

Adelphi Friends Meeting
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Weekly Schedule:

Sunday:

Early Meeting for Worship 9:00 AM (except 3rd Sunday)
 Singing 9:45 AM
 Meeting for Worship 10:00 AM

Wednesday:

Meeting for Worship 7:30 PM

Monthly Schedule:

Second Sunday (Third Sunday in May, July and August):

Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business

Third Sunday: Singing begins at 9 AM

Fourth Sunday: Junior Meeting 10 AM

Fourth Sunday: Potluck at rise of meeting

Last Sunday: Newsletter submission deadline

Takoma Park Friends Meeting (Preparative) under the care of Adelphi Meeting

Every Sunday: Meeting for Worship 10:30 AM, at *Sangha*, 7014 Westmoreland Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912

An Alternative View of Iraq Autumn in Baghdad

Christian Peacemaker Team presentation, Sunday, February 6, 12:30 p.m., Bethesda Friends Meeting Edgemore Lane and Beverly Road, (2 block west of the Bethesda Metro station). Tom Fox, Power, People & Peace, Christian Peacemaker Team member, in Baghdad for four month in the fall of 2004 offers an alternative perspective on Iraq than the major media outlets, Tom Fox of Langley Hill Friends Meeting is just returned from a four-month tour in Baghdad with Christian Peacemaker Teams. Over the last year and a half, CPT has worked with Iraq human rights groups on concerns related detainee abuse as well as issues of medical and monetary compensation and other human rights violations. Sponsored by the Bethesda Friends Meeting Peace & Social Justice Committee

March Quaker Potluck & Dialogue

You are invited to attend a potluck and Quaker dialogue at 6:30 PM on Sunday March 6, 2005. Our Program this First Day is presented by *Kaye Pyle Of Friends Meeting of Washington who will talk about*, The “transnational” nature of the Salvadoran community and some of the implications for us as residents and as Quakers. The Washington metropolitan region is now the 7th most popular destination for emigrants arriving in the U.S.: 17% of the region’s population is foreign-born. Salvadorans make up 12% of these newcomers, but Latino groups also include Bolivians, Mexicans and Peruvians and others. The Salvadoran community here is the second largest in the U.S., behind Los Angeles. Kaye is the Representative to El Salvador for the Inter-American Foundation. This is an opportunity for fellowship among Quakers and attendees. Bring a dish to share; family members and friends are always welcome. Note: William Penn House is an alcohol and tobacco free facility. William Penn House is a Quaker center on Capitol Hill. We host groups and individuals who visit Washington to help make this a better world. We also host programs and seminars on peace and social justice issues and on Quakers, past and present. William Penn House, 515 East Capitol Street SE, Washington, DC 20003, Tel: (202) 543-5560 Fax: (202) 543-3814 e-mail: Office@WmPennHouse.org, <http://www.WmPennHouse.org>

Safe Haven will be at Adelphi February 27(1st Day) to March 5(7th Day).

Safe Haven is a program sponsored by local churches on a rotating basis to provide food and shelter to homeless men throughout the winter. Safe Haven is coming to Adelphi for the week starting 2/27. Assistance from volunteers in preparing food for meals and in sleeping over at the Meeting House will be greatly appreciated. Sign-up for volunteers will begin later in January. More details will be provided in forthcoming Silent Announcements, but if you have questions in the meantime, please contact Tom Skallerup, 301.587.9178, or e-mail <tskallerup@aol.com>.

Tutors needed

Dear Friends, To achieve the first goal of its work plan related to youth empowerment, the AFSC-DC Peace and Economic Justice Program is seeking tutors for the following subjects: math, science, and social studies. The goal is to provide our youth with a minimum of 1.0 hour of tutoring, while they are participating our other services. Some parents have raised a

concern that they would also like their children to be tutored while in our care. **When: Mondays and Fridays, 5:30 PM-6:30 PM or 6:00 PM-7:00 PM.** We need **5 people** with good knowledge of each subject. Please let me know if you could be of any assistance!

Sincerely, *Peta Ikambana, Director, MAR-AFSC- DC Peace & Economic Justice Program, 2211 14th NW, Washington, DC 20009, Tel: (202) 299-1050*

Weekend Camping – history, problems, and options

I have been asked to write something about the history, problems, and options for the future of Adelphi's weekend camping. I presented this to the January 2005 business meeting, although I will add a couple things I left out there.

