

**Monthly News and Updates** 

**July 2023** 



# Welcome to the 2023 - 2024 Board of Directors!

We are thrilled to announce the appointment of three new Board of Director members, Greg Hamilton, Heather Myklegard and Shy Pahlevani. Rolling off from the Board at the end of June were Michael Garcia, Carla Garrett, Christine Searle, and Chris Zimmerman. Thank you so much to these incredible past Board members for their immense contributions of time, talent and resources to PathForward. Greg, Heather and Shy join a talented Board of Directors, and we are excited to see all that the Board will do in this coming year. This year's Board includes:

Tim Denning Chair

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Meredith Schramm-Strosser Treasurer Littler

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**Greg Hamilton**Arlington Magazine

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**Molly Grover** 

**Paul Kinyon**Bank of America

Heather Myklegard Social Moxie

**Joseph Simonelli** Energy Systems Group

#### Join the Ambassador's Council

PathForward has three councils that provide support and insight to the Board of Directors and organization. We are seeking new members for the Ambassador Council which will increase engagement amongst young professionals in PathForward's mission. The Council is a great way to grow your professional skills while giving back to an incredible cause! Reach to Liz Nohra, Sr. Director of Strategic Partnerships now at <a href="mailto:lnohra@pfva.org">lnohra@pfva.org</a>.

# Volunteer to Serve Dinner at the Homeless Services Center

We are thrilled to announce that after three years, we have reopened our dinner service to volunteers. We are seeking 2-3 people per night who can serve dinner to our clients and support Chef Glenn in the kitchen. This opportunity is available every day of the week from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

Join the Council

Sign-Up to Serve
Dinner

#### Congratulations to President and CEO Betsy Frantz



PathForward is excited to announce that President & CEO Betsy Frantz was recognized by *Virginia Business Magazine* as a 2023 Women in Leadership Awardee. Betsy is recognized as part of a 37-person cohort of women executives selected out of more than 320 nominations.

#### Feet on the Ground: Ayana Bellamy



Ayana Bellamy, the Sr. Director of Federal and State Housing Programs at PathForward, wears many hats in her commitment to ending homelessness in Arlington.

"This will be my second year as Chair of the Executive Committee of Arlington County's Continuum of Care (CoC)," Ayana explains. The CoC is a year-round planning body of

Under Betsy's leadership, the organizational budget grew from \$4.5M to \$6M. In addition to expanding the mission, staff, and budget, she has made Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DIEB) a top priority, developing an internal task force made of staff members whose goal is to create equity within PathForward's workforce. PathForward congratulates Betsy on receiving this prestigious award. Read the press release here.

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representative stakeholders in the community's work towards ending homelessness. "Before being on the Executive Committee, I chaired the housing committee. From there I just moved up."

Ayana faced a similar journey with PathForward: she first joined the staff 13 years ago as a Permanent Supportive Housing Case Manager. From there she worked her way up, to not only becoming a leader in the organization, but also in the community.

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# Join the Infolock Open to Support PathForward





When: September 13, 2023 Where: Laurel Hill Golf Club 8701 Laurel Crest Dr. Lorton, VA 22079

For any questions about the event, please reach to Nina Alomar at nalomar@pfva.org.

Register Here

PathForward in the Community

PathForward Partner
David Guas Recognized at
Arlington Cares Event



This past June, PathForward's Scott Miller attended Pride with the Police at Freddie's Beach Bar. The event was held at the end of June and was a great opportunity for PathForward to celebrate Pride with many other incredible community partners in Arlington.

PathForward is always happy to be involved in the community, whether that be for a Walk to End Homelessness, a fundraiser with a local business, or an educational Listen 'N Learn to discuss homelessness in Arlington.

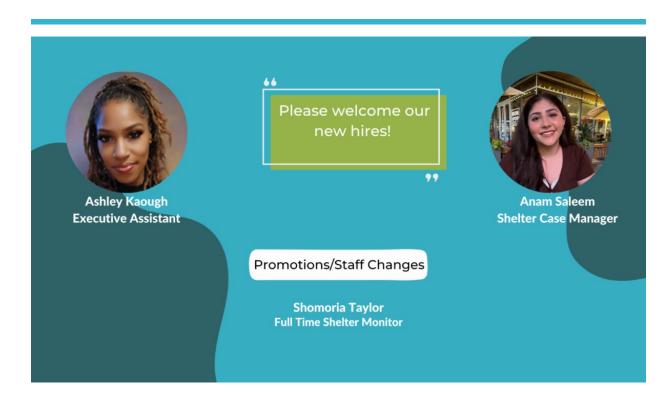
If you would like to learn more about putting together an event with or including PathForward, please reach to us at admin@pfva.org



PathForward would like to congratulate Chef David Guas and his restaurant Bayou Bakery for being awarded the Distinguished Corporate Service Award at the annual Arlington Cares Event hosted by Volunteer Arlington.

David Guas is a longtime friend of PathForward. Bayou Bakery is located just a block away from the homeless service center, and twice a week the restaurant donates baked goods to PathForward's kitchen. For PathForward's No Place Like Home celebration, David Guas auctioned a private in-home multi-course dinner for six.

PathForward is proud of Chef David Guas for his accomplishments! He is truly deserving of this honor as he does so much for our community.



# PathForward is Hiring!

Explore Our Job Opportunities

#### Participate in the Homeless Bagged Meal Program



Did you know that PathForward provides over 20,000 bagged meals each year to individuals experiencing homelessness? Over half of those bagged meals are donated from our incredible volunteer base.

Summer is a time when we see a steep decline in the number of donations for this vital program. Did you know that this is a fun group volunteer activity that is perfect for groups of all ages and sizes? Whether it's a sport group or a work event, we can provide the groundwork to make the volunteer activity a fulfilling opportunity for everyone.

If you are interested in learning more about the bagged meal program, please email Nina Alomar at nalomar@pfva.org.

# Donations Needed for PathForward's Medical Program



The health and safety of our clients is a top concern as air quality continues to fluctuate and the temperature increases. PathForward's medical staff is requesting liquid IV, water bottles, and Boost.These items can all be found on the Amazon wish list.

While the weather may be hot, PathForward is already preparing for hypothermia season. We are asking for blanket donations earlier than usual to ensure that everyone has a warm place to sleep during the coldest time of the year. We accept new and very gently used twin, full, and throw blankets, and have a loading dock at the Homeless Service Center that makes drop-off easy.

The final request is for Metro cards. The Metro train and busses are the primary way most PathForward clients get to their jobs, doctor's appointments, and grocery shopping. Metro Cards provide them with the freedom and independence of transportation.

For more information on how to donate and drop-off items, please email admin@pfva.org

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