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How Landon Helped the Hunger Resource Center



Landon's parents started organizing collections with their boys when Landon, the eldest, was three (he's now almost six). It was their way of teaching their sons the importance of helping others in need. We first met Landon when he had collected items on his fourth birthday. Last year, Landon wanted to organize another collection for his fifth birthday. This time he collected food for the Hunger Resource Center. After delivering the 160+ pounds of food, Landon got to learn more about how his donations would help the families staying in the shelter and anyone taking food home.

When asked why helping others is important to him, Landon replied, "*Because some people and kids don't have things like food and toys. **It makes me feel good that I am helping people that need help.***"

If you're feeling inspired by Landon's story, please consider [organizing your own food drive](#). With school officially out for the summer, thousands of local kids who rely on their schools for meals will miss out. You can change their story and make a difference for a child in need this summer.



NVFS Volunteer Impact Award Nominees And Winners



We gathered on June 1 to celebrate all of the NVFS volunteers and present our annual Lighthouse and Impact awards.

The Lighthouse Award recognizes volunteers who have a longtime dedication to NVFS and exceed expectations by being there day in and day out tirelessly supporting NVFS. Each nominated volunteer served over 150 hours last year.

Lighthouse Awardee: Ruth Gascoyne, Shelter Support Volunteer

The Impact Award recognizes volunteers who might not be long-term volunteers, but whose efforts have made a particularly significant impact.

Impact Awardee: Kevin Flom, Food Pick-up Driver & Vehicle Fleet Maintenance

To all of our amazing volunteers, thank you for the transformational change you make happen in our community.



“We have *fun* doing the work. Plus it is rewarding to know we are helping others.”

— Anonymous NVFS volunteer

Click Below To Watch The Power of A Pencil Video from NVFS' Back2School Brigade



A pencil is not just a pencil for some students. A pencil becomes so much more. It can *inspire kids to walk confidently, smile wider, and dream bigger*. This summer, we need your help to provide pencils and other needed supplies to 1,800+ students in our community. Whether a student is starting school for the first time or returning for their senior year, **you can help unlock their potential by donating today.**

Greater Washington Good Business Awards



NVFS was honored to be a [finalist for the Greater Washington Good Business Awards](#), presented by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce on June 7. Congratulations to Britepaths for winning the Nonprofit of the Year award.

Deloitte Impact Day

Deloitte's Impact Day is an annual day of service and 2019 marked the twentieth anniversary. This year more than 200 DC-area Deloitte volunteers participated in service projects for our SERVE Campus, Thrift Shop, Healthy Families program, and a skills-based project for NVFS. Thank you to all the employees who spent their day strengthening our community!



Special One-Time Match Opportunity

Mental health is critical to everyone's well-being. And stories like Vianne's are why we need your help to deepen our efforts around mental health and wellness.

Vianne fled to the U.S. with her two children after they were attacked by government forces in their home. After immigrating, Vianne struggled to provide the basic necessities. And her children had no idea how to cope with all the chaos.

If left untreated, mental illness can have a significant impact throughout the lifespan. For young children, it can be hard to focus in school or make friends. For adults, worsening mental health can lead to physical health issues, financial problems and job instability.



Thanks to the support of the **Titmus Foundation**, all gifts made by June 30 to support NVFS' mental health programming, up to \$2,000, will be doubled. You can provide the most vulnerable in our community with accessible and affordable mental health services. [Please click here to donate today.](#)

We Need Inventory Volunteers

The SERVE Campus of Northern Virginia Family Service is in **urgent** need of volunteers on Friday, June 28, 2019 from 9AM-1PM and 1-4PM to help warehouse staff take a complete inventory of food and supplies in our 8,000 square foot warehouse. Up to 25 volunteers are needed for each shift. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old and should be prepared to do moderate lifting. This is a great one-time opportunity which will help our agency to improve its food assistance program to the 650+ households who visit each month for help. Volunteers can feel good knowing they are helping us to make sure fresh food is given to families. Volunteers will also help us identify urgent food needs for clients. **Sign up today** >>

Top Volunteer Needs

**Food Recovery
Driver**
SERVE Campus

**Shelter Meals
Provider**
SERVE Shelter

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**Food Assistance
Specialist**
SERVE Campus

[Manassas](#)

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**Shelter Passenger
Driver**
SERVE Shelter

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Top Donation Needs

SERVE Campus (general): diapers; baby wipes; summer clothes and shoes (sizes 5T and under); books; art supplies

SERVE Family Shelter: bubbles and water balloons (for summer camps); diapers (size 2 and 5); baby wipes; full size shampoos; full size conditioners; men's/women's body wash; q-tips; baby wash; laundry baskets; laundry soap; paper towels; bathroom cleaner; floor cleaner; glass cleaner; post-it notes; disposable plates; blankets; baby blankets; queen sheets; childrens' socks; boys underwear; girls underwear; men's underwear (boxers/boxer briefs)

Training Futures: Check out our Amazon wishlist [here](#).

A complete wishlist of items can be found [here](#).



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Events & Opportunities at NVFS

Village of Impact 2020

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June - August

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