

NVFS Volunteer Voice - Dec. 2017



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NVFS Volunteer Voice - How You Impact Our Community



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The Impact Created by Our Volunteers

As 2017 comes to a close, we at NVFS can't help but reflect on the past 12 months and the impact we have made in our community together. With the tremendous help of our partners and volunteers, we as a community have been able to uplift our neighbors to new milestones.

Volunteers who show up day in and day out with a passion and heart for service are vital to our success. NVFS is proud of the strides our clients have made with your help. And you can see the impact you're making, too.

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Making Kids Smile This Holiday Season With Gifting for Families

Help make the holiday season brighter for more than 2,000 children and their families in Northern Virginia this holiday season with [Gifting for Families](#). Whether you donate toys, volunteer or organize a toy drive, it can't happen without you.

Drop-off dates for donations are **Monday, Dec. 11**, from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. and **Tuesday, Dec. 12**, from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

To see a list of suggested toys, please see our [wish list](#). You may also find additional information on our [website](#).



SAVE THE DATE
Village of Impact — MLK Day of Service
Monday, Jan. 15, 2018

Families come together to engage in service, learn about critical local needs and generate funds for NVFS.

Join Today

Uplifting Spirits, One Bite at a Time



Members of the **Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.** spent their Thanksgiving volunteering at Hilda Barg Homeless Prevention Center by serving breakfast and dinner to the guests and spreading the holiday spirit. The holidays can be a particularly challenging time for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, and Alpha Phi Alpha’s incredible group of volunteers graciously chose to spend their day helping others feel joy and by cooking them a delicious meal.

Thank you to **Amy Ukish** for putting her green thumb to use this past summer and fall by planting and nurturing SERVE Family Shelter’s kitchen garden and ensuring guests have access to fresh, homegrown vegetables! “This was a great project for all of us and a great source of ongoing discussion with the children about gardening and healthy eating, as well as delicious fruit, vegetables and herbs that supplemented shelter meals,” shared Deb Rapone, SERVE shelter director.

Top Volunteer Needs

Holiday Meals Providers

Dec. 26 – Jan. 2
Manassas, Va.

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Food Recovery Driver

Manassas, Va.

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Food Assistance Specialist

Manassas, Va.

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Homework Club Volunteer

Manassas, Va.

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Interpreters: Spanish, Urdu, Farsi

Falls Church, Va.

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Development/Fundraising Administrative Volunteer

Oakton, Va.

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Spreading Holiday Cheer Through Team-Building and Volunteering

This past month has been a busy one, and we couldn’t have done it without our corporate

volunteers. Thank you to:

- **Exostar** for assisting with setup and greeting guests at this year's CARE Awards
- **Food Lion** for donating more than 100 boxes of food to guests at the Hilda Barg shelter
- **A-1 Flood Tech, Vulcan Materials Company and Able Moving & Storage, Inc.** for transporting Operation Turkey donations from all western Prince William County, City of Manassas and City of Manassas Park public schools and delivering them to our Operation Turkey site
- **Dulles Westin, SWIFT, Inc., The Lindsey Group, Hampton Inn, Allstate Insurance and Manassas Adventist Preparatory School** for volunteering during our Operation Turkey drive
- **Vienna Presbyterian Church** for preparing a wonderful Thanksgiving meal for the families at our Multicultural Center
- **General Dynamics Mission Systems** volunteers for painting the shelter's men's wing and guest intake office, and cleaning the furniture in the great room, lobby and dining room. They even donated all supplies needed to tackle this impressive project



Thankful for Operation Turkey and Giving Tuesday Successes



Thanks to the generous support of our donors, we raised more than \$90,000 in food and contributions during our **Operation Turkey** 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.

Tuesday, Nov. 28, was **Giving Tuesday**, through which we raised more than \$15,000 thanks to our generous donors and match from

Holland & Knight LLP. Funds raised will go back into the community to uplift our neighbors and provide them with the tools they need to succeed.

Top Donation Needs

Hilda Barg Homeless Prevention Center:

air mattresses, bedding, bus tokens, pillows, kitchen items (pots, pans, small appliances), lightweight blankets, shower curtains and liners, towels, new socks and underwear (men, women and children)

SERVE Family Shelter: Home for the Holidays

Baskets: blankets, sheets, pillows, kitchen utensils, small lamps, pots and pans, bath and kitchen towels

Healthy Families and Early Head Start:

diapers, wipes, winter outerwear (newborn to 5T), board books, strollers

Thrift Shops (Centreville/Falls Church): gently used clothing or houseware



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Events & Opportunities at NVFS

**Gifting for Families:
Spread Holiday Cheer!**

Dec. 2017

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**Village of Impact
Service Day**

Monday, Jan. 15, 2018

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**Strikes for Stronger
Families Bowl-a-thon**

Saturday, March 10, 2018

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