



The Giving Circle of HOPE's mission is to **help needy people** in Northern Virginia by issuing **annual grants** to exceptional nonprofit organizations, providing direct service through ongoing **service programs**, and organizing **community events** to benefit nonprofit partners.

This booklet has been created to highlight our 2004-2010 grantees: nonprofits that have been researched and vetted by our grants committee. We encourage you to contribute to those that address community issues important to you.

For more information, please visit: givingcircleofhope.org

Our History

The Giving Circle of HOPE was founded in January 2004 with four members. Since then, membership has grown to 100+ individuals. Voting Members contribute a minimum of \$1 per day (\$365 annually) and are eligible to vote on grants. Service members do not vote but may participate in all service programs and social events.

Our membership is as diverse as our community and includes women and men of all ages, backgrounds, and professional experience.

Our Goals

- To make a difference in the community by contributing time, talents and monetary resources
- To encourage community among ourselves and those we serve
- To increase public awareness of local needs
- To encourage self sufficiency and well-being among those in need
- To promote volunteerism and effective philanthropy
- To build a network that is a catalyst for positive change

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Alternative House
www.thealternativehouse.org
P.O. Box 694
Dunn Loring, VA 22027
703-506-9191

MISSION:

Alternative House transforms the lives of children and youth in Northern Virginia by providing safe havens where young people can thrive and grow to their full potential. Our programs break the cycles of poverty and addiction.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1972

CFC #: 41814

SERVICES:

- **Emergency Shelter for Teenagers** - The Alternative House Emergency Shelter for Teenagers provides a safe haven for runaway, homeless and abused young people 13 to 17 years old. Teens receive intensive individual counseling and family therapy is provided whenever possible. Most young people return to their families after their stay at the Shelter and a safe alternative is found for those who cannot return home.
- **24-Hour Crisis Hotline** - Often the first point of contact for a young person in crisis is the Alternative House Hotline, 1-800-SAY-TEEN (1-800-729-8336). The hotline is answered 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, by trained counselors and volunteers. In addition to serving young people in crisis, it is also a resource to parents who need advice or referrals.
- **Assisting Young Mothers (AYM)** - The Assisting Young Mothers program helps homeless young women 16 to 21 years old who are pregnant or who have small children find stability and a place to turn their life around. Young mothers receive safe shelter, food, parenting education and help with education and employment. When they graduate, our young mothers can support themselves and their children in our community.
- **Community-Based Youth Services** - Disadvantaged young people have a safe, fun, positive place to go through our Community-Based Youth Services. Food, clothing, homework help, field trips, help with college applications and community service projects are just a few of the things young people receive in our programs.
- **Homeless Youth Initiative (HYI)** - Homeless high school students who are on their own get support through the Homeless Youth Initiative. Help with rent, budgeting and studies are provided to 18 to 20 year old youth who are on their own while trying to graduate from high school.

WISH LIST:

- \$25 Economy-sized package of diapers
- \$70 Warm blankets for shelter beds
- \$135 Infant's crib (no drop sides)



Alzheimer's Family Day Center

www.alzheimersfdc.org

2812 Old Lee Hwy, Suite 210

Fairfax, VA 22031

703-204-4664

MISSION:

Alzheimer's Family Day Center (AFDC) strives to enhance the well-being and quality of life of each person before and during the course of an Alzheimer's-type illness, through therapeutic and innovative approaches. As families are also affected by the illness, we promote caregiver wellness through education and support.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1984

CFC #: 35282

SERVICES:

- **Adult day health services** for up to ten hours each day, Monday through Friday, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm. Day services include meals, nursing oversight, therapeutic activity, physical therapy, assistance with personal care, art therapy, music therapy, field trips and medication management.
- For **family caregivers**, the organization provides
 - individual and family counseling
 - education programs
 - support groups
 - a resource library
- Our **Mind & Body Workshop**, for couples where one individual has been recently diagnosed, is offered on Monday evenings and includes dinner.

All support services are free of charge and offer care for the diagnosed individual while the service is in session.

WISH LIST:

- \$20 One week's worth of art supplies for the art therapy program
- \$75 One full day of service in the day health program
- \$150 Six weeks of the Mind & Body Workshop for a couple



Arlington Free Clinic

www.arlingtonfreeclinic.org

2921 11th Street South

Arlington, VA 22204

703-979-1436

MISSION:

Arlington Free Clinic provides free, high quality medical care to low-income uninsured Arlington County adults through the generosity of private donations and volunteers.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1994

CFC #: 86926

SERVICES:

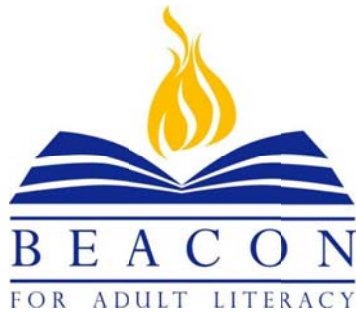
- Primary Care
- Specialty Medicine
- Women's Health
- Mental Health
- Physical Therapy
- Pharmacy Services (including medications)
- Intensive Care Coordination
- Patient Support Groups
- Patient Education Programs in Breast Health, Diabetes Care, Nutrition, Asthma Care, Osteoporosis, & Oral Health

