

Friends of Give Back Alexandria,

There are several ways for you to Give Back to Alexandria this week! Please see the **Upcoming Events** section to find out about more opportunities to get involved and support our partners and the greater Alexandria community.

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Co-Chairs, Give Back Alexandria

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Dine & Donate for Community Lodgings** – Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm-8:00pm at [Los Tios Grill](#) – Community Lodgings, a 2008 Give Back partner, will hold a restaurant night fundraiser to raise money for an exterior landscaping project at their Learning Center. 10% of the sales will be donated to the organization. Give Back will also be recruiting volunteers to help with a Work Day in April or May, coordinated through The Giving Circle of Alexandria.

**ABLE Social Event** – Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm-7:30pm at [Mango Mike's](#) – *What are you passionate about?* Homelessness, hunger, the environment, youth development, women, seniors, the arts, or civic involvement? Chances are there is a nonprofit organization or government agency in Alexandria that addresses your interest and needs your help. Meet fellow Alexandrians already serving on nonprofit committees and boards; join in conversation with others interested in serving; and get to know some nonprofit leaders who have opportunities for you to serve. You are welcome to come just to explore and ask questions or ready to volunteer. Registration is \$25/per person. Visit [www.ablealex.org](http://www.ablealex.org) to register.

**Alexandria Community Services Board & Friends of the Alexandria Mental Health Center Anniversary Celebration** – Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm-9pm at George Washington Middle School – A celebration of accomplishments and a rededication to the community. Food, music and prizes for the best 60's costumes. RSVP to [rhamowitz@gmail.com](mailto:rhamowitz@gmail.com) or call 703-683-2360.

**Spring for Alexandria 2009** – April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Spring for Alexandria is a three-day community wide event focusing on giving and service. Give Back will have a volunteer team for the Community Service Day on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Visit [www.springforalexandria.org](http://www.springforalexandria.org) for more information or email [brandi@givebackalexandria.org](mailto:brandi@givebackalexandria.org).



**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BUBBLES & BLUEGRASS** – Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm-9pm. Join us for live music, food, and drinks and help us raise money through our Everybody Wins auction. Funds will support our partner organizations. Tickets are \$35 each. Invitation coming soon. If you would like to get involved with the planning committee, if you have silent auction items to donate, or if your business is interested in sponsoring this event, please contact Brandi at [brandi@givebackalexandria.org](mailto:brandi@givebackalexandria.org).

### \*ABOUT GIVE BACK'S ORGANIZATIONS

#### FRIENDS OF THE ALEXANDRIA MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

[Friends of the Alexandria Mental Health Center \(FRIENDS\)](#) provides a safety net for families and individuals with mental illness, mental retardation or substance dependency who have limited resources and no family or friends to help them when emergency needs arise. Emergency needs include rent support, minor medical expenses, transportation, food, clothing, assistance with utility bills, and other quality of life activities.

#### THE READING CONNECTION

[The Reading Connection](#) (TRC) is dedicated to improving the lives of at-risk children and families by helping them create and sustain literacy-rich environments and motivation for reading. TRC conducts literacy programs in Alexandria-based shelters and nonprofits and provides reading activities and books to children and parents.

Give Back Alexandria, an initiative of the Alexandria Community Trust (ACT), is designed to educate, engage and empower the next generation of leaders and philanthropists to give back to those in need in Alexandria. Launched in 2004, ACT is a community foundation serving as a catalyst for increasing charitable investment and involvement in Alexandria. For more information about ACT, please contact 703-739-7778 or visit [www.actforalexandria.org](http://www.actforalexandria.org).

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