

11-10-17 A work of heart

Most people would agree that if you've been homeless, an apartment with bare walls would be good enough. But Allison Stocks doesn't think like most people.

The 15-year-old Arlington, Va., girl saw pictures in the newspaper of a homeless family moving into permanent housing, and the apartment's bare walls broke her heart.

"The place looked kind of uninviting," Allison said.

So she started a non-profit, Home is Where the Art Is, that connects local artists to her city's housing authority. Families moving into permanent housing can choose a work of art to hang on their walls.

Housing authority director Jan Sacharko thinks Allison is on to something. The transition out of homelessness is hard, she said, "and having something beautiful can help."

Well, God sees beauty in our hearts, and I suspect Allison's is a work of fine art.

Just a thought. I'm Sid Batts from First Presbyterian Church in downtown Greensboro, across from Fisher Park.