WISH LIST:

\$25 One-inch, 25-gauge safety needles

\$75 Stethoscopes

\$150 Four blood pressure cuffs



B.E.A.C.O.N. for Adult Literacy

www.beaconliteracy.org

9535 Linton Hall Road

Bristow, VA 20136

703-368-7491

MISSION:

BEACON's founding mission is to improve the lives of individuals in the area by seeking out and identifying adults with educational needs and finding tutors for them. Respecting the need for confidentiality, BEACON will work with individuals or small groups who desire help in obtaining their high school diploma, in improving their English, or in learning reading or other basic academic skills.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1992

CFC #: 12651

SERVICES:

BEACON offers classes in

- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- GED preparation
- Citizenship
- Workforce literacy
- Financial literacy
- Conversation

Classes are taught during the day, evening and on Saturdays at eight convenient neighborhood locations in Prince William County. We serve over 400 adult education students each year; classes are taught by over 65 professionally trained volunteer tutors.

BEACON received the Top CBLO (Community-Based Literacy Organization) Award from the Virginia Department of Education Office of Adult Education and Literacy for Outstanding Financial Management, Target Performance and Policy Compliance (2009) and the Agnes L. Colgan Community Service Award from the Prince William County Greater Manassas Chamber of Commerce (2010).

WISH LIST:

- \$25 Registration fee for one student (classes are tuition-free)
- \$50 Staples gift card for classroom materials/supplies (markers, flip-chart paper)
- \$150 Stand-up dual side dry erase/flip chart board (for portable classroom use)



Bethany House

<http://bhnv.org>

6121 Lincolnia Rd., #303

Alexandria, VA 22312

703-658-9500

MISSION:

To help women and their children who have suffered from domestic violence regain health and dignity and become reestablished in their community by providing temporary housing and support.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1979

SERVICES:

- Domestic Violence Helpline
- Shelter Service
 - **Emergency Services:** A safe group living environment
 - **Food and clothing:** Provided through Bethany House and its community partners and Joseph's Coat Thrift Shop
 - **Crisis counseling :** Individual on-site counseling for women and children
 - **Case-Management:** Individual Service Plan (ISP): Goals setting and goal maintenance
 - **Life-skills training:** Employment advising, self-care, legal, child development, parenting, nutrition, medical, and budgeting
 - **Small Group support services:** Bi-weekly women and children's Trauma Recovery Program and Life Skills groups Workshops addresses issues related to domestic violence and recovery
 - Referrals and assistance into long term-housing
 - Follow-Up Support
- Independent Living Program
 - Celebrate Recovery Program
 - Purpose Driven Life Skills Training
- Angels Program – ongoing support for up to two years

WISH LIST:

- \$25 Bus fare for a client looking for work
- \$50 A winter coat for a child in our shelter
- \$100 One hour of trauma counseling for a survivor of domestic violence



Brain Foundation

www.brain-foundation.org

**P. O. Box 231227
Centreville, VA 20120
703-825-7499**

MISSION:

To provide affordable housing for those suffering from serious and persistent brain diseases, such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorders, who are homeless or vulnerable to becoming homeless.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 2003

CFC #: 56716

SERVICES:

Maintenance of **six group homes** in Northern Virginia for residents with brain diseases

WISH LIST:

- \$15 Giant or Safeway grocery gift card for residents of a group home
- \$45 Furnace filters for a group home
- \$100 Carpet cleaning for a group home



BRAIN INJURY SERVICES

Brain Injury Services

www.braininjurysvcs.org

8136 Old Keene Mill Rd., Suite B102

Springfield, VA 22152

703-451-8881

MISSION:

Brain Injury Services helps children, adults and families overcome the challenges of brain injury and lead fulfilling lives.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1989

CFC #: 55369

SERVICES:

- Adult and Pediatric Specialized Case Management Programs
- Supported Living Program
- Clubhouses (day programs)
- Therapeutic groups
- Volunteer Program:
 - Person-Centered Volunteering
 - Volunteer Placement
 - PALS
 - Speakers Bureau

WISH LIST:

- \$25 Supplies [craft items, refreshments] for SibShops [a sibling support group] so brothers and sisters can get emotional support
- \$50 Supplies [food, craft projects] for Parents' Night Out so overwhelmed parents can enjoy an evening of respite while their children have fun
- \$150 2 hours of tutoring for a student with a brain injury who needs extra academic support to succeed in school

c o m p u t e r
C.O.R.E.

