Our Vision: To meet the needs of low- and moderate-income residents, HCA envisions an array of affordable housing that blends well with existing neighborhoods. HCA housing will be safe, attractive, environmentally sound, and affordable in perpetuity.

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Our Mission:

HCA has been an active participant in the community since 1986.

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Dear Friends,

As we introduce Housing Corporation of Arlington’s annual report in this milestone 25th anniversary year, we invite you to reflect with us on the affordable housing movement’s past and future. We welcome you to look back on the changes that have occurred over the last quarter of a century as well as forward to how we can continue to provide safe, efficient, affordable housing in vibrant, desirable communities.

HCA’s formation is not so different from many other grassroots organizations—we began meeting informally with a shared belief and value system. Despite the intervening years and the tumultuous economic landscape, the core principals established in 1986 remain with us today—to provide and advocate for affordable housing for low-income families and individuals while promoting social and economic diversity. Yet we are uniquely distinguished through the individuals we serve, the diverse and caring community that supports us, and our organizational vibrancy that has been able to adapt to reflect the community’s needs.

As stewards of this organization and individuals committed to this issue, we are thinking constantly about affordable housing, the lack of affordable housing in our most desirable communities, as well as the causes, effects and possible solutions to the problem. We recognize and affirm that affordable housing must be offered in suburban communities in order to sustain diversity and provide opportunities to people otherwise unable to enjoy all the benefits of living here.

In preparation for our 25th anniversary, we took a moment to review letters we received from our tenants and recipients of our Homelessness Prevention Programs. We were moved by what we read and could not help but notice the themes that emerged. A former client wrote, “I was in a terrible bind, and it means a great deal to them not only that help was available, but that it was delivered in such a way that they retained their dignity and pride and felt less alone. A former tenant wrote, “Hope is a finite source, and the provision of housing is one of the cornerstones of hope. Our work was to them not only that help was available, but that it was delivered in such a way that they retained their dignity and pride and felt less alone.”

We are immensely proud of the history and accomplishments of this organization. With the completion in 2013 of Capitol Square Apartments, HCA will own and manage 90 units of affordable rental housing; and, through our Homelessness Prevention Programs, we have provided emergency assistance, prevented homelessness, and stabilized more than 430 households with more than $755,000 in small private college averages (78% increase from 1980). The cost of a four-year private college averages $32,307, a loaf of bread costs $2.00 and a gallon of milk is $3.00. Energy crisis is named and responded to how we can continue to provide safe, efficient, affordable housing in vibrant, desirable communities.

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We offer our deepest appreciation to each and every one of you for being a part of our 25-year history. Housing Corporation of Arlington will continue to grow and thrive to meet the demands of a changing world. We look forward to continuing our 25-year history. We offer our deepest appreciation to each and every one of you for being a part of the community’s needs.

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