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Press Release

“Offering Hope and Homes to People in Need”

Hope in Handbags A New Purse Auction Event to Benefit Three Non-profit Organizations Providing Housing to People in Need in Harford County

Bel Air, Maryland – On September 17th, 18th and 19th, a Silent Purse Auction entitled HOPE IN HANDBAGS, will be held at the Bel Air Armory on Main Street.

The three organizations who will benefit from the event are Faith Communities and Civic Agencies United (FCCA), Harford Family House, Inc. and Harford Habitat for Humanity. These organizations are partnering to highlight the continuum of care they provide to those in need of housing in Harford County. FCCA offers a night shelter and day program to homeless men and women. Harford Family House offers a one-year transitional housing program to homeless families with children, and Harford Habitat for Humanity sells houses to those in need of affordable homes.

Their dream is to see homeless families in the FCCA shelter move into the transitional housing program at Harford Family House. After they have received case management support, the goal is to prepare them to build and purchase their own home through Habitat for Humanity. Part of that dream has already been realized as some Harford Family house clients have purchased Habitat homes.

The event will feature new and gently used designer and celebrity handbags, stuffed with gift certificates, tickets to events and other desirable items. Admission to the event is free and shoppers will have three days to bid on their favorite items or purchase discounted handbags at the cash and carry section.

Sponsorship opportunities are available and donations of handbags and items to stuff the bags are being sought. Purse donations can be made at the following locations:

Frito Lay:	800 Hickory Drive in Aberdeen 410-273-5821 before 8am
Rapid Refill:	15 E. Churchville Rd in Bel Air 410-836-9939
Remax of Bel Air:	620 S. Main St. in Bel Air 410-803-0900
The Bottomless Cup:	2017 Pulaski Hwy in Havre de Grace 410-939-4395
The Open Door Café:	528 Baltimore Pike in Bel Air- 410-838-4393

More than 20 committee members have been attracted to the event, most stating that the partnership between the agencies is both refreshing and encouraging.

The Executive Directors of the three agencies are available for interviews as are the committee chairpersons. Mary Chance, Director of Community Services in Harford County is the honorary chairperson of the Purse Auction event.

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