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Shocktober Opens its Doors for Three Nights in February and One Night in March!

LEESBURG, Virginia – January 13, 2016 – **Shocktober's Paxton Manor** will open its doors for its second annual My Bloody Valentine event, three night with lights out in February over Valentine's Weekend: Friday the 12th, Saturday the 13th and Sunday the 14th! It is Shocktober in ... FEARbruary! Doors open at 7pm and the last tickets are sold at 10pm on all three nights. This year's theme is Welcome to the Dollhouse, where the volunteer-led crew will be transformed into dolls and ... clowns!

Also, for one night in March, Friday the 4th, Paxton Manor will be open for a limit number of people for an all night ghost hunt with professional paranormal investigators.

Paxton Manor is a source of mysterious local folklore, and many say paranormal activity. The 32-room mansion was built in 1872 above a massive underground lake and immense limestone caverns. It is the perfect location for a haunted house.

Although known for its frightening PG-13 tours among thrill-seekers and locals, all proceeds from **Shocktober** benefit the Paxton Campus, an organization dedicated to serving people with disabilities and their families, as well as helping children of all abilities thrive in our community. With the funds from **Shocktober**, Paxton Campus has been able to start two new programs on campus: "A Life Like Yours" ALLY Advocacy Center, that fills the unmet needs of the community by providing free information, supports and services to people with disabilities and their families; as well as STEP Up, a job skills and training program for adults with disabilities.

Located in Leesburg, Virginia, the historic Paxton Campus has been serving children and families in need for 90 years. In 1967, a group of parents whose children had special needs formed The Arc of Loudoun, a 501(c)3 organization, to start a preschool for their children when no one else would. Since then, the Paxton Campus has grown into a full-service organization with multiple programs that together provide an integrated and innovative learning environment for children of all ages and abilities.

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