programs to help them on their ways to self-sufficiency. Each adult will have his own room, use of the kitchen and other common areas in the house, and be provided with transportation to, and from, appointments, jobs and classes. The house has been completely renovated to serve the special needs of the residents.

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**VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA CHESAPEAKE**

*Volunteers of America Chesapeake, founded in 1896 in Baltimore, is the locally chartered affiliate of Volunteers of America, Inc., one of the nation's largest and most comprehensive human services organizations. They accomplish their spiritually based mission by serving over 8,000 people annually through programs spread geographically from Baltimore, Maryland to Virginia Beach, Virginia.*

*Volunteers of America Chesapeake operates 26 programs that serve the homeless, mentally ill, intellectually disabled, ex-offenders, substance abusers, the elderly and children. The professional staff of more than 600 employees, partner with dedicated volunteers, local government officials, businesses, civic organizations and the faith community to provide high quality human services.*