

## **PAXTON MANOR GETS A FACELIFT**

**LEESBURG, Virginia – November 11, 2013** – In mid-September, the Paxton Campus hired *Cochran Stone Masonry* to give Paxton Manor a bit of a facelift before thousands of patrons come through its doors in the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Shocktober Haunted Mansion event. The masons repointed the chimneys and patched a crack in the tower. Paxton Campus also had the Paxton Manor's roof sealed. These renovations are preventative maintenance steps to keep the mansion structurally sound. The 32-room mansion was erected in 1872 and is approximately four times the size of Mount Vernon.

In 1922, Rachel Paxton had a vision to turn her home and property into a safe and welcoming environment for underprivileged families. In 1967, a group of parents whose children had special needs formed The Arc of Loudoun, a non-profit to start a school for their children when no one else would. In 2010, those two visions combined when The Arc of Loudoun moved to the Paxton Campus. Since then, the Campus has grown into a full-service organization to provide an integrated and innovative learning environment for all ages and abilities. Programs include The Aurora School, Open Door Learning Center preschool, STEP Up vocational training program for adults, and ALLY (“A Life Like Yours”) Advocacy Center, all devoted to serving people with disabilities and their families, as well as helping children of all abilities thrive in our community.

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