



MAKING THE HOLIDAYS BRIGHT 2011-12

The Hanover County Departments of Community Resources compiles this annual list of ways to assist residents in our community during various holidays throughout the year. You can help to ensure that all individuals and families in need will be served. These are just a few suggestions to share your generosity with others. Together, we can make all our holidays bright!

NOTE:

For Thanksgiving: Three Community Dinners are available to the public on November 24th.

Beaverdam Baptist Church, 19110 Beaver Dam Road, Beaverdam, VA 23015, Noon to 2pm. Reservations required. Contact (804) 449-0055.

First Baptist Church, 800 Thompson St., Ashland, VA 23005, Noon to 3pm. Reservations required. Contact (804) 746-5983. Limited transportation in Ashland area provided.

The Giving Heart Community Thanksgiving Feast, Greater Richmond Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A, 11am to 2pm. Contact (804) 749-4726 for more information.

For Christmas: Hanover families seeking assistance may 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, the following 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 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...

Central Virginia Food Bank: Contact Sudeshna Das-Menezes at (804) 521-3277. Make a resolution to volunteer at the Food Bank in 2012.

Hanover Adult Center: Contact Marie Riley at (804) 746-0743. Share a special talent or lead an activity, provide office or handyman assistance.

Hanover Health & Rehab Center: Contact Allison Hughes at (804) 559-5030. Volunteer to assist with or lead an activity, craft or game. Decorate the building for various 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.

Offender Aid & Restoration, Inc. (OAR): Contact Calvin Weaver at (804) 643-2746. Volunteer to assist at the Client Christmas Store.

St. Joseph's Villa: Contact Catherine Stanley at (804) 521-5577. Volunteer to assist with organizing holiday gifts for clients, help facilitate a holiday activity or children's party.

The Giving Heart: Contact Vicki Neilson (804) 749-4726. Volunteer in preparation for, or on the day of, Richmond area's Thanksgiving Feast or annual clothing event.

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.

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 Brenda Miller at (804) 521-3272. 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.

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

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, Ext. 228. 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.

Offender Aid & Restoration, Inc. (OAR): Contact Calvin Weaver at (804) 643-2746. Donate gifts for adults, back packs, adult hygiene items, umbrellas or Wal-Mart/grocery store gift cards, or items for the Client Christmas Store.

Patrick Henry YMCA: Contact Jean Finney (804) 798-0057. 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.

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

Resources for Independent Living: Contact Yvonne Salkey at (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. Organize a winter coat drive and collect NEW or "Like New" coats for children and adults, or put together a "Stock the Pantry Drive" to collect non-perishable food items & baby products for families served by the Villa.

The Giving Heart: Contact Vicki Neilson (804) 749-4726. Collect toiletries used in "giving bags" for Thanksgiving & throughout the year.

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: Visit any EVB Bank location in Hanover to pick a "Senior Angel" from their tree.

Hanover Community Services: Contact Darcy Creech 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.

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

MCV Hospital/VCU Medical Center: Contact Amanda Landes at (804) 828-0922. Provide gifts for pediatric or adult patients.

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