In the mid-1950's, several meetings, including Adelphi, Bethesda, Sandy Spring, Washington, and the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Young Friends, decided to buy the property which now comprises some of the current Catoctin Quaker Camp property. The Catoctin Trustees were comprised of representatives (trustees) from each of these meetings, and often has had a Young Friend as a trustee as well. There have been several from Adelphi, including Harold Confer and myself.

The property was increased with various parcels which came up for sale on the boundaries of the camp at various times, though the Trustees, and later Baltimore Yearly Meeting, has not always been successful in acquiring them. It now comprises over 200 acres.

In the mid-1980's, it became apparent that the Trustees could no longer keep the camp out of debt or maintained as it should be. It was rented every summer to the BYM Camping Program, and also to meetings and other organizations in the spring and fall. The caretaker generally stayed in the infirmary at that time during the spring, winter, and fall. But there was always a shortfall on maintenance. The Trustees decided, after meeting with the BYM General Secretary, Presiding Clerk, Stewardship and Finance Committee, the Supervisory Committee, and the Camping Program Committee, to give the property to Baltimore Yearly Meeting. However, in order to do this, each meeting and the Young Friends who had given funds to make the original purchase, had to formally agree to do this without compensation. By 1990 this had been completed and Baltimore Yearly Meeting owned Catoctin Quaker Camp. I am not sure when the Property Management Committee was created, but Shiloh Quaker Camp was also being purchased by the Yearly Meeting, and this committee serves both camps, as well as Opequon Quaker Camp, which was leased again in 1997 or 1998 for the Arts Camp, which had begun at Sandy Spring Friends School in the summer, but had to move because the school decided to do other things with the school in the summer. Each camp has a site committee, which meets with the caretaker (Opequon does not have one, I believe) to determine what maintenance needs to be done to properly care for the camps.

Since then, Baltimore Yearly Meeting has done a lot of maintenance to Catoctin to catch up in maintenance, and also built the caretaker's cabin. It has changed the price structure, and rates have been continually raised in the last few years.

Adelphi has traditionally, as long as I have been here, tried to schedule Memorial Day Weekend and the third weekend in September as the two weekend camping dates at Catoctin. When I began to go with my children, and at least until the late 1990's, the weekends were well attended. Memorial Day Weekend would often have over 100 people attending, and the fall weekend, though comprising fewer people, was still very well attended. There have been a couple of times when we were not quick enough in making reservations and had to negotiate with the meetings (once with Sandy Spring and once with Bethesda) who made to reservations over Memorial Day to share the camp, but this did happen, and they were very successful. A couple of times we have altered the fall weekend. The reservations for 2005 have been made and the deposits paid.

I began doing the coordinating about 25 years ago, and have continued until this year, and have formally resigned as weekend camp coordinator. The meeting has tried various formats, including a camping and retreat planning committee, three coordinators, including one from Takoma Park, but the fact is, I have done most of the planning, advertising, coordinating meals, taking money, seeing that BYM is paid and making reservations, etc. Art has done much more than his share of cleaning up at the end of the weekends, although there have been many meeting folks who have put in more than theirs as well. We have been there almost every time, although we have missed a few of them.

Over the last few years, interest in attending the weekend camps has been declining, while prices continue to rise. I have been forced to raise prices as well, but that does not help when few attend. Last spring there were barely 15 people, and no one (as far as I know since I was unable to go) last fall. Adelphi still had to pay the minimum amount, though there was not enough money either time. The weekend camping has always been self-sufficient until recently, but it is not on a budget line. We used to have a great surplus, and we used this to keep prices down and to provide scholarships.

Before I begin talking about options, I want to talk about the winter retreats we had at a state park in Pennsylvania for several years. This was begun by Parker Snowe, whom some of you will remember. He was (and as far as I know still is), a member of the Youth Hostels, and through him we began going, over President's Day Weekend to the Ironmaster's Mansion Youth Hostel, continuing even after Parker had left the meeting. For several years, this too was very popular, but then again declined, and I finally stopped it. Yes, it was my decision, but no one except Dave Roberts, his daughter, and Art & I and my children were going. There was little point in continuing it. And to show that this was not a problem, NO ONE ever asked about it again.

There are several options, and the meeting will have to decide what it wants to do about weekend camping. The first,

and most obvious, is to forget the whole thing, and get our deposits back from BYM for 2005. I would hate this to happen, but if that is what the meeting wants, then this is best for it.

Another option is to only do Memorial Day Weekend, and not the fall weekend. We could get the deposit back for the fall one, leaving Memorial Day intact. This would still require the Nominating Committee to find a weekend camp coordinator.

