



JULY 2014 eNEWS



**FROM KARI GALLOWAY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** *In 1974, a Federal parolee, Betty McConkey, founded Guest House. "I have a real concern to help those who have been in prison," she said. "So many of them are repeaters because no one cared." We believe Betty would be proud to see her legacy--thanks to your great support. Please stay with us! [Click box \(left\) for anniversary features.](#)*

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**STEFANIE:** When Stefanie was a child, she carried "a little Snoopy notebook in my pocket all the time and I journaled everything." She was an avid reader as well. Both passions--writing and reading--stayed with her. They accompanied her ... [Read more.](#)

**OPRAH WINFREY TOUR SPONSOR SELECTS GUEST HOUSE AS A FEATURED LOCAL NONPROFIT**

**"Oprah's Message of Courage and Empowerment"**

Friends of Guest House is one of 11 mid-Atlantic area nonprofits to be promoted in conjunction with Oprah Winfrey's fall tour, [Oprah's The Life You Want Weekend](#). Giant Food, the tour's local sponsor, selected Guest House for our embodiment of "Oprah's message of courage and empowerment." [Read more.](#)

**VA VOTING RIGHTS FOR "REHABILITATED FELONS"**

**Policies Amended, Effective April 21**

Governor Terry McAuliffe signed into law amendments to Virginia's Restoration of Rights Policy, which controls the process by which rehabilitated felons can have their voting rights restored. [Read more.](#)

**IN THE MEDIA**

**ABC7/WJLA Short Feature on Guest House**

ABC's greater Washington affiliate visited Guest House and aired this feature story on May 7. [View video here.](#)

**"Second Chance Act Proves Its Worth"**

Editorial of interest, from The New York Times (June 27): "With corrections costs exceeding \$60 billion a year, state and local governments are rightly focused on making sure that newly released prisoners stay out of jail instead of coming back in through a revolving door." [Read here.](#)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FRI. & SAT., SEPT. 19-20 \*  
OPRAH'S THE LIFE YOU WANT WEEKEND**

An inspirational weekend led by Oprah Winfrey and featuring other "life trailblazers." DC metro area event at the Verizon Center.

[More info here.](#)

[Tickets here.](#)

CONGRATULATIONS! THANK YOU! AND MORE ...

Thank You for being there for us

Above from "40 Years" poster by Guest House clients. [View here.](#)



NVAL members present gift to Guest House at June 2014 luncheon.

## Thank You, Northern Virginia Alliance League!

On June 2, the [Northern Virginia Alliance League](#) (NVAL) presented a generous gift of \$27,500 to Friends of Guest House: "to help Northern Virginia women make successful transitions from incarceration back into the community." [Read more.](#)

## Old Presbyterian Meeting House Gala Celebrates 40th Anniversary of Guest House

On Tuesday evening, April 29, the Old Presbyterian Meeting House (OPMH) held a gala event honoring the 40th anniversary of Friends of Guest House. OPMH has supported Friends of Guest House since its first contribution (\$50) in 1977: just three years after our founding. [Read more.](#)

## June 8 "Friendraiser" for Guest House

On Sunday evening, June 8, Heidi Daniel and Phil Meany opened their Arlington home for a "friendraiser" for Guest House. Co-hosting the event were Barb and Steve Huntoon and Nina and Andy Bacas. They called the event *Raising a Glass to Guest House*. "This is not a fundraiser; it's an opportunity to learn more." [Read more.](#) ... [Learn about hosting your own "friendraiser" here.](#)

## SAT., OCT. 18 \* AFTERCARE PROGRAM GRADUATION

A graduation ceremony and small reception for the women who recently completed our Aftercare Program: this year, our largest "class" yet! All are welcome. [Email us for more info.](#)

## FRI., NOV. 7 \* ANNUAL FALL BENEFIT FOR GUEST HOUSE

"40 Years of Transformations": Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Guest House. Reception, auction & more--benefiting the work of Guest House. [More info here.](#)

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## OUR WEBSITE

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