

Making Holidays Bright

*Here are a few suggestions to help others during the holiday season.
Together, we can make everyone's holiday bright!*

Thanksgiving

Community Dinners available to the public:

- ◆ **First Baptist Church**, 800 Thompson St., Ashland, VA 23005, Noon to 3pm on **November 23rd**. Reservations required. Call (804) 798-8988. Para español (804) 337-7372. Limited transportation available within Ashland Town Limits.
- ◆ **The Giving Heart Community Thanksgiving Feast**, Greater Richmond Convention Center, 11am to 2:30pm on **November 23rd**. Visit www.thegivingheart.org for more volunteer and donation opportunities and contact (804) 749-4726 for more information.

Christmas Mother Requests

Hanover families seeking assistance may submit a letter to: Hanover Christmas Mother, P.O. Box 39, Doswell, VA 23047. Submit letter with your contact information, the names and the ages of your children by **November 20th**. Hotline for more information: (804) 365-6646.

You Can Donate Towards a Meal...

- ◆ **WHEAT's (Western Hanover Emergency Action Team) Open Pantry:** WHEAT is looking for donations of a specific list of foods to be able to offer a complete Christmas meal to Western Hanover families in need. Contact Cathy Williams at (804) 752-2339 for more information or visit www.wheathelp.org. You can also mail a check to: W.H.E.A.T. PO Box 171 Beaverdam, VA 23015 and write "Holiday Dinner" in the memo portion. Donations are due no later than December 1, 2017

You Can Give the Gift of Recognition & Appreciation...

Hanover Spirit of Volunteerism Awards

Nominations open December 1st.
*Honor outstanding individuals, groups,
businesses, families and others
who are making a difference every day!*
www.HanoverVolunteers.org

You Can Make A Monetary Donation...

Any local agency would benefit from monetary donations. Consider providing funds for sponsorship of services, camp scholarships, or honoring a program worker or loved one at any agency of your choice.

The agencies below are included due to community request for their contact information and financial assistance to the community.

Hanover Christmas Mother

Program: P.O. Box 39, Doswell, VA 23047
(also accepts gift cards)

ACES (Ashland Christian Emergency Services):
P.O. Box 114, Ashland, VA 23005

MCEF (Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions): P.O. Box 604, Mechanicsville, VA 23111

WHEAT (Western Hanover Emergency Action Team): P.O. Box 171, Beaverdam, VA 23015



You Can Share Your Time...

Hanover Adult Center: Marie Riley at (804) 746-0743. Volunteer to sing, play musical instruments, lead an activity, craft or game; assist with special office or “handyman” projects.

Heritage Green Assisted Living Community: Katherine Watts at (804) 746-7370. Volunteer to assist with holiday decorating, resident parties, worship services, caroling and craft projects.

OAR of Richmond: Hannah Brechlin at (804) 643-2746 or hbrechlin@oarric.org. Volunteer to wrap Christmas gifts for children with incarcerated parents.

The Giving Heart: Volunteer for Richmond area’s Thanksgiving Feast, Monday through Thursday. More opportunities throughout the week of Thanksgiving; Contact (804) 749-4726 for more information.

Hanover Habitat for Humanity: Volunteer to assist with construction, customer service, administrative tasks or recycling. Contact the office at (804) 569-6108.

Call Hanover County Community Resources 804-365-4300 or
Visit www.HanoverVolunteers.org to discover even more ways to share
your time during this holiday season and throughout the year.
<https://www.facebook.com/HanoverCommunityResources>
https://twitter.com/Serve_Hanover





You Can Collect or Contribute Items...



ACES (Ashland Christian Emergency Services): ACES accepts donations in the form of household items, non-perishable foods, and clothing. Contact (804) 798-2784 for more information.

Ashland Open Door: Contact Taylor Garrett at (804) 752-2728. Stocking stuffer items for adults and children, for Christmas day party including toiletries and small games, books and crayons. Also items for a “Northpole Store” children will win reindeer dollars to shop for gifts for others.

FeedMore: Provide donations of non-perishable goods. To receive a charitable gift receipt, you can bring items to FeedMore at 1415 Rhoadmiller Street in Richmond, VA, from 9 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday.

Hanover Adult Center: Contact Marie Riley at (804) 746-0743. Donate gift cards, party supplies, game prizes, activity books & supplies, exercise items, hand sanitizer, laundry or kitchen supplies.

Hanover Community Service Board (CSB): Contact Michele Elliott at (804) 365-6606. Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target, grocery stores, restaurants, gas stations, etc., as well as donations of winter clothing, toiletries, meals and non perishable foods for the agency’s food pantry.