Still another option would be to keep Memorial Day Weekend at Catoctin, but use Opequon for the fall one. The prices there are not as high, I believe, and it might be a nice novelty. It could be decided after that whether to continue that or not.

Except for the first option, the meeting could decide to put the weekend camping on budget, providing funds to cover the weekend if attendance is low, and also scholarships. The amount of this could be decided depending on how much the meeting and the treasurer thinks should be provided.

If there is a continuation of some kind, the camping coordinator(s) (or whatever committee is in charge) could also decide to revise the pricing structure. We have almost always (with a couple exceptions), charged per person per night (or day fee if no night was spent), and for each meal (different prices for different meals). People would sign up (or I would call people who were going and plead) to plan and buy ingredients for the different meals, and others would sign up later to help in the kitchen. Those who bought food were reimbursed by subtracting the cost from their fees or paying them if that was not enough. However, we did a potluck for one meal (Saturday evening) the weekend we shared with Bethesda, which was very successful, and the weekend after Isabel, some folks went up for the weekend providing their own meals. There may have been other instances, but I don't remember them.

These are all possibilities and maybe others can think of more. I will be glad to meet with committees, potential camping coordinators, or speak with anyone about this. If there is to be a camping coordinator, that person should be willing to go most of the time.

I do not plan to go again. The Outreach & Fellowship Committee (and some others), are going to discuss it before next business meeting, and it will need to be brought back soon anyway, if the meeting wants to get the deposit(s) back.

–Pam Tyng–

Friends Community School on Track to Open Fall 2006, By Peter H. Curtis

Friends Community School (FCS) expects to break ground for its new building about July 15 of this year according to an interview with Tom Goss, Head of School. He anticipated that the project will take about one year to complete, and that the school will open on its property just south of Westchester Park in the Fall of 2006. FCS will be constructing a one level building of approximately 25,000 square feet, a single playing field, needed access roads, and a parking lot for 37 cars. In total, the school will use between 7% and 8% of the 17.7 acres it owns. Most of the remaining land will remain in its current condition, including almost all wetlands and woodlands. The School will open with all grades K-8, and with an enrollment of about 175 students. While the occupancy permit lists a maximum enrollment of 200, Goss did not anticipate reaching that size for some time, if ever.

Nature of the building

Goss explained that, as a Friends school, FCS is building its new home to reflect Quaker principles of simplicity and good stewardship of natural resources. The building will be fully certified by the U.S Green Building Council as meeting the guidelines of its Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) program, likely at the "gold," or second highest level. For example, to maintain a very high level of energy efficiency, the building will employ straw bales as insulation. Straw bales are a safe, renewable resource which produce an extremely high "R" value when used as insulation, Goss noted. They have been used successfully in home construction nationwide, and in larger buildings in the Midwest and West, but this may be the first large building in the Middle Atlantic states to use this technique. Many other natural, energy efficient features, including a "green" roof will also be employed according to Goss.

Firms involved in the construction process

To construct its new home, the School has assembled a team of individuals and firms in a number of professions. The architects for the project are Peter Doo and Paul Dubose of the Baltimore firm of Hord, Coplan and Macht. Both Doo, the lead architect, and Dubose are fully LEED certified and have considerable experience with "green" buildings. FCS has selected the Columbia, Md. firm of Synthesis, Inc. to supervise the project as the owner's representative. Goss noted that this company has managed the construction of many similar buildings, as well as overseeing building of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation headquarters in Annapolis, the first major "green" building in this region. In early November, the architects, owner's representative and the School Board's Planning Committee finalized 100% detailed plans for the building. In December, after a thorough bidding process, Gilbane Building Company, whose regional headquarters are in Laurel, was chosen as the firm to manage the actual construction of the project. This company is a major builder of schools and related structures, with \$9.6 billion in projects now underway nationwide. They have extensive local experience, including construction of Comcast Center at the University of Maryland. Martin Sharpless, Mid-Atlantic Regional Business Manager for Gilbane, noted that while this project is smaller than many of those his firm undertakes,

“we believe that it is a jewel.” Its location and use of cutting edge environmentally friendly building techniques are both of great interest to Gilbane, he explained. The company wants to expand its share of the private school building market, and believes that “green” construction will be in increasing demand in all markets it serves.

