

Going Greener with Trees for Capitol Hill

Capitol Hill's urban forest took a giant leap forward with the annual fall planting event (Nov. 21) organized by Trees for Capitol Hill Inc. (TFCH). A crew of TFCH volunteers escorted the Merrifield delivery truckload of 18 trees through the neighborhood. At each stop they helped wrestle the trees into holes pre-dug by the neighbors, then righted them, cut away their wrappings, back-filled the soil and topped them with mulch. The Capitol Hill Garden Club (with a grant from ANC 6A) provided bulbs that were planted around the root balls. Long before the trees leaf-out in May, those daffodils will be on duty, reminding passersby that winter can't last forever.

Tree lovers of all stripes will be pleased with the new arrivals, especially those not often seen on Capitol Hill, including the impressive Dawn Redwood across the street from 1364 Constitution Ave. NE and its dainty neighbor, the Chinese Fringe Tree, a half a block east at 1402 Constitution Ave. NE. As fascinating as they are, they will not be half as well-loved as those planted on the Maury Elementary School playground. In the late '80s, a lone oak was planted during a previous TFCH planting extravaganza. In the years since it has been the only source of shade – a real hardship for the summer program at the school. But it is now flanked by two Chinese Pistache trees -- known for their will to live and their splendid fall color -- planted with great enthusiasm by the Maury family. The youngest helpers made a promise to “love, water, and protect” the trees –so they should enjoy a long and leafy life.

TFCH is joined in its efforts by the North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association (NLPNA) and the Capitol Hill Community Foundation, which contributed to the purchase of the trees. – Submitted by Elizabeth Nelson, who can be reached at Elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com.



Maury family and friends plant a Crape Myrtle in front of the school.



2009 Christ Church quilt

bulletin board

Christ Church St. Nicholas Dinner and Silent Auction

On Dec. 5, Christ Church + Washington Parish, 620 G St. SE, will hold its annual St. Nicholas Day Dinner and Christmas Sale. The Christmas Shop opens at 5 p.m. and will feature live flowering plants, baked goods and a silent auction of unique themed gift baskets. During the evening, St. Nicholas will visit with gifts for the children, and there will be a raffle and drawing for the hand-stitched Sousa quilt made by the Christ Church quilters. Raffle tickets for the quilt will be on sale at the event, six for \$5, or \$1 each.

The Christmas Shop opens at 5 p.m. At 6:30, a festive holiday dinner will be served. Tickets are \$25 for adults, children 12 and under are free. From 5 p.m. until 6:30, the children will be entertained by a movie while the parents shop. For more information call 202-547-9300 or visit www.washingtonparish.org.

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Capitol Hill Quilters and the Quilting Party

The Christ Church + Capitol Hill Community Quilters Extraordinaire have been making quilts as part of the fundraising activities of Christ Church+Washington Parish since 1984. Each quilt takes nine to 12 months to complete, then the quilt is raffled at a drawing during the annual Christ Church St. Nicholas Dinner and Auction. This year the dinner and auction is on Dec. 5. Proceeds from the raffle support an outreach effort selected by the quilters, most recently the Millennium Development Goals to cut global poverty in half by 2015 and Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. Raffle tickets are available for a suggested donation of \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5. The theme of the 2009 Christ Church quilt is John Philip Sousa, who was director of the Marine Band from 1880 to 1892, a member of Christ Church and is buried in Congressional Cemetery. The idea for the Sousa Quilt comes from the title of one of

