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Shooshan Lauded for Philanthropic Efforts

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John Shooshan is shown with his daughter-in-law, Jackie Shooshan, during the awards ceremony.

Arlington developer and community leader John Shooshan has been honored as "Outstanding Philanthropist" for 2013 by the Washington, D.C., chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Shooshan had been nominated by Volunteers of America-Chesapeake and the Arlington Community Foundation for the work he does on behalf of the homeless population the Arlington region. The award was presented at the 12th annual National Capital Philanthropy Day awards luncheon, held Nov. 12.

"I am humbled to receive this award, yet at the same time reminded that all of us who have been so truly blessed are called to help those who are less fortunate," Shooshan said. "There is such a great need for all of us who are in a position to share our gifts – our time, talent and treasure – with those who are in desperate need of our assistance."

Shooshan in 2012 established the 100 Homes Campaign Fund with a contribution of \$500,000 that was matched by Arlington County officials. He has been co-chairman, along with state Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31st), in the county government's community effort to eradicate homelessness.

Shooshan "leads with his faith and is a true advocate for our neighbors in need," said Russ Snyder, president and CEO of Volunteers of America-Chesapeake.

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