



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

SPRING, 2023

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"*

(Isaiah 6:8)



Thank you so very much for your recent donation to Lynchburg Beacon of Hope. We are grateful for your thoughtful, generous support, as Lynchburg Beacon of

Hope is a 100% grass-roots, privately funded initiative supported by the incredible individuals, businesses, and foundations of our community.

The mission of Lynchburg Beacon of Hope is to inspire Lynchburg's youth to pursue post-secondary education or training, invest in their potential, and equip them to become contributing individuals to the betterment of our community. Beacon of Hope's unique High School Future Centers, Stay Close, Go Far (SCGF) Scholarships and College Success programs, Middle School Heroes and Kids to College are launching significantly more of Lynchburg's graduates into college, technical certification programs, and the workforce than ever before. With the start of the most recent school year, we are thrilled to welcome nearly 250 SCGF students to the campus of Central Virginia Community College. To date, approximately 750 of our city's young people have begun their college or career pathway with the assistance of a scholarship from Lynchburg Beacon of Hope! Thank you for helping us change lives. Your investment makes it possible for hundreds of Lynchburg's students and families to access their full potential every year.

Your investment is a true commitment in our collective future. Countless studies show that a better educated community brings about decreased levels of poverty, crime, and unemployment. Education, training, and certification are entry points where futures open and opportunities are created.

Thank you for being such a vital and on-going partner in Lynchburg Beacon of Hope's mission to create brighter futures for Lynchburg's young people.

Laura Hamilton
Executive Director

Dani Hottle
Director of Development



MIRIAM'S HOUSE
SOLUTIONS TO HOMELESSNESS

We are so grateful for your thoughtful contribution to support our work to end homelessness. Thank you for providing the safety and opportunity of a home for families in need in the Lynchburg area. In 2022, your support allowed us to serve more people experiencing homelessness than in any previous year. Last year we assisted 462 of our homeless neighbors with housing and supportive services, including 140 homeless children. These families and individuals can now begin the work of rebuilding their lives with renewed hope and dignity.

This past fall, our street outreach program met Amy who had been sleeping in her car for several months after losing her housing. Amy had a long history of struggling with a mental illness and it took several months for her to trust our street outreach worker. As trust was built, Miriam's House helped Amy return to the safety of a home, and we provided her with wraparound support services. Amy is now thriving in her home and working with a team of providers to ensure that she has everything she needs to rebuild her life.

Your support has allowed us to serve Amy and many other individuals and families experiencing the trauma of homelessness – thank you!

Sarah Quarantotto, MSW
Executive Director



We truly appreciate your investment in YWCA Central Virginia. For over one-hundred years, your YWCA has

worked tirelessly for women, children, men, and families here in Central Virginia with the mission to eliminate racism and empower women. It is thanks to members of our community, like yourself, that we look forward to providing assistance during the next century as well. Donors work alongside our team and community to impact members of our community who are escaping domestic and intimate partner violence; who are survivors of sexual assault; and who are seeking safe low-income housing.

As you may be aware, on average near twenty people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States, and one in three women will experience some form of contact sexual violence in their lifetime. With your investment, YWCA Central Virginia will continue to turn victims into survivors through our Domestic Violence Prevention Program (DVPP) and our Sexual Assault Response Program (SARP). Our association also provides other critical supports to our community through our educational programming in the areas of racial justice, as well as health and safety; and Town Center Residential Housing Program, which has continuously housed women since 1918!

As you can see, the contributions made to our organization promote health and safety for our community and allow those in crisis to move forward with their lives. We believe that victims of abuse or racism can become survivors. You have contributed to the lives of these individuals we serve and for that we thank you.

Our work has continued in the local area since 1912 due to the generosity of our community and donors like you. We appreciate your interest in our services and becoming a part of changing lives. We look forward to serving the community in the future with you in mind.

Stephanie C. Andrews
Chief Executive Officer

Thanks to the congregation of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for your generous gift to the 2022 United Way of Central Virginia Campaign.



Support from loyal donors like you has been the backbone of the United Way of Central Virginia for over 100 years. These donations have helped us to fund initiatives that have changed so many lives in our community. You truly understand what it means to be committed to helping our community and have backed your commitment with your gift.

With today's economic challenges, more people are struggling in Central Virginia than ever before. Local programs are being stretched to their limits to meet the needs. When you donate to the United Way, your contribution benefits all the charities we help to fund, not just one or two of them. Every donation, large or small, takes us one step closer to our goal: a community that is ready and able to meet the needs of its citizens.

You are very special to our organization, and we appreciate your support of our mission. Thank you again for your contribution toward building a stronger Central Virginia.

Kim Soerensen
President and CEO

Ula Kauppi, CFRE
Director of Resource Development



Lynchburg Daily Bread

What a year it has been! Because of wonderful donors like you, we have served more families than ever before - hundreds of new families in need. Fresh off our spreadsheet - we served 164,276 meals in 2022, along with 9,159 children's dinner bags. This is the most we've ever served in our forty year history, officially more than double our pre-pandemic efforts, and now includes seventeen meal outreach sites from Rustburg and Altavista to Bedford and Appomattox. Our remarkable team of staff and volunteers faithfully gets it done, every day of the year, with love and compassion.

Tracey Dixon
Executive Director