



****MEDIA ALERT****

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**Marine Corps Base Quantico to Participate in Service Day at Volunteers of America Chesapeake's
Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter in Falls Church**

What: 20 marine and sailor volunteers from Marine Corps Base Quantico will visit Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter in Falls Church, Va., Thursday, Feb. 10, as part of a service day. The Marines will be painting the shelter's community room where the residents gather for entertainment and convene for groups such as Life Skills Training.

Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter is an emergency homeless shelter for adult men and women providing several different services including: medical care, mental health services, substance abuse counseling, education and training for homeless individuals. During the winter months, from Nov. 1 to March 31, the center is also home to a Hypothermia Program. They will also have lunch with the residents and interact with the shelter population.

"Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter residents and staff are very excited to have the Marines in for a service day because the Marines represent hope; hope for survival, hope for life and hope for an undefeated outlook," said Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter Program Director **Thomas Nichols**. "The Marines are a group renowned for saving lives and it's very appropriate that they would volunteer to help a very vulnerable group of individuals."

When: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Thursday Feb. 10, 2011

Where: Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter
3525 Moncure Avenue
Falls Church, Virginia 22041

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA CHESAPEAKE

Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc. is a faith-based, non-profit organization whose mission is 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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