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NOVA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Chair Notes.....

Always active in our commitment to community, November was a particularly busy month for NOVA. Here are but a few of the events we were a part of:



*After liturgy on November 3rd, the community held its annual Walk for the Homeless in support of A-SPAN.

*Hosted by John Tarrant and Marlene Shade, the community gathered to hear stories and view pictures from Mary Grace's recent stay in the South Sudan after liturgy on November 10th.

*Weeks of hard work and preparation made for a very successful Pre-Holiday Bazaar at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church on November 16th. The event raised over \$3,000 for the Dream Project.

*The DC-based Bluegrass group Hollertown played a benefit concert to support the Dream Project, November 23rd at the Barcroft Community House in Arlington. NOVA's own very talented singer-song writer Cecelia Cackley was the evening's opening act. A standing room only crowd turned out for a very fun evening of beautiful music that also included powerful testimonials from some of the Dreamers.



Most notable of all, was the passing of one of the cornerstones of the NOVA community, Sonja Donahue, on November 15th at the age of 83. Quinn Connors presided over a beautiful and heartfelt liturgy celebrating Sonja's life at Goodwin House on November 23rd. Sonja will be dearly missed by her family and the wide community of friends who loved her. Her spirit lives vibrantly on in NOVA's weekly liturgies and all of the ways that NOVA touches its community and our world.

Very best wishes to you and your families during this Christmas season!

~ Brian Carome

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