Computer C.O.R.E. (Community Out-Reach and Education)

www.computercore.org

3846 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22304
703-931-7346

MISSION:

To help low-income adults acquire the technological and life skills they need to pursue career aspirations.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1999

CFC #: 60280

SERVICES:

A 6-month training course in basic computer skills for motivated adults who need these skills to move into new careers. The program includes 114 hours of instruction in Microsoft Office, Internet Explorer, and email, and training in keyboarding so that students may meet the standards required for administrative positions.

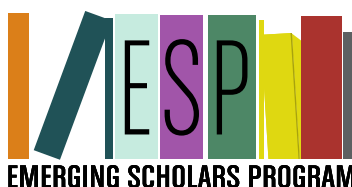
The program also includes

- job-readiness training
- job placement assistance
- a home computer so that students and their families may continue to improve their skills and access job opportunities

Eligible students may earn up to 7 credits at Northern Virginia Community College for their CORE coursework.

WISH LIST:

- \$20 Flash drives for five CORE students
- \$48 Software licenses for four students for their take-home computers
- \$100 Computing Basics, Keyboarding, and Office textbooks for one student



Emerging Scholars Program

<http://emergingscholarsprogram.org>

4401 Ford Ave., Suite 400

Alexandria, VA 22302

571-312-0013

MISSION:

The mission of Emerging Scholars Program is to provide an academic, cultural, and social enrichment program for a diverse group of students who, without preparation and financial assistance, could not consider an independent school education.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 2002

SERVICES:

- Annually recruits, tests, and enrolls up to 20 rising fifth grade students who have strong family support and who demonstrate academic capability, leadership potential, and financial need
- Prepares its graduates with a rigorous 14-month program, requiring 100 full days of attendance. Classes are held in two seven week summer sessions before and after the fifth grade year, and up to 30 Saturday sessions during their fifth grade year
- Teaches a core academic curriculum including reading, writing, research, history, math, science, fine arts, and technology
- Includes a strong focus throughout all student activities on critical thinking, leadership skills, personal growth, social interaction, moral values, and the challenges of being part of an independent school culture
- Prepares parents to meet the demands the program creates on the entire family
- Prepares both students and parents to meet the social and personal issues they will face as they become part of an independent school community
- Aids graduates and parents in applying for admission to the sixth grade at an appropriate independent school.
- Assists parents in the process of applying for and receiving financial aid from their chosen school
- Offers participation at no cost to the student; scholarship support is determined and provided by the enrolling school
- Tracks its graduates through their entire educational journey, from initial placement through college. Follow-up may include counseling, mentoring, alumni activities, and tutoring

WISH LIST:

\$13 Merriam Webster Everyday Language Reference Set (Dictionary, Thesaurus, Vocabulary Builder)

\$75 Digital camera (i.e., Kodak EasyShare)

\$140 Camcorder (i.e., Samsung)



Empowered Women International

www.ewint.org

1801 N. Quaker Lane
Alexandria, VA 22302
571-933-3989

MISSION:

EWI is an award-winning nonprofit organization that channels the entrepreneurial spirit, the arts and creative talents of immigrant, refugee and low-income women into small businesses to create jobs, opportunity for women, multicultural understanding and a new generation of American leaders and entrepreneurs.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 2002

CFC #: 45469

SERVICES:

- **Entrepreneur Training for Success** – 3-month comprehensive entrepreneurship and one-on-one mentoring program that provides business acumen, marketing skills, social media, financial and legal knowledge to launch small businesses; women graduate with a vetted business plan and ready-to-go business launched at the graduation reception after the training
- **Mentoring and Business Coaching and Consultations** – one-on-one business counseling and coaching services helps graduate entrepreneurs move their businesses to the next level
- **Financial Literacy and Access to Capital to Start-up and Grow Small Businesses** – 12 month financial empowerment training and mentoring to access capital
- **Multicultural Arts and Outreach** – presentation of multicultural exhibitions, performances, workshops and other events that brings people together, builds multicultural understanding and creates opportunities for collaboration and networking for EWI entrepreneur members
- **Micro-Enterprise Artisans Marketplace** - opens markets and provides income for its entrepreneur artist members

WISH LIST:

- \$36 One hour of business start-up training and one-on-one mentoring for a woman in the Entrepreneur Training for Success Program
- \$50 One session of business assessment and marketing services for a woman launching her own business
- \$100 Three sessions of business mentoring and one-on-one coaching for a woman starting or expanding her business



FACETS

www.facetscares.org

10640 Page Ave., Suite 300

Fairfax, VA 22030

703-352-5090

MISSION:

FACETS opens doors by helping parents, their children, and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty in Fairfax County.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1989

CFC #: 42156

SERVICES:

