



Welcome to the
**RSVP-Northern Virginia
Holiday Guide**
November 2019 – January 2020



**The following volunteer opportunities are provided by
RSVP and its partners during the upcoming holiday season**

For more information on our holiday guide, please contact RSVP-Northern Virginia Volunteer Specialist Shannon White at swhite@volunteerfairfax.org

Who: RSVP November Group Service Project with Cornerstones



When: Saturday, November 23 (9:30 a.m to 2:30 p.m.)

Where: St. John Neumann Church - 11900 Lawyers Road,
Reston, VA 20191

About: For many in our community, enjoying a holiday dinner is not a given. Take part in this fun group service project on Saturday, Nov. 23, in Reston, and help RSVP partner Cornerstones sort food for holiday baskets that will be distributed to their clients.

Sign up now online by clicking [November Group Service Project](#) or call RSVP Volunteer Specialist Shannon White at 703-403-5360



Who: Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH)

Where: Arlington, VA

When: Nov 1-Dec 3, 2019

Ongoing donation collection, toys for children ages newborn-12

About: APAH is collecting new toys and gifts for kids ages newborn-12 years for kids who live at our communities. This is an annual gift drive that helps us create a gift shop for parents to come and choose items for their children.

of volunteers needed: NA

Requirements: We are requesting new, unwrapped toys and gifts for children ages newborn-12.

For more information on drop off dates and location, please contact Julie Booth at jbooth@apah.org or 571-800-6462.



Who: New Hope Housing

Where: New Hope Housing Admin Office, 8407-E Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22309

When: Thanksgiving food baskets are due November 16, Christmas food baskets are due December 14

Ongoing Opportunity

About: Fill clients' tables by:

- Hosting a Thanksgiving or Christmas food drive
- Donating a food basket for a single adult
- Donating grocery store gift cards for clients to purchase turkeys (grocery stores along Route One are best)
- Serving a meal at one of New Hope Housing's supportive housing sites
- [Download Holiday Food Basket List Here](#)

For more information, contact Sami Smyth at ssmyth@newhopehousing.org or 703-799-2293 ext. 11.



American Red Cross
in the National Capital Region

Who: American Red Cross – Holidays for Heroes!

Where: Please drop off or send boxed/bagged donations

to the attention of: *Holidays for Heroes*

American Red Cross in the National Capital Region

8550 Arlington Blvd.

Fairfax, VA 22031

When: Donations are accepted year-round.

Ongoing Opportunity

About:

Holidays for Heroes offers individuals, corporations and community entities (church/temple groups, schools, community centers, etc.) the opportunity to support the unique work that the American Red Cross in the National Capital Region is doing for the local military and veteran

community. Previously known as the Holiday Mail for Heroes program, which was centered around the winter holiday season and our recovering warriors at Walter Reed NMMC and Ft. Belvoir Community Hospital, we have evolved the program to support our local military and veterans year-round by collecting items to help support the needs of the community.

We offer the opportunity for individuals and organizations to support Red Cross programs and services through donations of:

- New/unused travel or full-size toiletries
- Low-value gift cards to chain restaurants and entertainment (such as iTunes, Google, Amazon)
- Individually wrapped snacks
- New clothing items (such as socks, t-shirts, workout clothes)
- Other financial contributions

For more information, contact Pikkwan Boston, Volunteer Recruitment Specialist at pikkwan.boston2@redcross.org



Who: RSVP-Northern Virginia

Where: Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St, Reston, VA 20190

When: TWO DATES! 1. Friday, November 29, 2019 from 6 - 10 pm Carriage Rides at Reston Town Center: Volunteers will manage the lines, collect donations, educate people

about RSVP & Volunteer Fairfax and have a little holiday fun! 2. Sunday, December 22, 2019 from 11:30 - 4 pm Train Rides at Reston Town Center: Volunteers will manage the lines, collect donations, educate people about RSVP & Volunteer Fairfax and have a little holiday fun!

One-time (2 different dates)

About: Come help RSVP and Volunteers for Change (program through Volunteer Fairfax) by hosting carriage and train rides at Reston Town Center during this holiday season! Help us manage the lines, collect donations, educate people about RSVP & Volunteer Fairfax and have a little holiday fun in the process! Parking is FREE!!

If you need more information or have any questions, please contact RSVP Program Manager, Brandi Morris at bmorris@volunteerfairfax.org



Who: Cornerstones

Where: Hunter Mill District Supervisor's office (1801 Cameron Glen Dr., Reston, VA 20190)

When: November 26th – January 18th (Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 4:30 - 7:15 PM and Saturday mornings from 10:00am-12:45pm)

One-time or Ongoing (It depends on how many slots volunteers sign up for)

About: Winter Coat Closet: The Hunter Mill District Winter Coat Closet is a program that distributes free hats, coats, gloves, and other winter gear that is run jointly by Cornerstones and the Hunter Mill District Supervisor's Office. During the 2018-2019 season we provided over 400 individuals and families with assistance. We are currently looking for volunteers to help support this program for the 2019-2020 season. Volunteers help to accept and sort incoming donations, assist customers with selecting coats, and record all coats that are distributed. Sign-up here to volunteer: <https://signup.com/go/rHdmrVr>

of volunteers needed: 4-5

Requirements (if any): Satisfactory completion of Criminal History background checks (if 18 years old or above); Families are welcome, although at least one person at least 21 years old must be present during each shift; Ability to act as a representative of Cornerstones in the community; and basic Spanish language verbal skills or vocabulary (*optional*).

For more information, contact Morgan Grant, Community Resource Coordinator, at morgan.grant@cornerstonesva.org

Name of Organization: Cornerstones

Where: Embry Rucker Community Shelter, 11975 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, VA 20190

When: Dec. 13th, bad weather date: Dec. 16th (10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.-- approx. 4-6 hours total depending on group size and productivity. Serve all or part of this time frame.)