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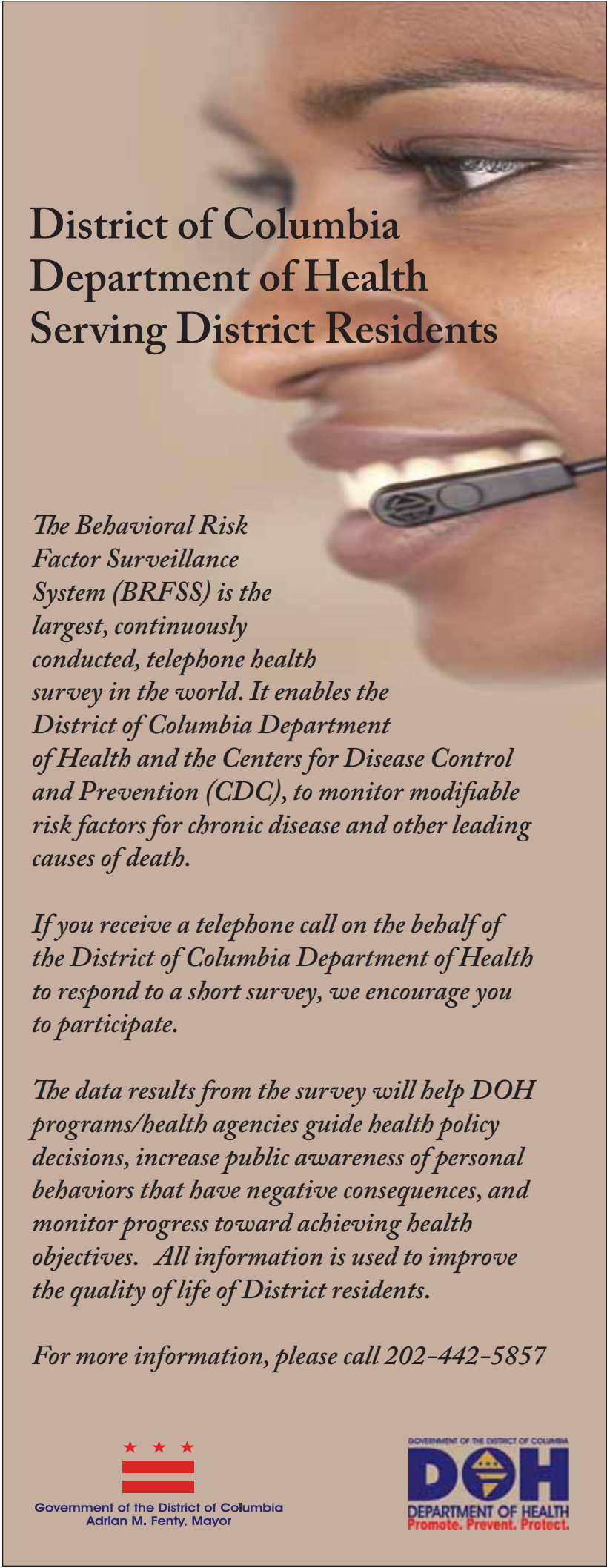
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The data results from the survey will help DOH programs/health agencies guide health policy decisions, increase public awareness of personal behaviors that have negative consequences, and monitor progress toward achieving health objectives. All information is used to improve the quality of life of District residents.

For more information, please call 202-442-5857



Self Portrait: The Copper-Toned Black Man Carrying One Thousand Years on My Palette, City of Tlacotalpan / Autorretrato: El negro cobrizo cargando mil años en mi paleta, La ciudad Tlacotalpan. Credit: Ignacio Canela (b. 1950), 1999, oil on linen / óleo sobre lino, National Museum of Mexican Art Permanent Collection. Photo: Michael Tropea.

The African Presence in Mexico From Yanga to the Present

On view at the Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum through July 4 is a traveling exhibition developed by curators Sagrario Cruz-Carrettero and Cesáreo Moreno at the National Museum of Mexican Art in Chicago. The exhibition looks at the history, culture and art of Afro-Mexicans, and begins in the colonial era and continues to present day. Included in the presentation is the companion exhibition, "Who Are We Now? Roots, Resistance and Recognition" curated by Elena Gonzáles. Highlights of the exhibition include "casta" paintings – paintings used to delineate racial categories and the ever-increasing complexity of racial mixture; discussions of African slavery in Mexico and the hero/slave rebel Yanga; artifacts related to the traditions and popular culture of the Afro-Mexicans; and many paintings, masks, photography and other works of art. Open daily from 10-5 p.m. except for Dec. 25, the museum is free and located at 1901 Fort Place SE. Visit anacostia.si.edu or call 202-633-4820 for exhibition and public program information.

