I am pleased to report that A-SPAN is better positioned today to support people who are homeless in Arlington County because we have emerged from the challenges of the past as a more extensive, better equipped organization. We have made great progress thanks to your support! The deep recession has left a growing number of people facing homelessness. Our numbers reflect that: the number of people we support has doubled from 760 in 2007 to 1,740 in 2010. A-SPAN’s mission is twofold: first we meet a person’s emergency needs, and then we work to stabilize them by getting them placed in housing, and by helping them increase their income through benefits or employment. We continue to grow our Permanent Supportive Housing Program to help our clients build long-term stability in their lives. The Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program has helped 44 households affected by the recession over the past year to either stay in their homes or get rapidly back into one.