Communication with neighbors

Goss emphasized that the School has stayed in regular contact with its neighbors, appraising all affected parties of its plans. Representatives of the School have met on a number of occasions with the several civic associations which represent different parts of the Westchester Park development. FCS has also made presentations at the Berwyn Heights and Greenbelt City Council meetings. Goss has met several times with Fred Cunningham of Greenbelt National Park, and with Gail Hazelwood, formerly of the Park and now Superintendent of National Capital Parks East. The School and the Park intend to work together on a number of joint interests and concerns. Recently the School submitted its detailed site plan to the Prince George’s County Planning Board for consideration, according to Lawrence Taub, FCS’ lawyer and a member of the local firm of O’Malley, Niles, Nylen and Gilmore. He also said that the process of obtaining the needed legal permissions to build the School is on schedule.

Cost of the project

Goss estimated that the School construction will cost between \$4.5 and \$4.8 million. A major capital campaign is well underway to defray much of this sum. Goss believes that fund raising will cover from 60% to 70% of construction cost. The balance will be paid through a mortgage from a local financial institution, Sandy Spring Bank. Goss concluded by emphasizing that the School, as its name indicates, has always been deeply concerned with serving the communities around it and being responsive to their needs and interests. A geographic move will not change this role, he said.

Peter Curtis is a member of the Board of Trustees, Friends Community School and a News Review staff member.

On Roots and Wings By Harold Confer

When the concept and proposal for Adelphi Friends Meeting to start a Friends School which came to be called Friends Community School (FCS) was made, there was no unity at the first business meeting. The reasons for opposition generally centered down to the call for our members to support public, not private education. It was noted that there were respected members of the meeting working full time in public education that found themselves on both sides of the issue.

While unity was never reached, those in opposition eventually agreed not to personally stand in the way of the enthusiastic supporters moving ahead. Over the two decades since FCS’ establishment, however, there have been strong undercurrents of opposition which I believe diminish the spirit of the meeting and the school. It is obvious that those in opposition continue to harbor feelings of having “lost” even though the meeting for business approved going forward.

My attempt in this essay is to explore two central spiritual concepts that inform and guide our lives as Friends, a Spirit-based people, and then to raise the question as to whether it is time to reach reconciliation with one another. This is especially important as we call for the resolution of the conflict in Iraq and simultaneously embark on a permanent home for FCS. If we cannot reconcile our differences one with another, on newspaper ads to the Arab world or as to the existence of FCS, we have little moral authority to call our nation into reconciliation and peace.

*Recently, a Canadian Mennonite-Quaker who has worshiped with us, Eric Schiller, sent me a wonderful book on the spirituality and practice of nonviolence entitled, *Allow the Water*, by Leonard Desroches. From this book I wish to share some of the power of its author as he speaks to me and, I hope, thee. I have highlighted quotes from his book in this essay.*

I was born into a Christian family. My dad directed the choirs of every church we attended and the whole family sang in his choirs. My mom came out of a strict evangelical tradition which I rejected but rediscovered when rebuilding arson-burned churches in the south. The language of the black church members was identical to the language my mom spoke and their music would have thrilled my dad. My roots in essence served me well as I led interfaith volunteers in not just a ministry of rebuilding but in a ministry of understanding the God-spirit behind these evangelical words and people. Likewise, these black evangelicals came to appreciate the Jews, liberal Christian Protestants and Catholics, even the openly gay and lesbian volunteers that came to help rebuild their houses of worship. We all came to appreciate the God within the other no matter our theological or faith differences.

We came to Adelphi Meeting and immediately transferred our membership from our home in Providence Meeting in Rhode Island. We put down roots and drank deeply of the spiritual resources in this meeting and its people. While I was working as the last civil rights lobbyist for the FCNL, June started working as a volunteer, PTA President and finally employee of our local public elementary school which continues to this day.

“Roots is stretching down to drink the rare, vital water, without which all life ceases. Roots are alive. Being rooted is not being cemented in place. Roots is having our feet somewhere—letting ourselves become part of a people, letting ourselves drink deeply of the life there.” (p.289)

I had always wanted to teach in a Friends School and while home from our first tour in Africa, another place in which we are rooted, we lived and worked at Pendle Hill and I went to Swarthmore and completed post graduate studies enabling me to earn my secondary school teacher certification in Pennsylvania and to get a job teaching back in Tanzania.

I never fulfilled that dream to teach in a Quaker school. By the time I applied, I had nine years teaching experience in

Africa and America and as one Quaker headmaster told me frankly, he could put two beginning teachers in his school for what he would have to pay me if he honored all my teaching experience.

