



March 24, 2012 - More than 300 people came out to St Mary's Episcopal Church in Arlington, VA for a VOICE Action calling for a new commitment by the County Board to address the affordable housing crisis in the county.

VOICE 2012 Member Organizations

Alexandria

- Fairlington UMC*
- Grace Episcopal
- Old Presbyterian Meeting House
- St. Joseph RC

Arlington

- Arlington Presbyterian
- Faith Lutheran*
- Mt Olive Baptist*
- NOVA Catholic Community
- Our Lady Queen of Peace RC
- Rock Spring UCC*
- St. Charles RC
- St. Mary's Episcopal
- Unitarian Universalist of Arlington

Fairfax County

- Accotink Unitarian Universalist
- Bethlehem Baptist
- Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center
- Fairfax Presbyterian
- Good Shepherd RC
- Nativity RC
- NOVA Hebrew Congregation*
- Rising Hope UMC
- Salvation Army USA NoVA Corps*
- St. John Neumann RC
- St. Stephen's UMC
- Temple Rodef Shalom
- Trinity Presbyterian
- Unitarian Universalist of Fairfax
- Unitarian Universalist of Reston
- Voice of Mt. Vernon

Prince William Area

- Bull Run Unitarian
- Dar Alnoor Islamic Center
- First Baptist Manassas
- First Mt. Zion Baptist
- Georgetown South Comm. Council
- Holy Family Catholic
- Mt. Olive Baptist
- Sacred Heart RC
- St. Francis RC
- St. Paul UMC
- St. Thomas UMC

**Exploratory Members*



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2012 Highlights

- Winning \$90 Million to address the foreclosure crisis in Prince William
- Securing a full-time dentist for low income residents in Western Fairfax County
- Launching a Youth Investment Campaign along Fairfax County Richmond Hwy
- Improving Senior Programming in McLean/Falls Church
- Preserving Affordable Housing along Columbia Pike in Arlington



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Who is VOICE?

VOICE is Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement

VOICE believes that people working together have the power to change their communities and their country for the better. Drawing on the proven power of person-to-person organizing, our work transforms communities and builds the local power necessary to create local, regional, and national change.

VOICE is a broad-based organization of almost 50 faith congregations and community organizations. Christian, Jewish and Muslim, new immigrants and longtime citizens, Republicans, Democrats, and Independents, we are over 125,000 strong in Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax County and the Prince William area.

We are Northern Virginians who love our region and our commonwealth. We seek to usher in a *New Dominion of Justice and Participation*.

Our Work in 2012

Members of VOICE develop relationships across race, class, political party and faith to identify problems in our community that we can fix if we work together. Through research, relationships, and collective action we are able to win on tough issues. VOICE transforms lives, strengthens communities and creates change you can see.

Holding Banks Accountable for the Foreclosure Crisis

Since launching a campaign to hold Bank of America, JP Morgan Chase, and General Electric accountable for their roles in the foreclosure crisis in Prince William, VOICE organizing & negotiations have secured:

- **\$1.67 million** for non-profit housing counselors in Prince William;
- **\$25 million** invested in neighborhood stabilization & affordable housing;
- Commitment for a **pilot “credit restoration” and new mortgage loan program** for 2,500 families who lost their homes during the housing crisis;
- **More than \$65 million** in principal and debt reduction through the National Mortgage Settlement.

Youth Organizing

- Renovation of Muddy Hole Park football field in South Fairfax County;
- First \$500,000 secured for synthetic turf fields at Mt Vernon & West Potomac High Schools;
- Nearly 100 soccer scholarships for Spanish-speaking children;
- Negotiations with Costco to ensure recreational investments in Audubon Mobile Home Park near Rt. 1.

Accessible Health Care

- Raised \$200,000 to fund a full-time dentist at the Northern Virginia Dental Clinic for two years to serve low-income residents in Western Fairfax County.

Seniors

- Won new seniors programming and a part-time staff person at the McLean Community Center.

Affordable Housing

- Held a 300-person action and organized to ensure that the Columbia Pike Land Use and Housing Plan preserved 100% of market rate affordable housing along the pike in Arlington County.



VOICE's 2013-2014 Strategic Priorities

Community Action

- Secure Funding for Housing Reinvestment in Prince William
- Initiate 300-unit affordable housing pilot in Prince William area
- Bring home Route 1 Youth Investment Victory (new athletic & recreation fields, after-school programs, new recreation center)
- Win 200 units of new affordable housing (< 50% AMI) on public/non-profit owned land with dedicated revenue in Arlington
- Preserve 200-300 units of housing affordable for low-wage families in Central & Western Fairfax.
- Win quality programming for seniors in McLean & Falls Church and launch a targeted senior transportation campaign.
- Launch affordable housing organizing drive in Alexandria.
- Organize for just & accountable Comprehensive Immigration Reform.
- Expand organizing with immigrants to address local issues (housing, schools, jobs, etc).
- Explore education & veterans organizing in Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, and Prince William.

Building & Broadening VOICE's Power

- Broaden organizing base to build more power in Fairfax County.
- Increase capacity for organizing in immigrant communities.
- Build on successful local actions to recruit 10 new member institutions.
- Train 80-100 new leaders among immigrant communities, seniors, & young adults
- 20-30 primary leaders to regional and national IAF