# NVFS Insider: 3 Ways You Helped Make an Impact in 2017

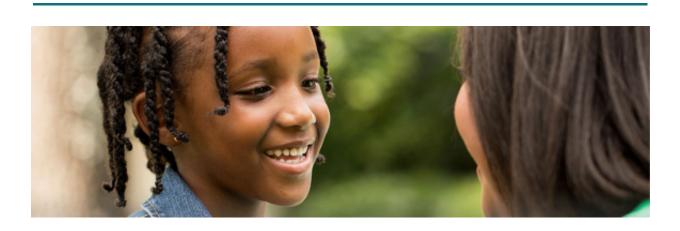
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## 3 Ways You've Helped Make an Impact in 2017

As we gear up for 2018, our list of goals and resolutions in pursuit of a stronger Northern Virginia continues to grow. Before diving into next year's plans for uplifting our community, we wanted to take a moment to recognize the impact we made this year and how you've helped make a difference.

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# **Operation Turkey Success: More Than 1,200 Families Received Meals**



Thanks to the generous support of our donors, we raised more than \$90,000 in food and contributions for our neighbors, filling 1,200 bags with delicious and nutritious ingredients needed to create a festive meal. Hundreds of volunteers and nearly 10 corporate groups assisted over five days in the effort to compile donations and stuff bags for families in need. Thank you to everyone who helped ensure families in our community had a home-cooked meal for Thanksgiving.

# **Giving Back During the Holidays**

Since 2011, the <u>Boy Scouts of America</u>'s Scouting for Food drive has helped to provide thousands of dollars' worth of food each year to NVFS. This past year alone, the Boy Scouts of America's National Capital Area Council – Bull Run District donated 16,452 pounds of food valued at \$23,664, which helped provide local families in need with Thanksgiving meals. Volunteers also picked up donations and brought them to Operation Turkey's drop-off centers.

## **Top Volunteer Needs**

Holiday Week Meals Provider

Manassas, Va.

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Food Assistance Specialist

Manassas, Va.

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Food Recovery Driver

Manassas, Va.

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Learning Club Volunteer

Manassas, Va.

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Administrative Volunteer

Oakton, Va.

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Interpreter (Spanish, Urdu or Farsi)

Falls Church, Va.

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#### **NVFS** in the News

NVFS was pleased to join the discussion on ways Prince William County nonprofits can collaborate



have access to the resources they need to succeed.

and work together to strengthen the needs of those in our community by combining our efforts and resources. The breakout group was led by Brentsville Supervisor Jeanine Lawson, with a purpose to ensure that resources are being maximized to their full potential and that, together, these organizations can reach a wider net in their collective outreach efforts to serve those in our community who are in need.

We look forward to continuing the conversation and working better together to create a stronger community, as well as ensuring our neighbors

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# **Events & Opportunities at NVFS**

Village of Impact **Service Day** Monday, Jan. 15

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**Foster Parent Training Session** Saturday, Jan. 27

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**Strikes for Stronger Families Bowl-a-thon** Saturday, March 10

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