My nine years' teaching were in adult education in a small village (Mpitimbi), an Episcopal Boys Secondary School (Minaki), the International School (IST) in Tanzania and the George West Middle School in Rhode Island. So it was a mixture of private and public schools. June also taught in Mpitimbi, at Minaki and IST and then gave birth to Asha and was a stay at home mom while I was teaching in Rhode Island. Since then her next three decades of work have been in the public schools of Washington, DC

“What’s crucial as a potential community is to become rooted in — and therefore capable of eventually falling in love with — a particular people.” (p. 289)

We fell in love with our Shepherd Park community with all of its urban problems and Adelphi meeting with its curious and sometimes contentious Quakers. When others in the meeting asked for an interest group to explore starting a Friends School, it was natural for June and me to put our names on the dotted line.

“Roots is where we find our validation.... If the roots are healthy we find our validation in friendship, community, simple beauty and simple pleasure.” (p. 290)

We found those roots at Adelphi in this meeting growing in the shadow of Washington, DC. With remarkable attenders, we worshiped together and deepened our corporate spiritual journey. As the school took shape and we tried to define an ongoing place for a traditional Friends “protected” education, as an alternative to the public schools which daily produced cannon fodder for the military machine, we inevitably came into conflict with those in the meeting who strongly supported public education and thought it would be much better if all our energy was put there. They, of course, ignored people like June and other meeting members who were already putting 150% of their time into public education.

“Roots is in a sense who I am, not just what I do. A sense of who I am regardless of what I do.” (p. 290)

If in our business process we had been able to hear each other better, perhaps we might have eventually reached unity, but we did not. As in many Quaker actions, the best we could achieve was the decision to move forward while a few stated they were not willing to stand in the way of this movement. It is still an unanswered question whether this was a wise resolution to our disagreements as it seems to still fester in our spiritual life.

The school began in the meeting house with the renovation of the White House not yet completed. To those of us on the school committee, at that point a standing committee of the meeting, this school was an expression of what we hoped this community could become as our young eagles stretched their wings and learned the skills to survive, fly and go back to the “real” world. This required a faith in our selected Head, Jane Manring, the teachers she gathered around her, and in ourselves as the Quaker mentors for the school.

“I see wings as expressing mysticism – a mysticism which gives us a vivid sense of the cosmic.” (p. 290)

Mysticism is part and parcel of Quaker worship and practice. From the first, silent worship was woven into each school day with a gathered meeting of the whole school community once a week. Imagine trying to argue for this in a public school setting. At FCS this grounding in Friends practice of silent worship has served to help many other parts of the school. It helped us establish a scholarship program, named for a dear young Friend of Adelphi who had an untimely death, Robin Blackburn. This program has grown to where many of the families who presently have kids at FCS get some measure of scholarship help.

The curriculum, as demonstrated by many of the 6th grade projects, I have found to be awesome. Typical was the young lady who became concerned with the reality of child labor which was many times slave labor in our time. She discovered a home for escapees started by a remarkable escapee himself. As she told the story, showed how these children sat for sometimes 16 hours a day making rugs which are then sold in America, shared her correspondence and research, she exposed one of the most compelling and heart rending stories I had ever heard a child tell, let alone a 6th grader. As a part of her project, she accepted cash donations which were then sent to support this home for these escaped young children, many younger than herself.

“Roots is the capacity to stay, to not run away from the many, many deaths of life. Wings is the capacity to let go into God.” (p.291)

I see this young student’s project as a part of her being rooted in a school that grew out of my worshiping community. What she did with that information and how she shaped opportunities for all of us to participate in the project of rescue and reconciliation showed the power of the wings she now wears.

A recent clerk of the Parent’s Association of the school confessed to my wife what a resource the school had become to her family. She said that the conflict resolution skills her son had learned at FCS were now adopted by the entire family when they had disputes. She used the phrase, “Our whole family has been transformed by this school.” This is not an uncommon experience to those who worship at Adelphi every first day.

A number of school families have come to worship at Adelphi, enriching not just the school but our own roots. A case in point, the family of Phil Martens and Janet Lichty. While Janet’s participation has been limited to worship due to her comprehensives and dissertation for her PhD in social work, Phil and the two children, Raina and Rex, participate fully in the life of the meeting. The kids are faithful attenders in First Day School and Phil, the son of Congolese Mennonite missionaries, is very skilled in modern computer technology. He volunteers one morning each week at FCS maintaining and enhancing their technology. He helped Ufufuo set up its website and faithfully maintains that and my writing in ministry

website as well. This family's roots and wings enrich both the meeting and the school.