- **Life Enhancing Services** – FACETS provides to Fairfax County parents, their children and others impacted by poverty emergency assistance and longer-term life, financial and employment-skills programs that enable them to leave the effects of poverty behind.
- **Housing** – FACETS' supportive housing programs provide transitional and permanent housing solutions to people without homes in Fairfax County.
- **Hot Meals** – Through its volunteer and community partners, FACETS provides nourishing hot meals to people who are living in motels, cars, the woods and on Fairfax County streets. It serves more than 40,000 such meals each year.
- **Resource Center**– FACETS provides expert, specialized assistance with employment searches and referrals, skills building, eviction protection and accessing benefits to those in Fairfax County who are impacted by poverty.
- **Medical Care** – FACETS' medical outreach staff locates individuals living in the woods, in cars and in motels to offer them medical support. In addition, FACETS assists those without homes in obtaining medical, dental and mental health support services through the county health services department.
- **Hypothermia Prevention** – FACETS works with Fairfax County government and over 40 faith communities to coordinate a food and shelter program that protects hundreds of people who are homeless throughout the winter.
- **Educational Resources for Children** – FACETS enriches the lives of children whose intellectual and emotional needs are shortchanged by poverty through tutoring, mentoring, arts and events programs and even birthday recognition.

WISH LIST:

- \$15 Meals for a family for two days
- \$50 Cleaning supplies for a family moving into their new home
- \$100 Help for a family or individual to secure or maintain permanent housing



Fauquier Family Shelter Services Inc.

www.fauquierfamilyshelter.org

P.O. Box 3599

Warrenton VA 20188

540-341-0900

MISSION:

To alleviate the pain of poverty and homelessness in Fauquier County.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1988

CFC #: 27460

SERVICES:

- **Emergency Shelter:** opened in September 1999, it is still the only emergency shelter in Fauquier County
- **Vint Hill Transitional Center:** provides transitional to long-term affordable housing

WISH LIST:



Friends of Guest House

www.friendsofguesthouse.org

1 East Luray Ave.
Alexandria, VA 22301
703-549-8072

MISSION:

Guest House offers transitional services, including a residential home-based program, for women who are coming out of or affected by the criminal justice system.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1974

CFC #: 69155

SERVICES:

We offer three tiers of service:

- **Residential** (the most intensive support; clients live in the Guest House facility)
- **Aftercare** (support to clients who are transitioning from the residential program to independent living)
- **Outreach** (support to women transitioning directly from prison to the community)

Among those tiers, our principal services are:

- case management
- mental health counseling
- employment and vocational/educational assistance
- housing assistance
- referrals to other community organizations and, in general
- help navigating the post-incarceration environment—including dealing with legal issues—in constructive ways

Since 1974, we have served over 1,000 women directly and, indirectly, their children.

WISH LIST:

- \$20 Bus/Metro fare for a job seeker
- \$50 Grocery card for a client
- \$100 Bedding, towels, & personal hygiene items for a new resident



Friends of Loudoun Mental Health

www.friendsofloudoun.org

8-B South Street, SW

P.O. Box 4452

Leesburg, VA 20177

703-443-1380

MISSION:

Friends are mental health advocates who provide material assistance to Loudoun residents experiencing disabling mental illnesses, speak out as activists to help end discrimination, and sponsor educational programs to make the community aware of mental health issues.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1955

CFC #: 85610

SERVICES:

- **A Place to Call Home** - This program helps prevent homelessness among Loudoun residents disabled by mental illnesses. *Friends* provides rental subsidies to consumers of Loudoun County Mental Health Services who are prepared to live independently but who cannot afford to do so. This direct service is administered by *Friends* through their public/private partnership with Loudoun County Supported Living Services. Loudoun residents, experiencing disabling mental illnesses and receiving assistance from *Friends*' programming, live below the poverty line.
- **A Helping Hand** - A program providing a hand up, not a hand out, such as small loans and one-time gifts to people disabled by mental illnesses, who are receiving professional care and are in need of temporary financial help – money for an asthma inhalator, deposit for utilities, or boots for the winter season.
- **Representative Payee** - Volunteers manage the finances of clients of Loudoun County Supported Living Services who are not able to handle their own money due to being disabled by mental illnesses or who are required by the Social Security Administration to have a representative payee in order to receive their monthly allocations.
- **In Our Own Voice** is a unique public education program developed by NAMI, in which two trained mental health consumers share compelling personal stories about living with mental illnesses and achieving recovery. *Friends* sponsors and coordinates **IOOV** presenters in Loudoun County. Presentations are given to consumer groups, students, law enforcement officials, educators, providers, faith community members, politicians, professionals, inmates, and interested civic groups. All presentations are offered free of charge. Friends of Loudoun Mental Health started the program throughout NOVA. Now, NAMI Northern Virginia runs the program and Friends partners with them to cover Loudoun County.