Sousa's marches. The Quilting Party march was written in 1889 when Sousa was still directing the Marine band (and, we presume, attending Christ Church). It is unique among Sousa's marches in that it has never been published. The march is a pastiche of popular tunes, including "When a wooer goes a-wooing" from Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Yeoman of the Guard* and "Dinah's Quilting Party," a popular minstrel tune of the day. Each unique quilt block is made in some combination of blue, red, green, gold, beige and charcoal black. The background and border of the quilt is grey and black with red trim. The 2009 quilt is queen size, approximately 80 by 100 inches.


The Christ Church Quilters meet at 7:30 p.m. most Monday

nights in the upper room of the Parish Hall at 620 G St. SE, Washington, DC. Sewing experience or Christ Church membership not required. For more information about the quilters or raffle ticket availability, contact the quilter co-chairs – Linda Mellgren (202-690-6806) or Andrea Harles (202-547-3288).

Ward 6 Youth Needed to Produce Videos to be Shown at Human Rights Art Festival

Filmmaker Michael Mack of the Southwest Washington arts-based group JumpStart Media (JSM) – which will use video production to teach life skills such as reading, writing, teamwork, communication and problem solving to at-risk youth in Ward 6 – has announced that

JSM still needs 10 to 12 Ward 6 youth for the project. Mack has just arranged for a screening of the participants' films followed by an audience discussion with them at the Amnesty International USA Human Rights Art Festival in April 2010 in Silver Spring, Md. The details for this event will be available on the festival website www.humanrightsartfestival.com by the end of December. The JumpStart Media project is the recipient of a \$30,000 grant from several partner groups participating in the "Coalition Building for Youth Delinquency Prevention and Intervention" awards. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St. SW, will provide space and volunteers.



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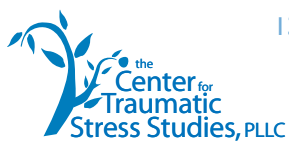
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For further information and for teens interested in participating in JumpStart Media, contact Michael Mack at michaelgmack@yahoo.com.

Capitol Hill in Photos Past and Present

The Capitol Hill Restoration Society (CHRS) has invited Colleen McKnight, special collections librarian with the Kiplinger Research Library, and local historian Cindy Janke to share Capitol Hill photos from The Historical Society of Washington with the community, Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m., at St. Peter's Parish Hall, Second and C streets SE. Come see historic photos showing Capitol Hill's street scenes, schools, churches and businesses. This is a chance to view vanished buildings that many of us have never seen – St. Cyprian's Church, old Payne School, Providence Hospital and scenes from Rosedale. Free. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact CapHRS@aol.com, or 202-543-0425.

Third Annual Livable, Walkable Community Awards

Join Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells for the third annual Livable, Walkable Community Awards Dec. 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Eastern Market's North Hall (North Carolina Avenue and Seventh Street SE). Wells will recognize outstanding efforts of community members in the following categories: Livable, Walkable Neighbor Award (individual); Livable, Walkable Civic Organization Award (organization or group); Livable, Walkable Business Award (organization or group); Livable, Walkable Public Service Award (government employee). There's still time to vote – nominations for this year's awards close Nov. 30. Visit www.tom-

mywells.org to vote and to learn more about the awards. Food and drink provided. Suggested donation of \$10 to support the Ward 6 Constituent Services fund.

Learn How to Go Solar!

The Capitol Hill Energy Co-op is helping homeowners find out how to get started with solar energy. Did you know that DC and Federal incentives can pay for up to 70 percent of the project cost? Did you know that many systems will pay for themselves in less than five years? The first set of co-op members are moving forward with solar panel installations on their roofs this spring. The co-op has worked with the DC Department of Environment to streamline the application process for getting renewable energy rebates and has also formed a partnership with several solar companies to provide competitive bids and preferred prices for co-op members. Come to the co-op's meeting on Dec. 8, 7 p.m., at the Capitol Hill United Methodist Church (421 Seward Square SE) to have all your questions answered and sign up for solar site assessments. This meeting is specifically for those that are just starting to explore solar energy. Come learn how to lower your energy bills and your carbon footprint. To sign up for e-mail updates on the project, visit www.capitolhillenergycoop.org. Contact Michael Barrette with any questions at michael.barrette@verizon.net.