The careful, prudent planning and careful vision that has gone into the gathering of resources to build our own green building is another expression of spreading our wings.

The reality of an anonymous donor, willing to match three for one individual gifts up to \$1.8 million says something about the power of this school and its roots coming out of Adelphi to inspire.

My ongoing concern for these two precious communities, Adelphi and FCS is that we find the power to continue to nurture our roots and work together to help our young eagles fly. We cannot effectively do that if there are undercurrents of those who feel their business processes were abused or that they were forced to accept an unwise decision. FCS, like all human institutions, is not perfect. It has made some decisions that in retrospect were unwise. People in this meeting have been hurt and those feelings also fester.

Desrosches says it clearly, **"We should not confuse the wonderful capacity to write or sing or paint about wings or roots with the capacity to actually live out these roots and wings in the day to day. We cannot really pass on to others...what we have feared to live ourselves."** (p. 288)

It seems to me that it is time for a community wide reconciliation between those who may have pushed a little too hard, made some unwise decisions and those who said they were willing to not stand in the way and then in undertones and grumbling have stood in the way ever since as well as those who feel they were unjustly treated.

Since FCS was established, we have endorsed a public school ministry at our new nearby Mother Jones School. We have an ongoing tutoring program, bring donations of book bags and school supplies and invite them to participate in our student support of Right Sharing of World Resources. June and many others at Adelphi continue to serve public schools in DC, Maryland and Virginia

If we cannot live and practice our own truth and reconciliation, we can hardly expect to pass on those ideals to the young eagles at FCS. The FCS logo of a happy child, hand in hand with an obvious elder, can be an artistic metaphor for our relationship, the meeting with the school. I remember as if yesterday, taking a former FCS student with me to a remarkable thirty minute conversation with Archbishop Desmond Tutu at Chandler School of Theology in Atlanta. To be able to sit at the feet of one of the greatest peacemakers of our century gave this child an incredible vision of how and why to stretch his wings. He will never be the same and will tell his children and grandchildren of his being able to be with this African saint because of his connection as a student at FCS.

This discernment in the process of reconciliation, I believe, will lead us to stretch both our roots and our wings. Instead of running away from Adelphi and FCS, we need to embrace that which we are tempted to run away from. FCS is clearly a child of this meeting. We have so many adopted children in our meeting families we have already demonstrated we do not believe in child abandonment. We need to help our young eagles in First Day School, at FCS and Mother Jones to stretch their wings using discipline and imagination. They are presently sinking roots into Quaker history, testimonies and peacemaking in the world. They are our children and our future.

God invites us all into this double stretch. Drink deeply and fly high. I pray for peace and reconciliation for us all as we fly together.

Harold Confer is a Member of Adelphi Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends and a founder of FCS.



The Quakerism continues to be well attended both in numbers and in interest.

Pictures from the last 2 months show Bill Samuel and Sharon Stout discussing "Two traditions: Quaker Universalism and Christ Centered Quakers"...

Help Refugees



Dear Friends,

I'm a 6th grader at Friends Community School and I'm doing my 6th grade project about refugee resettlement in the United States. Every year, refugees come to the United States from all around the world to start their new lives here. Since they had to leave everything behind from their homes, when they get here they have almost nothing.

As part of my project, I'm trying to collect donations and gather household items for a refugee family that I'm trying to help settle into an apartment here. They need things like:

- Clothes, especially warm things like coats
- Kitchen supplies – dishes, cookware, knives, silverware, etc.
- Sheets, blankets, pillows, towels
- Bathroom things — shower curtain, tooth brushes, toilet paper, soap, shampoo
- Toys and school supplies

If you have any of these things that you can donate, please bring them to me at Friends Community School, 4601 Calvert Road, College Park, MD 20740, Elizabeth's Class or send them to me at 8303 Rambler Drive, Hyattsville, MD 20783. If you have any questions please call me at 301-422-3916 or 301-474-7416.

If you would rather donate some money, I'll collect it and go shopping for things that the family needs.

Thank you for your kindness and help.

Ellie Payette-Reitz

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April 18 - Robin Huw Bowen

April 23 - Jimmy Gaudreau & Orrin Star

April 25 - Amelia Spicer

May 2 - Azalea City Records Showcase

May 9 - Tanglefoot

May 22 - Walt Michael & Friends - MCRC Benefit and more
to come...

Thank you and hope to see you there!

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Feb 28 - Andrew McKnight and Jonathan Byrd
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March 14 - IONA

March 21 - Bryan Bowers w. The Fleastompers opening

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