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**Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Loudoun Homeless Services Center Offers Residents and Neighboring Shelters Free Shopping Spree**

**What:** Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Loudoun Homeless Services Center is partnering with the Loudoun County Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, an organization committed to making sure children from all walks of life can excel through leadership and serving their communities, to host a Precious Gifts Boutique. This boutique allows the center's residents, many of whom are families, to "shop" for new items for themselves, offering men's, women's, and children's clothing and shoes, beauty items, and stuffed animals. All items will be free of cost to the families. Breakfast will be provided and there will be games for the children. The event is not open to the public, but it is open to neighboring shelters.

**When:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 17, 2010

**Where:** Loudoun Homeless Services Center  
19520 Meadowview Court  
Leesburg, Virginia 22075  
703-771-5429

**Background:** For nearly 20 years, Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Loudoun Homeless Services Center has offered the area's homeless population shelter and other supportive services. For the harsh winter months, the shelter operates a Cold Weather Shelter and Drop-In Center offering food, clothing, and a bed to those in need. The shelter also has a 30-Day Emergency Shelter to help stabilize clients and offer them food and individualized services depending on their needs. Approved residents may enter the Transitional Housing Program —where they receive supportive services, including health care, counseling, job assistance and training, financial budgeting and adult education.

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*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.*

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