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**AHC's Role in Revitalization of Nauck Community Continues:  
The Shelton Adds 94 New Affordable Apartments;  
Macedonia Apartments Will Add Another 36**

**(Arlington, VA)** – AHC Inc., an affordable housing developer, celebrated the grand opening of The Shelton yesterday, 94 new affordable apartments at 3215 South 24<sup>th</sup> Street in the Nauck community. Half a block away on Shirlington Road, AHC is also about to begin construction of the 36-unit Macedonia Apartments, in partnership with Macedonia Baptist Church.

"AHC shares Arlington County's and local residents' revitalization goals for the Nauck community," said AHC President and CEO Walter D. Webdale. "Conveniently located near Shirlington, it is Nauck's turn for the kind of economic development that will improve the lives of all its residents and business owners."



County Board Chair Barbara Favola, Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) Executive Director Susan Dewey and long-time Nauck community leader Dr. Alfred O. Taylor Jr. echoed a similar theme at the ribbon-cutting event. County Board members Jay Fisette, Chris Zimmerman and Walter Tejada attended the opening, as well as Nauck Civic Association President Portia Clark.

In addition to 94 spacious apartments (3 efficiencies, 29 one-bedrooms, 47 two-bedrooms and 15 three-bedrooms), the four-story, U-shaped Shelton has a 10,000-square-foot enclosed courtyard and playground with raised beds of flowers and trees; a community center with resident services programs such as preschool and summer camp programs; an underground garage with 108 spaces to provide parking for visitors to the Nauck Commercial District; and retail space on the first floor that will be occupied by a nearby convenience store, which is moving to make way for the new "Town Square."

The apartments are affordable to individuals and families earning between 40% - 60% of the Area Median Income. Four units are ADA accessible and the rest are ADA adaptable. All feature Energy Star appliances and electric heat pumps.

Partners on the project included Arlington County, Bonstra/Haresign Architects, Harkins Builders, NeighborWorks, RBC Apollo Housing Capital, SunTrust Bank and the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA). The \$30 million project was financed by \$14 million in low-income housing tax credits, a \$10.8 million construction loan, a \$9 million permanent VHDA mortgage, a \$4.3 loan from Arlington County, and \$500,000 in AHC equity.

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*Photo: Arlington County Board Chair Barbara Favola cuts the ribbon with AHC staff, project partners and residents at the grand opening of The Shelton Apartments in Nauck.*