

Director's Corner:



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I would like to welcome you to our first Williamsburg House of Mercy newsletter.

Each month we will be using this space to tell you about the things happening downtown at House of Mercy, our fabulous community partners and volunteers, and

ways you can get involved.

Late last year we teamed up with Peninsula Worklink to provide two satellite access points within House of Mercy that offer job search services guided by trained volunteers. Those who are looking for work are able to tap into job search services and resources, and receive resume writing assistance. On September 9th, we hosted a training event put on by our community partner Stephen LaRosee, the Veterans Representative with the Virginia Employment Commission. 10 new volunteers were trained to assist clients with job search services and resource navigation!

We are also happy to announce that we will be partnering with Walgreens for the 3rd year in a row to offer free flu shots at the October and November Mobile Food Pantries, as well as offering opportunities throughout the next several months for those receiving services at the Williamsburg House of Mercy. A big thank you to "our" neighborhood Walgreens pharmacist, Brian Jones!

As the weather changes and we begin to gear up for the holiday season, remember the poor and the struggling. Our lives are made richer in mercy.

Visit our website for ways you can get involved.

Upcoming Events:

- The next Mobile Food Pantry is **October 7th**
- Starting **October 14th** we will be open Fridays from 10-2pm
- Christmas and Thanksgiving sign-ups begin **October 17th**.

Housing Report:

- 11 households (23 individuals, 12 adults and 11 children) rehoused from homelessness
- 31 new Harbor Day Center guests
- 70 unique Harbor Day Center Guests

**Numbers since July 1st*

Ways to Help:

If anyone would like to donate bus tickets---on October 10th the price goes up to \$3 each, as opposed to the \$1 price we were able to purchase them at this time last year. This is a hard hit to our budget as we use a LOT of bus tickets!

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