### NVFS Volunteer Voice - April 2018



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# Why Our Volunteers Are Top-Notch

Every April, NVFS takes the time to recognize our incredible volunteers who help our organization make an even greater impact in Northern Virginia.

More than 6,000 volunteers have dedicated more than 79,000 hours this past year, and we're celebrating each and every one of you and your commitment to strengthening our community.

Our annual <u>Gratitude Grille</u> lunch is April 21. At the event we will be recognizing four outstanding volunteers who made an especially tremendous impact at NVFS last year.

And the awardees are...



# Apple Federal Credit Union Brings Laughter and Joy to Families in Need



Gratitude Grille Community Champion, Apple Federal Credit Union (AFCU), is actively involved with several NVFS programs, and its staff often asks what more they can do to help. They volunteer once a month at the Hunger Resource Center, serve as email mentors for adult job trainees at Training Futures, lead financial education workshops for parents, and provide snacks for the Healthy Families program's quarterly playgroups. They enjoyed this so much that they also asked to lead a game night for the families at our SERVE Family Shelter, which was a resounding success. And last summer they provided

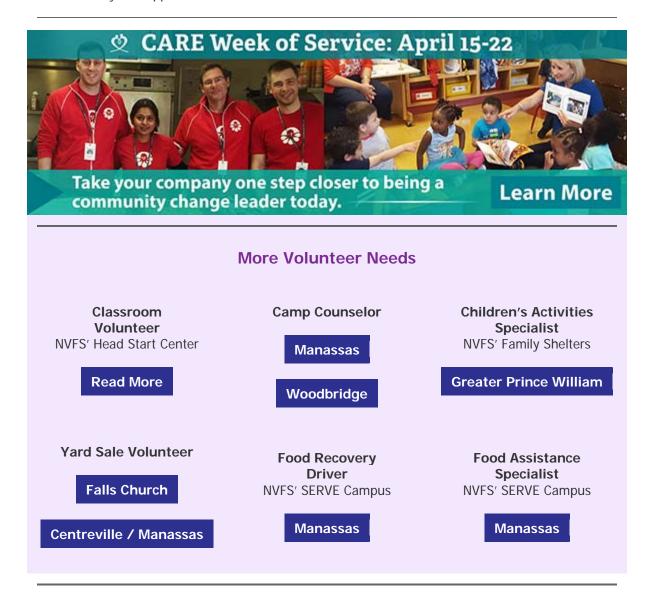
snacks for the children at the SERVE and Hilda Barg shelters during their summer camp.

Their efforts provide clients with not only base-level needs, but moments of enjoyment during a trying time in their lives. NVFS staff appreciates that AFCU volunteers are so "adaptable, fun and engaging....their team is full of laughter and joy," which is just what the families we serve need during a time of crisis. Thank you, Apple Federal Credit Union, for your immense support of so many NVFS services, as well as your generosity and endless enthusiasm!

# Client Intake for Food Assistance NVFS' SERVE Campus Manassas Interpreter (Amharic, Dari & Spanish) NVFS' Multicultural Center Manassas Falls Church Woodbridge

### **Additional Thank Yous**

We'd also like to thank **Middleburg Management**, **Capital One**, **Chick-fil-A**, **John Page** of **InTouch Credit Union** and **Gate Gourmet** for supporting NVFS by leading workshops, assembling activity kits for our littlest clients and providing meals for our shelter guests. We're thankful for your support.



**Top Donation Needs** 

**<u>Training Futures</u>**: Give the gift of office supplies to incoming Training Futures trainees by purchasing items via our Amazon Wishlist.

**Head Start:** Playdough, bubbles, outdoor games, arts & crafts supplies and activities, size 5T pull-ups for both girls and boys

Healthy Families: New baby supplies, including wipes, baby-proofing materials, diapers, rattles, board books, etc.

Hunger Resource Center: Meat, dairy, canned fruit, canned beans



**SERVE** (non-shelter): Transportation vouchers, gas cards, board books, diapers, wipes, children clothes up to size 4T

Urgent needs at family shelters (SERVE and Hilda Barg): Pillows, small umbrellas, rain ponchos

### Ongoing needs at family shelters:

- **SERVE:** Toilet paper, paper towels, gift cards in \$10 increments, double and single strollers, bus tokens, welcome-home baskets (kitchen tools, cleaning supplies, sheets, and towels), air mattresses, lamps and kitchen items (pots and pans, plates, silverware, small appliances)
- Hilda Barq: Bus tokens, toilet paper, paper towels, gift cards in \$10 increments, double and single strollers, welcome home baskets (kitchen tools, cleaning supplies, bed sized blankets, and towels), air mattresses, kitchen items (pots and pans, plates, silverware, small appliances), diapers (especially size 3 and 4), wipes, pull-ups (all sizes), women's deodorant, mouthwash, full-size body lotions, women's/children's hair pins/clips

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# **Events & Opportunities at NVFS CARE Week of** Road to Gratitude Grille Independence Gala Service April 15-22 Saturday, April 21 Friday, May 11 **Read More RSVP Read More**









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