WISH LIST:

- \$25 Personal hygiene or health products for a person in recovery
- \$50 Payment of a utility bill for a client
- \$125 Partial support for a month's rent for a client



Gabriel Homes

www.gabrielhomes.org

P.O. Box 710207

Herndon, VA 20171

703-476-1592

MISSION:

Gabriel Homes provides residential placement and skills-building to adults with intellectual disabilities, with emphasis placed on community integration and independence.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1985

SERVICES:

- Residential Placement
- Skills Building

WISH LIST:

- \$20 Arts and craft supplies for therapeutic services
- \$60 Fitness support coach
- \$125 Safe rotisserie cookware for 3 homes



Good Shepherd Alliance

www.goodshepherdalliance.org

20684 Ashburn Rd.

Ashburn, VA 20147

703-724-1555

MISSION:

The Good Shepherd Alliance is a Christian non-profit organization providing help and hope for the homeless and those in need through emergency and transitional housing and outreach services leading to self-sufficiency and self-worth.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1991

CFC #: 21537

SERVICES:

The Good Shepherd Alliance provides:

- A 22 bed emergency shelter for Women and Children
- A four bed transitional home for single women
- An eight bed transitional home for single mothers
- A seven bed transitional home for families

We also provide outreach services such as:

- A food pantry
- Job and housing counseling
- Other resources
- Referrals for assistance
- A voucher program whereby families in need can shop for free at any of our four thrift stores

WISH LIST:

- \$20 Attain documents such as background checks, birth certificate, medical records
- \$50 Gasoline for an individual to get to work
- \$150 Ongoing counseling services for a struggling family



GRACE Ministries
of the United Methodist Church

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www.graceministriesumc.org

13600 Frying Pan Road
Herndon, VA 20171

MISSION:

Grace Ministries is a community outreach program serving low income immigrant families living in Northern Virginia.

SERVICES:

- **Basic needs** of food, clothing and diapers distributions, along with **health screening** and information, are provided monthly at seven locations in northern Virginia.
- **Job training programs**, along with ESL instruction, help individuals and families reach toward the goal of self-sufficiency:
 - **Personal Care Aide** training prepares students to become home healthcare aides for the elderly and the disabled.
 - **Certified Nurse Aide** classes prepare students for employment in nursing homes, home healthcare, assisted living facilities and hospitals.
 - **Commercial Driver's License** training prepares students to become Fairfax County school bus drivers.

WISH LIST:

- \$25 Food and diapers for a low income family
- \$60 A nursing textbook and workbook for one student
- \$125 Scholarship assistance for one student



Greenbrier Learning Center

www.greenbrierlearning.org

5401 7th Rd.

Arlington, VA 22204

703-379-6488

MISSION:

Greenbrier Learning Center's mission is to promote education, youth leadership and strong families through structured enrichment programs beyond the school day. Utilizing a community-driven approach, we foster academic achievement and personal growth among our after-school students, act as a resource for youth and adults, and increase collaboration among service providers in Northern Virginia.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1994

SERVICES:

GLC provides a critical link across the three main aspects of a child's daily experience: at school, after school, and at home / in the community.

- **Direct service to students** in their classrooms at each of GLC's four partner schools.
- Structured **after school and summer programs for children from low-income households** with a strong emphasis on literacy and language arts.
- Relevant, **topic-based workshops for parents** to support their children's academic and social-emotional development, as well as to support parents' own skill development.

WISH LIST:

- \$25 One week scholarship for a student to participate in the Learning ROCKS! Afterschool Program
- \$50 School and art supplies for one student for the entire year
- \$100 Two weeks of Learning ROCKS! Summer Camp for a student



HERNDON-RESTON FISH, INC.

Herndon-Reston FISH

www.HerndonRestonFISH.org

336 Victory Drive
Herndon, VA 20170
703-391-0105

MISSION:

FISH provides on a volunteer, nonprofit basis, short-term emergency help to poor or otherwise distressed persons needing and requesting such help, for whom immediate help is not available through government or other social welfare agencies.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1974

CFC #: 83534

SERVICES:

- Gives **emergency financial assistance** to eligible families for rent, utilities, medications and other necessities of life
- Provides an **Information and Referral Service** assisting thousands of callers each year to find help
- Gives round trip **rides** for elderly and other needy persons to medical appointments
- Creates and distributes hundreds of holiday **food and gift baskets**
- Manages **The Bargain Loft**, a thrift store in Herndon; the store is a major source of revenue for FISH and also distributes in-kind to families needing furniture and/or household goods.
- Conducts **financial literacy workshops** for English and Spanish speakers

WISH LIST:

- \$25 Grocery store gift cards to add to Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets
- \$60 Target gift cards for holiday gifts for teens
- \$125 Cash donations to help pay for utilities that are about to be discontinued



Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic

www.jsfreeclinic.org

13525 Dulles Technology Drive

Herndon, VA 20171

703-481-8160

MISSION:

To provide comprehensive health services to people in need through a network of dedicated volunteers.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 2002

CFC #: 88016

SERVICES:

Primary Health Care for children and chronically ill adults, including mental health, education, and medications

WISH LIST:

- \$25 Medicine for one month for a chronically ill patient
- \$75 Nursing staff for one morning of clinic visits
- \$90 Eyeglasses and vision screening for a child in need



Just Neighbors
www.justneighbors.org
13525 Dulles Technology Dr., #103
Herndon, VA 20171
703-979-1240

MISSION:

The mission of Just Neighbors is to provide immigration legal services to low-income immigrants and refugees of all faiths and nationalities in Northern Virginia.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1996

CFC #: 98417

SERVICES:

Just Neighbors provides **immigration legal services** that enable women and children to escape from situations of domestic violence, families to unite, and eligible immigrants to attain authorization to work. Staff attorneys work alongside dozens of volunteers, including pro bono attorneys, to conduct intake of low-income immigrants and refugees and assist with their immigration cases until the client has receive his or her green card, work permit, or other benefit from Immigration. Cases take anywhere from one hour to five years, depending on the nature and complexity of the case. All clients live in Northern Virginia and cannot afford a private attorney for these vital services.

