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**Macedonia Baptist Church Partners with AHC in Nauck's Revitalization:
The Macedonian Adds 36 New Affordable Apartments on Shirlington Road**

(Arlington, VA) – Macedonia Baptist Church, Bonder & Amanda Johnson Community Development Corporation and AHC Inc., an affordable housing developer, celebrated the groundbreaking for *The Macedonian* yesterday afternoon at the project site on Shirlington Road, along with more than 100 supporters, partners and local officials.

The project will add 36 new affordable apartments in the Nauck community and fulfills a long-term goal of the church to have a meaningful role in the neighborhood's revitalization. In April, AHC completed construction of The Shelton Apartments half a block away from *The Macedonian* site, adding an additional 94 new affordable apartments in the community.



County Board Chair Barbara Favola and Vice Chair Jay Fissette, Macedonia Baptist Church Pastor Dr. Leonard L Hamlin, Sr., Bonder & Amanda Johnson CDC Executive Director Jamilia Shipman, AHC President & CEO Walter D. Webdale, Nauck Civic Association President Portia Clark and community leader Dr. Alfred O. Taylor, Jr. turned over the first shovel of dirt on the new project. Congressman Jim Moran also stopped by between votes on Capitol Hill to show support for the project, as did County Board members Chris Zimmerman and Mary Hynes, and VA Delegate Adam Ebbin.

"The Macedonia Baptist Church is delighted to provide beautiful new affordable housing for the Nauck community," said Rev. Hamlin. "We are proud to be a part of the revitalization and development of Nauck through this project. As we have done with all of our other efforts, we remain cognizant of the need to preserve its rich heritage and historic significance in Arlington."

Nauck was settled before the Civil War by free blacks, who were later joined by freed slaves and former soldiers who became some of Arlington County's first black landowners.

The Macedonian will be a 36-unit, 100% affordable development, with 19 one-bedroom and 17 two-bedroom apartments. Thirty-two apartments will be affordable for households earning at or below 60% of area median income (AMI); four are committed to the Arlington County Supportive Housing Program for persons with disabilities making at or below 40% of AMI, with County subsidies paying the difference. Six of the 32 other apartments will be affordable to those earning 50% of AMI.

The building will contain two commercial office spaces that will house the Bonder and Amanda Johnson Community Development Corporation (BAJCDC) and a business incubator for start-up businesses. Special features include underground parking, balconies for all apartments, a business center, Energy Star appliances and Earth Craft (green design) certification. Macedonia Baptist Church will also offer services to residents and neighbors of the property through the Bonder and Amanda Johnson CDC; food distribution through its SHARE program; and other seminars and workshops for the Nauck community.

In addition to Macedonia Baptist Church, Bonder and Amanda Johnson CDC and AHC, partners on the project include Arlington County, Bonstra/Haresign Architects, Bozzuto Construction and the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA). The \$13 million project will be financed with AHIF/HOME funds, an Arlington County supportive housing grant, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, VHDA loans, owner funds and a deferred developer fee.

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Photo caption L to R: AHC President & CEO Walter D. Webdale, Nauck Civic Association President Portia Clark, Arlington County Board Vice Chair Jay Fisette, County Board Chair Barbara Favola, Bonder and Amanda Johnson CDC Executive Director Jamilia Shipman, Dr. Alfred O. Taylor, Jr., and Macedonia Baptist Church Pastor Leonard L. Hamlin, Sr. break ground for The Macedonian, 36 new affordable apartments at 2229 Shirlington Road in the Nauck community of South Arlington.