

HomeAgain Hosts Their 2018 Community Leadership Awards Dinner – AGC Richmond District Recognized

Richmond based non-profit Home Again hosted their Annual Community Leadership Awards Dinner on April 27, 2018 at the Virginia Science Museum's Dewey Gottwald Center.

This year's honorees were Reverend Benjamin Campbell and the Association of General Contractors of Virginia Richmond District. Reverend Campbell was recognized for his longstanding dedication to social justice and advocacy in the Richmond community.

The AGCVA-Richmond District was awarded for their leadership in the area of workforce development in schools, and construction of affordable housing in the Capital Region. Taylor Brannan accepted the award on AGCVA's behalf and recognized AGCVA members for leading their annual community service project where \$50,000 worth of home improvements was donated to HomeAgain. Brannan also affirms the association's commitment to enhancing communities.

This year's event included two powerful testimonials. After a 16-year career as a mortgage banker, 39-year old Kelli Robertson lost her job and her home. Through HomeAgain's Rapid Rehousing Program, Kelli was able to secure employment and find housing again.

Virginia Delegate Charniele Herring also recounted her experience of how her family went from stability to sleeping in homeless shelters at night. She reminded us that homelessness indeed can happen to anyone.

In fact, NBC12-WWBT Anchor Diane Walker stated it correctly, "Many of us are one or two paychecks away from homelessness! Yet, our community can never be at its best while homelessness continues."

For this reason, HomeAgain depends on the support of compassionate people in the region as they carry out their mission of ending homelessness-one household at a time.

Established in 1980, HomeAgain helps individuals and families maintain and secure homes through emergency shelters, supportive programs, community outreach, and case management. Last year, HomeAgain served 808 individuals; 78% of these individuals have since obtained permanent housing.

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