WISH LIST:

- \$20 Help for one immigrant to attain a work permit, which will allow him/her to work in the U.S.
- \$50 Help for one immigrant to remain united with his/her family in the United States through attainment of a green card
- \$100 Help for one woman and her children to live in the U.S. apart from an abuser



Kids Enjoy Exercise Now (KEEN)

www.keengreaterdc.org

P.O. Box 341590

Bethesda, MD 20827-1590

301-775-7572

MISSION:

KEEN's mission is to foster the self-esteem, confidence, skills and talents of its athletes through non-competitive activities, allowing young people facing even the most significant challenges to meet their individual goals.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1992

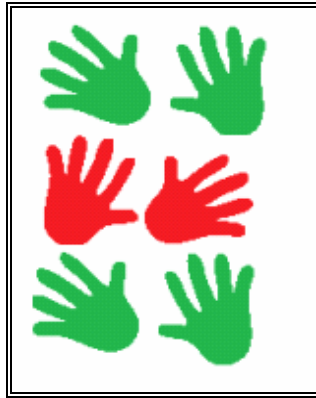
CFC #: 75656

SERVICES:

KEEN Greater DC provides one-to-one recreational opportunities for children and young adults with developmental and physical disabilities at no cost to their families or caregivers. KEEN offers 22 programs that serve participants in DC, Maryland and Virginia --offering tennis, swimming, basketball, bowling, tae kwon do, soccer, music, and fitness.

WISH LIST:

- \$25 Three KEEN t-shirts for our athletes
- \$75 Three flotation devices for KEEN athletes in the swim program
- \$100 Support for a KEEN athlete in the music program



Kids R First

www.kidsrfirst.org

P.O. Box 3242

Reston, VA 20195

703-850-3639

MISSION:

Kids R First is dedicated to education and to help kids (Grades K-12) from families with limited financial means receive the same opportunities as their peers.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1998

SERVICES:

- **Donation of School Supplies** - Provides new school supplies for kids in the Northern VA area who are receiving free or reduced price lunch (18,000 in 2012).
- **College & Career-Bound Program** - Provides mini-scholarships for same population of students with financial need at local high schools (1300 students at 18 high schools, projected funding for this program is \$3500 per high school for the calendar year 2012).

WISH LIST:

- \$15 School supplies for two elementary children
- \$50 Two sturdy backpacks for middle or high school students
- \$100 Two mini scholarships for high school students for SAT, tutorial, or college application expenses



Liberty's Promise

www.libertyspromise.org

1010 Pendleton St.

Alexandria, VA 22314

703-549-9950

MISSION:

Liberty's Promise supports young immigrants in need while encouraging them to be active and conscientious American citizens. Our programs aim to make the immigrant experience an affirmative one for young newcomers while instilling in them a sense of pride and support for American ideals of democracy and freedom. By doing so, Liberty's Promise seeks to reaffirm our fundamental egalitarian and democratic traditions for future generations.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 2003

CFC #: 90154

SERVICES:

- **Civics and Citizenship** – Through this civic engagement after-school program, low-income immigrant youth meet their elected officials, community members, and successful immigrants, and they take field trips to community and civic locations.
- **Opportunities Plus** – This program places low-income, documented, immigrant youth, ages 15-21, in eight- or ten-week unpaid internships with local businesses, government agencies, and nonprofits. LP provides participants with a modest allowance to cover their food and transportation costs for the unpaid internship.
- **Anything & Everything!** – We connect immigrant youth to job opportunities; youth leadership, scholarship and financial aid programs; housing, legal, or tutoring services; volunteer opportunities and so on.

WISH LIST:

\$25 Bus fares for one program session for 12 youth

\$ 50 Metro fares for eight youth to visit DC

\$ 100 Food for youth at four program sessions



Loudoun Literacy Council

www.loudounliteracy.org

P.O. Box 1932

Leesburg, VA 20177

703-777-2205

MISSION:

The Loudoun Literacy Council mission is to improve English literacy skills for adults, children and families who live or work in Loudoun County. Our vision is to change lives by improving literacy skills, thereby increasing independence and integration into the community.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1990

CFC #: 53550

SERVICES:

The Loudoun Literacy Council has Adult Literacy and Family Literacy programs.

