



# NewsBriefs

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## Hundreds Celebrate New Gates of Ballston Community Center

*Two-story building designed to be "heartbeat" of community*

More than 300 residents, supporters, community members, and Arlington County representatives celebrated the opening of [The Gates of Ballston's](#) new community center on October 25. The 10,000-sq-ft center is a two-story space with numerous classrooms, meeting areas and offices, plus a colorful community room with a fireplace, plenty of seating and an open, airy kitchen. Along with AHC's numerous programs for children, teens and families, the community center also provides space for several partner organizations, including a pre-Kindergarten program managed by the [Child and Family Network Centers](#).



There are also offices and classrooms for Arlington County's Community Outreach programs. The Buckingham and Gates Tenant Association (BU-GATA) also has an office in the building. [Sun Gazette's article and video highlighting the event](#). For more photos of the building and the event, click [here](#).

## Grand Opening of Carousel Court in Falls Church

*Community includes 90 garden-style apartments*



[Carousel Court](#), a recently renovated 90-unit affordable community in Falls Church, celebrated its Grand Opening in early October. Attendees included (from left to right) Paul Abramson, Danny Abramsom, and Marjorie Abramson (original owners of the property); Walter D. Webdale, AHC President and CEO; Penny Gross, Mason District Supervisor, Fairfax City; Aseem Nigam, Director, Real Estate Finance and Grants Management, Fairfax County; and Alan Goldstein, AHC Senior Project Manager.

## AHC's Annual Meeting Highlights 2008 Activities

*Past year has been "productive and positive"*

Board members, community supporters, and financial and development partners attended AHC's Annual Meeting on October 21. Read the [Report on the State of the Corporation 2008](#), a review of AHC's activities and accomplishments.

## AHC Management's Relocation Division Featured in Multifamily Executive Magazine

*"Smooth Move" focuses on how property management firms are improving customer brand loyalty*

The October issue of *Multifamily Executive Magazine* includes an article on how some property management firms are building customer loyalty through their service-oriented relocation strategies. Click [here](#) to read the article, which highlights AHC Management's Relocation Division, along with several other companies.

## AHC Working With HUD's Neighborhood Stabilization Program

*AHC partnering with HUD to help develop and preserve affordable housing*

In response to the current financial situation, AHC's Homeownership Division is positioning itself to assist communities through HUD's Neighborhood Stabilization program, a \$4 billion initiative designed to help develop and preserve affordable housing. AHC hopes to work with local jurisdictions to purchase vacant foreclosed homes to renovate and sell back to first-time homebuyers.

## AHC's Fall Newsletter Hot Off the Press

*Twice-yearly newsletter highlights programs, projects, residents and donors*

Click [here](#) to read AHC's latest newsletter, which includes stories on:

- New project in Baltimore for senior and disabled residents
- 94 new affordable apartments in Nauck
- Affordable and safe lending programs
- Profile of a successful home renovation project
- AHC's Summer Camp
- Summer Intern Program
- Board perspective - a word from Andy Keyes, AHC Chairman
- List of AHC's spring/summer donors

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