You dazzled. You delighted. You gave the gift of hope.

Thank you for filling homes and hearts with joy and hope. Your generosity and compassion lessened the stress that the holidays can sometimes bring for the families we serve.

Thank you to all our holiday initiatives partners, with special thanks to:
Strikes for Stronger Families is back. Register your team today!

Gather up to five of your family, friends and coworkers to support local families on their journey toward self-sufficiency. The team fundraising minimum requirement is $375 and prizes will be awarded to the top fundraisers.

By participating in the 2020 Strikes for Stronger Families Bowl-a-thon, you are transforming the lives of thousands of families in the Greater Prince William Community each year.

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
Please note, this year's event will take place on Saturday, March 7 at the Bowl America Bull Run location on Balls Ford Road in Manassas.

Addressing maternal and infant mortality rates in Virginia

"The United States is one of only 13 countries in the world in which the rate of maternal mortality continues to be worse than it was 30 years ago." Read more of the op-ed piece from NVFS staff members: Malinda Langford, senior vice president of programs, Ondrea McIntyre-Hall, director of health access and nutrition services, and Nanci Pedulla, director of Healthy Families.
Partner Spotlight: Express Moving and Storage

Thank you to the amazing team at Express Moving and Storage, a new partner who provided critical support for the Gifting for Families toy donation drive in December. Express Moving and Storage dispatched a truck and drivers, to move key set-up furniture that transformed a vacant store front into a magical toy closet that ensured that more than 2,200 children in Northern Virginia received a gift for the holiday season.

The team at Express Moving and Storage transported and set up tables, chairs, and supplies to kick-off Gifting for Families, and at the end of the donation drive, returned to help with take-down and transported a very special delivery of toys back to the SERVE Campus for distribution. Express Moving and Storage, we are so appreciative of your support for NVFS.

CONNEXT with Joel Peterson on February 26

CONNEXT is a program of NVFS that brings together leaders to engage their networks, grow their knowledge, and transform our community together for the better. On February 26, Joel Peterson will share his insights for establishing and maintaining a culture of trust that breaks down the operational silos and CYA mentality that plague many organizations.
Top Volunteer Needs

**Food Recovery Driver** - SERVE Campus

**Shelter Passenger Driver** - SERVE Shelter

**Shelter Meals Provider** - SERVE Campus

**Children's Activities Specialist** - SERVE Shelter
Top Donation Needs

**SERVE Campus** (general): winter coats, winter hats, baby blankets, diapers (size 2 or larger), art supplies, crayons, construction paper

**Hunger Resource Center**: Cereal, flour, sugar, cooking oil/spray, non-meat protein options, low-sodium canned goods, gluten free foods

**SERVE Family Shelter**: Diapers (size 4, 5, 6), baby wipes, toilet paper, air mattresses, bed sized blankets, new pillows, cleaning supplies (disinfecting wipes, all-purpose cleaner, sponges), household items (dishes, pots/pans, utensils, cups), laundry detergent, laundry baskets, paper towels

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

General: diapers (3-9 months), sand blocks, music sticks, slip whistles, socks and undergarments (kids sizes 0-5), toiletries, pajamas (kids sizes small - large), blankets

Here is a complete *wishlist of items*.

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Events & Opportunities at NVFS

**CONNEXT with Joel Peterson**: February 26, 2020

**Strikes for Stronger Families Bowl-a-Thon**: Saturday, March 7, 2020

**National Volunteer Week**: April 19-25, 2020

**Village of Impact**: April 2020

**Road to Independence Gala**: Friday, May 8, 2020