- The **Adult Literacy Program** provides multilevel classes for English Language Learners (ELL) and individual tutoring to adults who need to improve their functional literacy as well as for those working toward the GED and citizenship exams.
- The **Family Literacy Program** provides literacy enrichment for children living at or below the poverty line.
 - LLC provides the mandated, but unfunded, family literacy component for the Loudoun County Head Start Program by providing literacy learning support to all children and families enrolled.
 - The Sweet Dreams Program provides weekly readers to lead evening story circles to children and families living in homeless shelters.
 - The Family Literacy Program also supplies books and literacy tips to low income mothers with newborns through the Baby Book Bundles Program.

WISH LIST:

- \$25 Five new books for Birthday Packs for children living in a homeless shelter
- \$75 Five Baby Book Bundles (new baby book, literacy tips, baby gift) for at-risk mothers
- \$150 100 assessment tests for English language learners



Manassas Midwifery & Women's Health Center

www.manassasmidwifery.org

8425 Dorsey Circle Suite 102

Manassas, VA 20110

703-330-3285

MISSION:

To provide affordable, high-quality health care to all women, with special emphasis on those who are uninsured or who have Medicaid.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 2009

SERVICES:

- Well woman exams, including pap smear & breast exams
- Referrals for laboratory and diagnostic tests, mammograms, and ultrasounds
- Pregnancy care
- Post-partum care
- Childbirth Education classes
- Monthly Breast Feeding Support Groups
- Volunteer Doula Service
- Health and wellness education
- Case management and referrals to community services

WISH LIST:

- \$25 One postpartum home visit to a new mother and her baby by a postpartum doula
- \$75 One session of mental health counseling by a licensed counselor
- \$150 An obstetrical sonogram for a woman unable to afford this service



NOVACO *Housing for Our Neighbor in Need*

Housing • Education • Childcare • Counseling • Mentoring • Financial Management

NOVACO

www.novaco.org

9677A Main St.

Fairfax, VA 22031

703-218-3984

MISSION:

NOVACO provides affordable housing with services to families who are survivors of abuse, helping them bridge from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Through counseling, education, support, and wraparound services (including in-kind services provided by volunteers), we help families overcome the trauma of abuse and restart their lives.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1996

CFC #: 23349

SERVICES:

- Good Neighbor Support includes:
 - In-kind donations such as furniture, housewares, kitchen items, bedding, clothing, vehicles, school supplies, computers or whatever the client family may need
 - Services such as counseling, childcare assistance, paying utilities, offering grocery assistance, transportation including car repairs or money for gas
- Education and Job Training
- Childcare
- Life Skills Classes
- Mentoring
- Transitional Housing & Supportive Services for victims of domestic abuse
- Permanent Housing Assistance
- Financial Management Classes

WISH LIST:

- \$25 Hair care for a client interviewing for work
- \$45 Emergency medical or dental care for a mother (state aid often covers children but not adults)
- \$100 One week's worth of groceries for a family recovering from abuse



NOVAM

www.novam.org

803 W. Broad Street, Suite 700
Falls Church, VA 22046
703-533-5505

MISSION: The mission of Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry (NOVAM) is to educate the community about HIV/AIDS, to combat the fear, prejudice, and complacency that surround the disease, and to provide direct services to meet the needs of those who are living with HIV/AIDS.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1987

CFC #: 20583

SERVICES:

- Prevention Education Programs
- HIV Services
 - Case Management
 - Advocacy for Children
 - Transportation
 - Mentoring
- HIV Testing

WISH LIST:

- \$20 Diapers for an AIDS-affected, low-income child for one week
- \$70 A holiday meal for a low-income, AIDS-affected family
- \$135 Car seat and layette for a low-income, HIV+ new mother



NOVA Scripts Central

www.novascripcentral.org

6400 Arlington Blvd.

Falls Church VA 22042

703-532-0269

MISSION:

NOVA ScriptsCentral, Inc. (NSC) is a nonprofit, collaborative pharmacy, providing life-saving medications and clinical counseling to low-income uninsured children and adult patients in Northern Virginia across multiple jurisdictional boundaries.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 2007

SERVICES:

NOVA ScriptsCentral provides **medication for the treatment of chronic illnesses** to patients of participating safety-net clinics in Northern Virginia. The patients are referred by the clinic and all have to be low-income and uninsured. NOVA ScriptsCentral serves both children and adults and will soon begin to provide medication to qualified patients seen by private physicians in Northern Virginia.

WISH LIST:

- \$25 Four months of seizure medication for a child with epilepsy
- \$30 Two inhalers for a child with asthma
- \$50 Three months of relief from pain to a woman with debilitating arthritis



Project Mend-a-House

www.pmahweb.org

7987 Ashton Ave., Suite 231

Manassas, VA 20109

703-792-7663

MISSION:

Project Mend-A-House is committed to improving the living conditions for low-income seniors and/or disabled persons in Prince William, Manassas City, and Manassas Park by offering no-cost home repairs and modifications, thus allowing residents to remain safely and independently in their own homes.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1984

CFC #: 57417

SERVICES:

We focus on making our clients independent in their own homes by making their residences safe, secure, and sanitary. We also provide **adaptive daily living aids** such as motorized chairlifts (stair climbers), hospital beds, portable ramps, raised toilet seats, walkers, and scooters.

