



Mayor Bill Euille and Brooke Curran pose after presenting a check to The Reading Connection Executive Director Courtney Kissell and Program Manager Stephanie Berman.

## Running with Gratitude

RunningBrooke (Brooke Sydnor Curran) hosted a grant reception in her home last Thursday, Jan. 24. Curran, a mom, marathoner and founder of the RunningBrooke fund raised \$75,000 in prize purses running in and winning marathons in 2012. Curran donated the money to five local charities that help children lead better lives: Child and Family Network Centers (CFNC), Girls on the

Run (GOTR), Community Lodgings, The Reading Connection, and ACT for Alexandria. Local sponsors include: Bonitt Builders, Pacers Events, McLaughlin/Ryder Investments, McGinn Investments, TJ Fannon & Sons, Mark G. Anderson Consultants. Since May 2009, the RunningBrooke fund has raised and donated more than \$110,000 for Virginia-based charities. Curran has run marathons on six continents and in 34 states.



Running shoes worn by Brooke when she ran 5:58 minute mile at Masters Track Tournament in 2009.

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Brooke Curran presents check to John Porter, executive director for ACT For Alexandria, as Mayor Bill Euille looks on.



Bonnie Baxley (center) explains services provided by Community Lodgings to Lisa Phillips-Jahnke (left) and Kari Shapero.

## Police To Provide Free Child ID Kits

Kits meant to help in cases of missing children.

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The Alexandria Police Department has partnered with the Department of Community and Human Services to provide free SafeAssured child ID kits to families on Saturday, Feb. 2.

The kits will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Community Room on the first floor of the Alexandria Police Headquarters, located at 3600 Wheeler Avenue.

The ID kits are intended to quickly provide information important to identifying missing persons to

police and broadcasters so that posters can be made.

At the event, parents will be able to fill out forms containing their information about their child, such as identifying marks and medical conditions. Video and audio of children will be recorded to show how they walk and learn their speech patterns, and their fingerprints will be digitally recorded.

All of this information will be stored on a privacy-protected mini-CD for parents to keep. Parents will also receive a full color photo data card for their child and a Parent's Guidebook with tips for preventing abuse.

Information about the children will be deleted from the police computers.

"We don't have any of that information," said Ginny Obranovich, the volunteer coordinator for the police department. "If they [parents] came back in an hour and said, 'we need another card,' we would have to

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