Holiday Used Book Sale Set for Southeast Library

Friends of Southeast Library will stage its last book sale of the year – a special holiday event featuring hundreds of almost-new works of fiction and non-fiction – on Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Whatever your genre of

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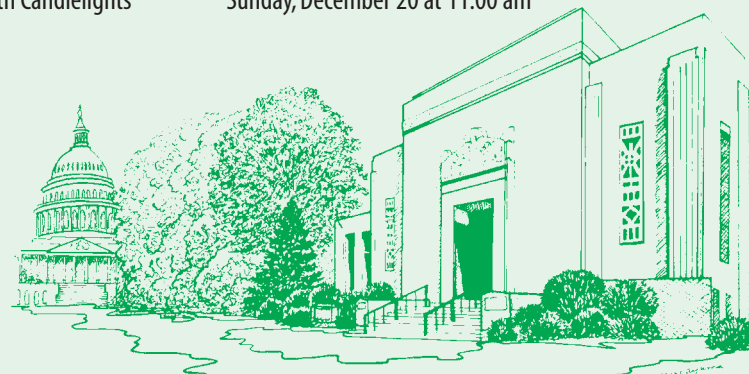
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Proceeds from the sale are directed mostly to enhancing children's programs at the library. The newest FoSEL-supported activity is a Saturday morning reading session where parents and children learn to read together. The families have breakfast (doughnuts and coffee for the adults; juice and cereal for the kids), and the books are theirs to keep. Called Sing, Talk and Read (STAR), the pre-literacy program was developed by librarian and educator Saroj Ghoting to teach parents the seven pre-literacy skills that children need before they learn to read. FoSEL also is funding the Saturday Breakfast Club at Anacostia Neighborhood Library.

Southeast Library is located at Seventh and D streets SE, at the Eastern Market Metro station. 202-698-3377, www.dclibrary.org.

Third Annual Fundraiser for Heifer International

Heifer International's third annual fundraiser to address

world hunger will take place Dec. 12, 8 p.m. to midnight, at Eastern Market's North Hall. There will be a \$10 charge per person at the door; price of admission includes two drink tickets. The event also will include a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, entertainment, dancing, food and a lot of fun. With millions of people around the world now chronically hungry, Heifer's unique mission is needed on a greater scale than ever. Please check them out at Heifer.org, and if you won't be able to make it to the party, please consider donating to the cause. Dress to impress.

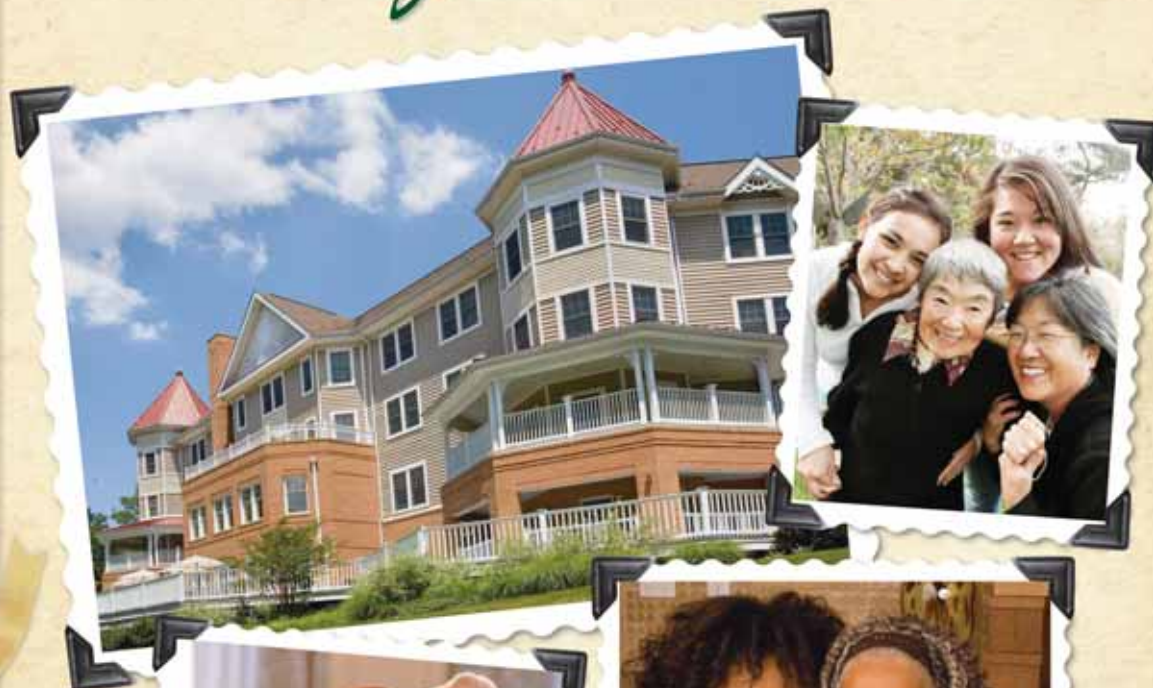
**Lower 8th Street
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Meetings**

