



2011 Top **TEN** Accomplishments

- 1** Successfully advocated for changes to Virginia's Social Host law to strengthen enforcement of the law. The General Assembly unanimously passed the language advocated by SAPCA and the revised law became effective on July 1, 2011.
- 2** Hosted an art exhibition called "Art Uniting People Event: A Celebration of Creativity and Mental Health" to draw attention to the importance of mental health and the negative effects of stigma for people with mental illnesses.
- 3** Launched Project Play to increase access to quality playgrounds for all children in Alexandria. This resulted in an assessment of all outdoor and indoor playspaces in the City, a community-participatory photo project on playgrounds, and Playground Spruce-Up Grants.
- 4** City Council passed a resolution to post smoke-free signs in our playgrounds, parks, and bus shelters.
- 5** Completed a Community Youth Mapping Project in the East End of Alexandria to better understand internship, service, work, and play opportunities for youth.
- 6** Hosted four events to highlight opportunities for healthy eating and active living -- the YoKid Challenge; Senior Health and Wellness Day; Olde Towne Dogge Walke/Walk a Hound, Lose a Pound; Top of the Town Walk Around.
- 7** Established a SNAP/Double Dollar Program at the Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market – the first farmers market to accept food stamps in Northern Virginia.
- 8** Collaborated with the Torpedo Factory to host a Mask Making Workshop in recognition of Mental Illness Awareness Week.
- 9** Established a broad-based community working group to review Alexandria City Public School System's substance abuse regulations and make recommended changes.
- 10** City Council passed a resolution that recognized the importance of breastfeeding, supported the right of women to breastfeed in public, and requested that the City Manager establish rooms for City employees to breast pump.