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**Save the Date - APAH's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraiser is September 16, 2009**

The Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH) is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on September 16, 2009 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, on the roof of Parc Rosslyn, its signature high-rise apartment complex with dramatic views of Washington. The event, which is expected raise over \$50,000 for affordable housing in Arlington, will include a live auction and raffle. Arlington County Board Vice Chairman, Jay Fissette, will serve as Auctioneer. Executive Director of the Virginia Housing Development Authority, Susan Dewey, has announced that she will present APAH with a special award at the event. (Do we have confirmation?)

"It's hard to believe that in just 20 short years APAH has purchased ten properties and currently provides affordable housing to over 1,200 Arlingtonians," said APAH President/CEO Nina Janopaul. "We're excited to host an evening that will celebrate the hard work of the past while reminding ourselves how much work we have ahead."

At the event APAH will honor its founders, four couples who began meeting monthly for dinner and spiritual discussion over 20 years ago. Those dinner parties helped the couples find an outlet for their social justice interests: providing quality, affordable apartment homes to Arlington's most vulnerable. In addition to the APAH founders, true friends to affordable housing, Bill Bozman and Ellen Bozman (posthumously) will be honored at the event. Ellen Bozman fought for affordable housing in Arlington both as Chair of the Arlington County Board and through her volunteer efforts. She is sorely missed.

APAH is a distinguished nonprofit developer of affordable rental housing. APAH's most recent new property, Parc Rosslyn, is Arlington's first Silver LEED certified multifamily building, and this year's winner of the Best Project Northern Virginia award from the Housing Association of Nonprofit

Developers (HAND). Last month HAND also bestowed its Innovation Award to APAH in partnership with Doorways for Women and Families for its Cameron Commons Apartments. In 2006 APAH was named one of the top 25 affordable housing developers in the nation.

If you are interested in attending please visit [www.apah.org](http://www.apah.org) or email [kwersan@apah.org](mailto:kwersan@apah.org). Tickets for the event are \$100 each. The website also has information about sponsorships for individuals or businesses.

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