Our volunteers build wheelchair accessible ramps, modify doorways, secure flooring, repair leaky faucets, restore electricity and make numerous **basic home repairs**.

WISH LIST:

- \$25 A set of grab bars to secure a senior's steps
- \$50 Faucet and toilet repairs, plus caulk to seal windows and provide warmth
- \$130 Purchase and installation of a portable ramp for greater independence



Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna

www.scov.org

541 Marshall Road SW

Vienna, VA 22180

703-281-0538

MISSION:

To provide opportunities for adults, age 50 and over, to seek fulfilling lives and to live independently in their homes for as long as possible.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1997

SERVICES:

- Medical transportation
- Companion transportation
- Friendly calls and visits
- Handy Helpers
- Health & Wellness
- Record Keeping Assistance
- Senior Navigator Program

WISH LIST:

- \$25 Gas card for volunteer drivers (for seniors)
- \$40 Scholarship for one semester of Adventures in Learning enrichment classes for a senior
- \$100 20 "Welcome to Planet Alzheimer's" booklets for SCOV Caregiver Support Group members



Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) of Northern VA

www.scanva.org

1705 Fern Street, 2nd Floor
Alexandria, Virginia 22302
703-820-9001

MISSION:

To promote the well-being of children, improve parent-child relations, and prevent child abuse and neglect by: EDUCATING the community about the scope, nature, and consequences of child abuse and neglect and the importance of positive, nurturing parenting; PROVIDING direct parent education; ADVOCATING for children in the community, the legislature, and the courts.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1988

SERVICES:

- Parent Education
- Public Education
- Alexandria/Arlington Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program

WISH LIST:

- \$25 Snacks and supplies for the Children's Program at a parent support group session
- \$50 Educational materials for 50 parents
- \$142 One month's support for a CASA volunteer who supports an abused or neglected child



Opening the door to a brighter tomorrow

Stroke Comeback Center

www.strokecomebackcenter.org

145 Park Street, SE

Vienna, VA 22180

703-255-5223

MISSION:

To provide ongoing and personally meaningful programs within a supportive and client-driven environment that is affordable for all stroke survivors, enabling them to achieve their maximum potential.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 2001

SERVICES:

- To develop and enhance functional communication skills:
 - Reading For Life
 - Basic Writing Toolbooks
 - Presentation Skills
- To develop oral language through discussion:
 - Book Club
 - Selected Topics
 - Clarity is Key
 - What's the Word
 - Using Scripts
- To strengthen communication skills associated with a mutual interest:
 - Back to Work Club
 - Current Events Group
 - Wild Card: Language Games
 - Movie and a Nibble
- To develop communication skills around special challenges:
 - "Mind Over Matter" - Motor Speech Group (for individuals with apraxia or dysarthria)
 - Facilitated / Alternative Group (for individuals who use assistive devices)

WISH LIST:

- \$25 40-ounce bags of Dunkin Donuts coffee
- \$45 A case of copy paper
- \$100 Kindle Touch (for use with our book clubs)



United Community Ministries

www.ucmagency.org

7511 Fordson Road

Alexandria, VA 22306-2225

703-768-7106

MISSION:

United Community Ministries (UCM) is a community based social service agency whose mission is to assist families and individuals to improve the quality of their lives in a manner that builds their self-reliance and fosters their ability to function at the greatest level of their economic and social capacities.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1969

CFC #: 37839

SERVICES:

- Emergency assistance
- Employment placement and training
- Developmental childcare
- Youth services
- Supportive housing services
- Homelessness prevention
- Child abuse and neglect prevention

WISH LIST:



VECINOS UNIDOS NEIGHBORS UNITED

...Making a Difference in the Lives of Children

Vecinos Unidos

www.vecinosunidos.org

Connections for Hope

13525 Dulles Technology Drive, #103

Herndon, VA 20171

703-201-2809

MISSION:

The Vecinos Unidos mission is to help children succeed in school and grow into successful adults by providing:

- A learning environment where children can seek assistance with homework and projects, expand their academic skills, and develop into lifelong learners
- A safe environment where children can develop skills that include tolerant, respectful social interaction with other individuals
- A nurturing environment where students can develop competency, resiliency, and resourcefulness
- A supportive environment that fosters civility, integrity, and compassion.

YEAR OF INCORPORATION: 1997

SERVICES:

- A year-round program for disadvantaged students in grades 1-6
- **After school homework assistance** is provided September -June on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 4:30-6:00 PM
- A **summer program** is offered during July and August for program students on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 4:00-6:00 PM

WISH LIST:

- \$10 Gift card to Staples or Home Depot for school supplies for a student in the Homework Assistance program
- \$25 Grocery gift card to purchase healthy snacks for children in afterschool or summer programs
- \$50 Target gift card