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**Community Work Force Housing Forum
Monday, April 30th, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
University of Virginia's Newcomb Hall Ballroom**

The Charlottesville Area Association of REALTORS® will host the first Community Work Force Housing Forum at UVa's Newcomb Hall Ballroom Monday, April 30th, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. This Forum is produced in partnership with the Piedmont Housing Alliance, the University of Virginia's Department of Urban Planning and Development, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The goal of the Community Work Force Housing Forum is to further support and engage partnerships between public, private, and non-profit organizations seeking to provide local housing for our work force. By sharing strategies and best practices from around the U.S., we aim to increase the capability of those in the housing industry to provide pathways to overcome barriers to home ownership for our most critical resource, our work force.

The goals of the Community Work Force Housing Forum are:

- To solidify and forge new partnerships for work force housing development
- Provide market-supported mechanisms to keep our work force housed in our community
- To introduce innovative approaches to work force housing in university towns and surrounding areas
- Highlight and further the strides made in our community to support work force housing initiatives.

The Forum will feature expert speakers in the field of work force housing development and a panel with builders, developers, local politicians, non-profit housing specialists, and mortgage lenders.

Please go online to <http://housingforum.caar.com> to register.

