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Monthly Newsletter of Northern Virginia Family Service

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Your Dollars in Action: Aretha's Story



Aretha* immigrated to the US at the end of 2017 from Ethiopia with her three children and husband seeking a better future for their family. Even though she holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management from Admas University in Ethiopia, she found it difficult to secure a new job. With no previous work experience in the U.S., her application was often overlooked. With help from supporters like you, Aretha updated her resume, improved her interviewing skills, and rebuilt

her self-confidence.

Within a few weeks, she landed an interview with a top fundraising organization for charities in North America. I'm happy to report she was immediately hired as a fundraiser. Aretha is now working full-time with a weekly salary of \$530 plus commission and is eligible to receive benefits including health insurance, vacation and retirement.

*named changed for confidentiality

Be a hero all year long.

Become a monthly donor for just 83 cents a day. Together, we will build a brighter future for our community.

Donate Today



Operation Turkey Needs Your Help

With the holidays approaching, it is time to not only think about what we are thankful for, but also how we can spread joy and hope to our neighbors in need this season. **NVFS anticipates an increased need for Operation Turkey and your support is crucial!**

To help provide Thanksgiving dinner to more than 1,200 families, you can:

- [Donate \\$50](#) to provide a complete holiday meal for a family of four.
- Collect and deliver holiday-appropriate nonperishable food such as stuffing, cranberry sauce, and biscuit or cake mix. [Click here](#) for a complete list of items.
- Purchase grocery store gift cards.



Early Childhood Slots Available - Apply now!



NVFS operates high-quality [Early Head Start](#) programming throughout Northern Virginia. **We currently have openings at four of our centers for children ages 0 to 2.5 years.** Spaces are available on a first come, first served basis.

For more information, [please click here](#). Applications can be found [here](#).

Congratulations to our 2019 CARE Winners!



2019 CARE Awards Breakfast
Friday, Nov. 15 · 7:30 a.m.
Sheraton Premiere Tysons Corner

[Register Now](#)

Corporate Spotlight: Hyatt Regency Tysons Corner Center

NVFS' CARE Awards celebrates exemplary companies that foster thriving cultures of community and employee wellbeing. This year, 32 winning companies will be honored at the Awards, including [Hyatt Regency Tysons Corner Center](#).

Hyatt embodies the values of CARE in how they support their employees, contractors, and guests. Leadership literally positions themselves in the lobby to ensure frontline staff have the opportunity to raise challenges or concerns; celebrations are frequently held for all roles within Hyatt; and they partner with local high schools to provide special need students with job shadowing opportunities. To hear more about what Hyatt Regency Tysons Corner Center and other companies are doing to support employees and the local community, please join us on [November 15th at the CARE Awards](#).

Top Volunteer Needs

Food Assistance Specialist - SERVE Campus

Food Recovery Driver - SERVE Campus

Shelter Passenger Driver - SERVE Shelter

Shelter Meals Provider - SERVE Campus

Children's Activities Specialist - SERVE Shelter

Bilingual Receptionist - Multicultural Center

CARE Awards On-Site Volunteers - Tysons Corner

Thrift Shop Ambassador - Falls Church



Top Donation Needs

SERVE Campus (general): Diapers, wipes, pumpkins, bales of hay, and other fall decor for Early Head Start's fall celebrations

Hunger Resource Center: Please consider donating food and non-perishable items for Operation Turkey

SERVE Family Shelter: Diapers (size 2,3,4,5), baby wipes, air mattresses, queen sheets, bed sized blankets, full size hygiene items (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion, deodorant), baby wash/baby lotion, baby blankets, children's socks, boys/girls underwear, men's boxers/boxer briefs

Training Futures: 3-ring binders, flash drives, mouse pads

Here is a complete **wishlist of items**.

Events & Opportunities at NVFS

CARE Awards: November 15, 2019

Village of Impact: December 14, 2019



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