The Lower 8th Street SE Vision Process Advisory Committee invites the public to attend and participate in a series of community meetings regarding a vision process for the Lower 8th Street SE corridor (also known as Lower Barracks Row). The meeting schedule is Dec. 15 and Jan. 19 at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. each day, in The Peoples' Church, located at 535 Eighth St. SE. These meetings will serve as a community participation process to gain consensus on a vision for the area and to address issues that might impact achieving the vision while respecting the historical fabric of the neighborhood. Find out more at <http://lower8th.blogspot.com/>

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I chased him but he was too fast and got away. The police were on the premises but didn’t catch him in time. There were plenty of witnesses and a report was made.

Here’s what I’ve learned from the police:

- 1) There are thieves roaming on the Metro. Be extra vigilant with your belongings, especially with your cellphones. It may be a public place and it feels relatively safe, but don’t be fooled.
- 2) A thief will observe the car, strategize how to steal and escape, and find a victim who isn’t as alert as he/she should be with the handheld mobile device.

An iPhone is a hot commodity. It may have many wonderful useful applications especially Kindle for iPhone (which was what I was doing...reading an e-book) and games, but my advice is to just bring your old fashioned book or a puzzle that requires a pencil if you need to pass time while riding and keep your iPhone out of sight.”

membership rates are \$96 per year or \$30 a month, plus a \$20 annual administration fee. In addition to parking, Bikestation, on the west side of Union Station, offers rentals, repairs and retail accessories. Bike and Roll, a local bike rental company, will operate the center. Visit www.bikeandroll.com for more information.

Save H Street Shuttle Funding

Funding for the free H Street Shuttle is up for renewal, and Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells has been working hard to make sure the H Street Cooperative receives the money it needs to keep the shuttles running nightly. The H Street Shuttle is a free shuttle that runs each evening from 5 p.m. until the Metro closes, which means midnight Sunday through Thursdays and 3 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. It runs along H Street with limited stops beginning in Chinatown by the Gallery Place Metro stop and ends at the Minnesota Avenue stop. Ridership on the shuttle has steadily increased since its debut in January of 2009. It has become an easy way for customers, patrons and staff to get to H Street and helps reduce the number of cars parked on nearby residential streets. The corridor is undergoing a dramatic streetscape renovation which will eventually result in a beautiful H Street, but the construction has further reduced

(the already limited) street parking and increased aggravation for drivers. Learning from similar projects in other areas of the city, the shuttle was introduced before major work began and has been a vital way to keep patrons coming here during this challenging time.

Councilmember Well’s chief of staff, Charles Allen, has recommended that concerned citizens contact Valerie Santos, deputy mayor for planning and economic development, to let her know how important the shuttle is to the whole community. Santos is the key decision maker. Her e-mail is Valerie.SantosYoung@dc.gov. Allen has asked that e-mails to Santos include a “cc” to Tommy Wells at twells@dccouncil.us.