One time

About: Come help us sort donations of material in preparation for our Holiday gift giving events for the shelter's singles, families and children. Work takes place indoors and outside, so dress for the weather!

of volunteers needed: 10-20

Requirements (if any): Volunteers and those accompanying them must be 18 or older

For more information, contact Susan Alger, Director of Volunteer and Community Engagement, at susan.alger@cornerstonesva.org

Name of Organization: Volunteer Alexandria

Where: TBD

When: Friday, December 20 from 5:30 – 9 pm and Saturday, December 21 from 8 – 11 a.m.; 11:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.; & 2:30 – 6 p.m.

One time

About: Volunteer Alexandria in partnership with the Alexandria City Department of Community and Human Services, hosts the Annual Holiday Community Toy Drive, which will approximately involve 300 families and 700 children. This event engages volunteers 6 and older. Volunteers needed to unload, sort, and inventory toys on Friday and Saturday morning. On Saturday at noon, volunteers will assist parents in selecting toys for their children. [Spanish translators needed to escort parents.](#)

Register at www.volunteeralexandria.org, search for holiday.

Name of Organization: Cornerstones

Where: Embury Rucker Community Shelter, 11975 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, VA 20190

When: Dec. 30th, bad weather back up date of Dec. 31st (10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., approx. 4-6 hours total depending on group size and productivity. Serve all or part of this time frame.)

One time

About: Assist staff in packing and storing away surplus donations of toiletries, home goods, cleaning supplies, and toys collected during the holiday season to use throughout the year. Event occurs indoors and outdoors, so come dressed for the weather!

of volunteers needed: up to 25

Requirements (if any): Volunteers and those accompanying them must be 18 or older

For more information, contact Susan Alger, Director of Volunteer and Community Engagement, at susan.alger@cornerstonesva.org

Name of Organization: Volunteer Arlington

Where: TBD

When: Monday, January 20, 2020

People can learn more and register here - <https://volunteer.leadercenter.org/MLK> or contact Lisa Fikes, at lfikes@leadercenter.org

Name of Organization: Cornerstones

Where: Embry Rucker Community Shelter, 11975 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, VA 20190

When: Weekdays as available—ongoing need, call to schedule (10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)

One-time or more

About: Provide a hot lunch meal for residents at Embry Rucker Community Shelter. Options to purchase food, bring it, prepare it, and serve it with your team, or pay \$400 and have our staff provide the food and lead you in preparing and serving it.

of volunteers needed: 4-10

Requirements (if any): Volunteers and those accompanying them must be 18 or older

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Name of Organization: FACETS

Where: 4 Community Centers (2 in Fairfax, 1 in Annandale, 1 in Centreville)

When: Ongoing (weekly)

Ongoing

About: FACETS mission is to open doors by helping parents, their children, and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty in Fairfax County. We have 4 community centers that provide after school activities and homework help for the children. We would like to bring some activities to the women living there too. Do you have experience with crafts, yoga or anything else you think would be interesting for women to experience?

of volunteers needed: 1 for each of the four community centers (located in Fairfax and Annandale)

Requirements (if any): A willingness to help bond groups of women living in the same neighborhoods through various activities

For more information, contact Tammy Voss, Volunteer Manager at TVoss@facetscares.org



Name of Organization: Shepherd's Center, South County

Where: South Fairfax County region; South County Office, Suite 125, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA 22309

When: Weekdays (time varies between 8:00 – 4:30 daytime - approximately 2 hours per volunteer event)

Ongoing- (volunteer drivers select from a list of available rides)

About: Transporting 50+ seniors who don't drive to/from medical appointments – usually round trip

of volunteers needed: Unlimited

Requirements (if any): Valid driver's license, state police background check, and proof of insurance

For more information, contact Volunteer Recruiter, Jean Browne at scfbvolrecruiter@aol.com

Name of Organization: Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke, SCFB

Where: 4019 Olley Lane, Fairfax, 22032

When: Mon-Fri (9 am - 3 pm). **On-going**

About: Free support services for folks 50+ years of age:

-transportation to medical appointments and shopping trips

-friendly callers/friendly visitors for home-bound seniors

-support group for caregivers of those with dementia

-handy helpers, minor home repairs

Low-cost enrichment programs for folks 50+ years of age:

-Adventures in Learning - Educational enrichment classes (two sessions twice a year for six weeks)

-Exercise Classes - Improve balance, strength and flexibility

-Lunch N' Life - Speaker luncheons (held six times a year)

of volunteers needed: Unlimited! All of the above programs are managed by volunteers. We especially need office support to handle phone requests and schedule drives.

Requirements (if any)

Caring individuals wishing to make a difference in their community. Volunteer drivers and Friendly Visitors/Callers (direct contact with clients) will have passed a police background check. Drivers will provide valid driver's license and proof of insurance.

For more information, contact Volunteer Recruiter, Jean Browne at scfbvolrecruiter@aol.com

Name of Organization: Shepherd's Center of Annandale Springfield

Where: 7610 Newcastle Drive, Annandale, VA 22003

When: Everyday (Any time). **Ongoing**

About: Driving Seniors (50 and older) to their medical appointments during M-F, anytime and sometimes weekends to grocery

of volunteers needed: 10

Requirements (if any): We will do a background check and DMV check.

For more information, contact Erin O'Reilly, Office Director, at shepherdschas@vacoxmail.com

For more information on our holiday guide, please contact RSVP-Northern Virginia Volunteer Specialist Shannon White at swhite@volunteerfairfax.org

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