

Dear Dan Storck,

As residents of the Mt. Vernon area, members of Good Shepherd Catholic Church and the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church. and persons who have for several years served VIC-HOP at its overnight shelter and in preparing food for the homeless, we strongly support the development of the proposed new shelter.

The County has done due diligence and has found the best site for a shelter. Accommodations at the Kennedy shelter and at VIC Hope are inadequate to the need, which is for more than space but for services to help the homeless become fully functional, responsible members of the community. We have seen the homeless mandated to exit the shelter at 7 a.m. into rain, snow and very cold weather spending their days at 7-11 or the library and in the woods.

We are grateful to the citizens of Fairfax County for having supported the bond issue to support the building of a shelter. Now, long overdue, this must be put into operation. Let's lead the way in respect for all people.

Thank you for your efforts in support of this new shelter.

Sincerely,

Dana Greene and Richard Roesel

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"This is precisely the time when artists go to work. There is no time for despair, no place for self-pity, no need for silence, no room for fear. We speak, we write, we do language. That is how civilizations heal." -- Toni Morrison