Hanover County Animal Control: Contact Animal Control at (804) 365-6485. Donate pet items including food, newspapers, blankets, towels, grooming supplies, collars, carrying crates, kitten/puppy formula, toys, etc.

Hanover Christian Firewood Ministry: Contact Patricia Drudge at (804) 370-8167. Donate food, clothes, coats, shoes, gift cards, etc. to be used in the Christmas Box Program.

Hanover Safe Place: Contact Taylor Ryan at (804) 752-2728 to assist a specific family seeking service related to domestic and sexual violence.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)-Central VA: Contact Jeff Conley at (804)285-1749. Donate small gift bag items, such as promotional magnets, pens, notepads, t-shirts, or sample-size products for annual holiday party.

OAR of Richmond: Contact Hannah Brechlin at (804) 643-2746 or hbrechlin@oarric.org. Donate new or gently used adult winter clothing, grocery store gift cards, or Christmas gifts for children with incarcerated parents.

Patrick Henry YMCA: Contact Liz Cathey (804) 729-4723. Donate craft supplies, construction paper, markers, notebook paper, etc. or building blocks or other science/math related items for after school programs for children ages 5 to 13.

Resources for Independent Living: Contact Marcia Guardino at (804) 353-6503, ext. 130. Donate gift cards from Wal-Mart or other stores, for individuals with disabilities.

Senior Connections: Contact Diane Foster at (804) 343-3009 or dfoster@youraaa.org. Donate grocery store or pharmacy gift cards, non-perishable low sodium food items, emergency household supplies such as batteries, flashlights or radios. Deadline is December 7th.

St. Joseph’s Villa: Contact Kathy Perun at (804) 521-5577 or kperun@sjvmail.net. Donate new or “like new” coats for children/adults, new board games and educational games, craft kits and art supplies. Create Christmas stockings for children K-12 with toiletries. No nut related products. Grocery store gift cards, toiletries and cleaning supplies for homeless clients are always needed.

You Can Be a Friend for the Holidays...

The following organizations can help match you with specific needs of an individual or family. In some cases you may have the opportunity to meet those you assist; in most cases their contact information may not be shared.

Adopt-A-Senior Program: Visit any Sona Bank location in Hanover to pick a “Senior Angel” from their tree.

Hanover Community Service Board (CSB): Contact Michele Elliott at (804) 365-6606. Be a referral source to coordinate gifts for individuals with developmental/intellectual disabilities who may not receive assistance or gifts this holiday season.

Hanover Preschool Initiative: Contact Suzy Leonard at (804) 365-4510 or Hannah Eby at (804) 365-4584. Provide holiday gifts for a specific child or family in need. HPI is a low-income public preschool program within Hanover County Public Schools.

Hanover Safe Place: Contact Stacie Francis at (804) 752-2728. Adopt a family for the holiday by donating items from their wish list. If you wish to support families seeking stable housing with Ashland Open Door contact Stacie Francis as well.

HumanKind, Ways to Work Financial Opportunity Center (Richmond): Contact Jonathan Gedeon at (804) 888-8226 for a list of items needed. Donations of items typically include toys, books and clothing.

VCU Health System: Contact Amanda Lanes at (804) 828-0922. Provide gifts for pediatric or adult patients. Visit www.vcuhealth.org/volunteer for more volunteer opportunities.

OAR of Richmond: Contact Hannah Brechlin at (804) 643-2746 or hbrechlin@oarric.org. Provide gifts for specific individuals or families.

St. Joseph’s Villa: Contact Kathy Perun at (804) 521-5577. Become a Season of Hope sponsor and fulfill a child’s wish list. These gifts from the community provide holiday cheer and necessities to the children we serve.

MRMC Bon Secours: Contact Ann Peterson, MSW, at (804) 764-7201 or Janet Meyer at (804) 764-7506. Provide gifts for specific cancer patients and their families.

You Can Create An Item or Gift...

Hanover Safe Place: Contact Shirnelle Lewis or Patty Hall at (804) 752-2728. Create a “Welcome” basket.

Meals on Wheels (FeedMore): Contact Jessica Goldberg at (804) 934-1947 for information about items that you can make and donate.

The Giving Heart: Contact Vicki Neilson (804) 749-4726. Create toiletry “giving bags” throughout the year. Donate toiletries, socks, hats, gloves and scarves for the upcoming Community Thanksgiving Feast (see full list on website: www.thegivingheart.org). Contact Vicki Neilson for drop-off locations.