

# MAKING THE HOLIDAYS BRIGHT 2010



The Hanover County Departments of Community Resources and Social Services are joining forces to share information on a wide range of ways to assist those in need in our community this holiday season. You can help to ensure that all individuals and families in need will be served. Here are a few suggestions to share your generosity with others. Together, we can make the holidays bright for those in need.

For those seeking assistance, please contact the Hanover Christmas Mother Program by submitting a letter to: Hanover Christmas Mother, P.O. Box 39, Doswell, VA 23047.

## You Can Make A Monetary Donation...

**To the Hanover Christmas Mother Program:** by sending a financial donation or gift cards to P.O. Box 39, Doswell, VA 23047

**To Hanover Children's Emergency Fund:** by sending a financial contribution to P.O. Box 321, Ashland, Virginia 23005.

**To honor a family member or friend:** by making a financial contribution to a favorite charity in his or her name.

**By contributing to a local community-based organization:** solely supported by donations, these organizations provide many local residents with limited financial assistance, household goods and food. Financial contributions can be sent to:

### ACES

(Ashland Christian Emergency Services)

P.O. Box 114, Ashland, VA 23005

### MCEF

(Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Fund)

P.O. Box 604, Mechanicsville, VA 23111

### WHEAT

(Western Hanover Emergency Action Team)

P.O. Box 171, Beaverdam, VA 23015

**By contributing to one of your favorite nonprofit agencies:** Send a financial contribution to help provide needed services throughout the year.

## You Can Create An Item or Gift...

**Bon Secours Hospice:** Contact Ellen Manning at (804) 264-7387. Create gift and/or nonperishable food baskets for families in need.

**Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical Center:** Contact Rob Herndon at (804) 764-6017. Donate large fabric scraps or "sew at home" - making pillowcases for rice pillows given to maternity patients.

**ElderFriends:** Contact Ruth Anne Young at (804) 249-5432. Create and deliver "Friendly Baskets of Cheer" for elderly recipients.

**Hanover Safe Place:** Contact Stacie Francis at (804) 752-2728 for information on creating a Safe Place "Welcome" basket.

## You Can Share Your Time...

**Central Virginia Food Bank:** Contact Sudeshna Das-Menezes at (804) 521-3277 make a resolution to volunteer at the Food Bank in 2011.

**Hanover Health & Rehab Center:** Contact Allison Hughes at (804) 559-5030 Volunteer to assist with or lead an activity for residents. Share your talent; assist with crafts and games during the holidays and throughout the year or decorate the building for the holidays.

**Heritage Green Assisted Living Community:** Contact Katherine Watts at (804) 746-7370. Volunteer to assist with holiday decorating, resident parties and craft projects now and throughout the year.

**Noah's Children:** Contact Chasity Craft (804) 287-7686. Volunteer to assist with pick up, delivery or other duties for the holidays.

Call Hanover County Community Resources 804-365-4300 or

Visit [www.HanoverVolunteers.org](http://www.HanoverVolunteers.org) to discover even more ways to share your time during this holiday season and throughout the year.

## You Can Share Your Time

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**Salvation Army Holiday Program:** Contact Bryan Davis (804) 591-3826. Volunteer at the angel trees located throughout the Richmond Area or help behind the scenes. Help at distribution center or kettle collecting.

**St. Joseph's Villa:** Contact Catherine Stanley at (804) 521-5577. Volunteer (adults only) to assist with receiving and organizing holiday gifts.

## You Can Collect or Contribute Items in Need...

**BARK:** Contact (804) 449-BARK (2275). Donate new pet bedding, pet care items and cleaning supplies.

**Central Virginia Food Bank:** Contact Sudeshna Das-Menezes at (804) 521-3277. Provide donations of non-perishable goods.

**Comfort Zone Camp:** contact Elizabeth Sullivan or Ann Winchell at (804) 377-3430. Provide gift cards to retail stores or travel size toiletries such as soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and deodorant.

**Covenant Woods:** Contact Elizabeth Pace at (804) 569-8007. Donate new nail polish (conservative colors) for residents or fabric bindings any color for resident smocks.

**ElderFriends:** Contact Ruth Anne Young at (804) 249-5432. Donate gift certificates for movie theaters or matinee performances to share with matched volunteers and their elder friends.

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

**Meals on Wheels:** Contact Jeanie Garris at (804) 934-1952. Provide needed items for homebound clients.

**MentorMatch Richmond:** Contact Taneika Goldman at (804) 288-0122. Donate restaurant gift cards or admission passes to use for special group or individual mentoring events.

**Noah's Children:** Contact Chasity Craft at (804) 287-7686. Donate gift cards for grocery stores, restaurants, gas card or retail stores for families facing serious childhood illnesses.

## You Can Collect or Contribute

Items in Need continued...

**Offender Aid & Restoration, Inc. (OAR):** Contact Mathew Crawford at (804) 643-2746. Donate gifts for adults, back packs, adult hygiene items, umbrellas or Wal-Mart/grocery store gift cards.

**Patrick Henry YMCA:** Contact Jean Finney 804-798-0057. Donate craft supplies such as paint, paint brushes, construction paper, markers, pencils, 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 Yvonne Salkey (804) 569-9327. Donate gift cards to Wal-mart or other stores, for individuals with disabilities the program's mothers and children.

**Resource Mothers Program:** Contact Doreen Sherrier at (804) 365-4333. Donate juice boxes, packaged snacks and grocery gift cards to purchase refreshments for a holiday celebration for the program's mothers and children.

**St. Joseph's Villa:** Contact Catherine Stanley at (804) 521-5577 to inquire about donating items for clients and programs.

## You Can Fulfill the Wishes of a Specific Individual or Family...

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

**Adopt-A-Senior Program:** Contact any EVB Bank location to pick a "Senior Angel" from their tree.

**Hanover Community Services:** Contact Darcy Umstead at (804) 365-6605. Provide individualized or monetary gifts for adults and/or children with intellectual disabilities.

**Hanover Preschool Initiative:** Contact Dawnita Taylor-Biggers at (804) 365-4638 provide holiday gifts for a specific child or family in need. HPI is a low-income public school preschool program within Hanover County.

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