Volunteers Needed for Mayor’s Turkey Giveaway

The District is looking for volunteers to assist with “Miracle in the Nation’s Capital” – the distribution of 10,000 holiday meal baskets for families-in-need living in the District of Columbia – which takes place Dec. 3, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., at the DC Armory. Volunteers are needed for the following shifts: 6-9 a.m., 9-noon, noon-3 p.m., 3-6 p.m., 6-9 p.m. DC Armory, 2001 East Capitol St. SE. To register, send an e-mail with contact information and shift preference to volunteer@dc.gov. Trainings will be provided leading up the event; vol-

unteers are needed for a variety of duties.

Thanks for Giving!

Once again, Moms on the Hill, in an effort coordinated by Meg Shapiro, has pulled together to donate 60 full Thanksgiving meals, PLUS 13 extra \$20 Safeway cards, PLUS eight boxes of surplus food in excess of the baskets, towards the Capitol Hill Group Ministry's Thanksgiving baskets this year. A special thanks to Marvelous Market and their team for letting MOTH collect and store the goods there. And a special thanks to those moms, dads and kids who came out on Sunday to help assemble the baskets. Looking back through the seven years MOTH has done this, if each basket contains food for about four people, and 25-60 baskets have been donated each year, that means 1,360 people in our Hill community have been fed.

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recently named two Washington-area professionals to a new class of its prestigious World Peace Fellows, making the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill the only club in the world to sponsor four fellows at once.

The Rotary Foundation granted 60 students fellowships to study peacemaking and conflict resolution at six Rotary Centers for International Studies located at leading universities in England, Japan, Australia, Argentina and the United States.

The Rotary World Peace Fellows are selected every year in a globally competitive process that begins when they apply through one of more than 33,000 local clubs like the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill. Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to peace and international understanding through their personal, academic and professional achievements.

Of this year's class, two are from the Washington, DC, area, and join two other Peace Fellows from last year who are sponsored by the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill.

Local fellows selected for the 2009-2011 class include:

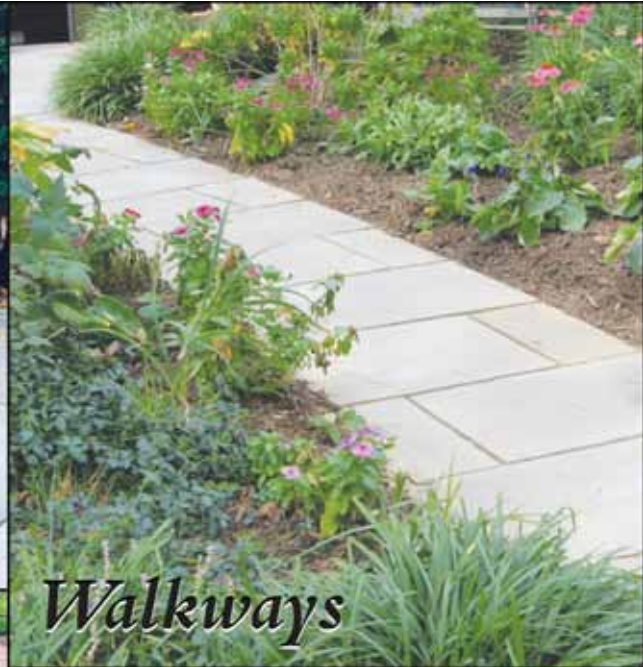
- Mark Flanigan, a watch officer for the Department of Health and Human Services, who will attend International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan from 2010 to 2012, and earn a Master of Arts in International Studies Peace and Conflict Resolution.
- Annalise Romoser, associate director of Public Policy at Lutheran World Relief (LWR), who will attend the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia from 2010 to 2012, and earn a Master of Arts in International Studies Peace and Conflict Resolution.

Local fellows selected for the 2008-2010 class include:

- Tazeen Zehra, a resident of Capitol Hill, a development officer at the International Center for Religion and Diplomacy, who will attend Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, in the winter of 2010, and earn a certificate in conflict resolution.
- Jake Kurtzer, a congressional advocate at Refugees International, who will attend the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia, from 2010 to 2012, and earn a Master of Arts in International Studies Peace and Conflict Resolution.

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