

# IMPACT REPORT

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## Monthly Newsletter



### CLOTHES CLOSET EXPANSION

WE MADE SIGNIFICANT UPDATES TO OUR CLOTHES CLOSET TO BETTER SERVE THE GROWING NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY. WITH AN INCREASING NUMBER OF FAMILIES RELYING ON THIS RESOURCE, WE'VE WORKED TO IMPROVE ORGANIZATION AND ACCESSIBILITY, ENSURING ITEMS ARE READILY AVAILABLE FOR THOSE IN NEED.

WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THE GENEROUS DONATIONS THAT CONTINUE TO FILL OUR SHELVES AND FOR THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP MAKE THIS SERVICE POSSIBLE. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS VITAL PART OF OUR MISSION!

WE ARE STILL IN EXTREME NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

### HOLIDAY HELPERS PROGRAM

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, THE HOLIDAY HELPERS PROGRAM BROUGHT TOGETHER INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE FOR FAMILIES IN NEED. B99.9, VALLEYSTAR CREDIT UNION, AND FOOD LION JOINED FORCES TO ENCOURAGE AND COLLECT DONATIONS FOR THE HOLIDAYS. THROUGH THEIR COMBINED EFFORTS, A WIDE VARIETY OF ITEMS WERE GATHERED, INCLUDING FOOD, TOYS, AND FESTIVE HOLIDAY SUPPLIES. THESE DONATIONS WERE THEN DELIVERED TO THE HENRY COUNTY FOOD PANTRY, WHERE THEY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO FAMILIES THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY, BRINGING MUCH-NEEDED SUPPORT AND HOLIDAY CHEER.





## **Partnership Spotlight:** **EMI Recycling**

**This month, we're shining our Partnership Spotlight on EMI for their incredible support and dedication to the Henry County Food Pantry.**

**EMI played a key role in helping us expand our Clothes Closet by moving heavy equipment, making more space for essential items. They also donated empty boxes, enabling us to pack and distribute food and supplies more efficiently.**

**In addition, EMI has generously provided ongoing use of their box truck and tractor-trailers, ensuring we can pick up large donations and food deliveries without delay.**

**We are so thankful for their generosity and commitment to serving our community!**



## **Partnership Spotlight:** **Virginia Department of Health**

**We're proud to highlight the Virginia Department of Health in this month's Partnership Spotlight for their generous donation of infant formula.**

**Thanks to their support, we've been able to provide essential nutrition to new moms and infants in our community, ensuring they have the resources they need during a critical time.**

**We're so grateful for their partnership and dedication to the health and well-being of our neighbors!**

# Story of the month:



Just days before the Prison Fellowship Christmas Project was set to deliver gifts to children with incarcerated parents, the Henry County Food Pantry faced an unexpected setback. A sudden roof leak occurred directly above the staged packages, damaging many of the toys meant for the children. It was a moment of heartbreak and urgency.

In true community spirit, our volunteers immediately took action. Salvaging what they could, they reached out to friends, family, and colleagues, sharing what had happened. In an inspiring show of generosity, enough funds were raised within two hours to replace all the damaged toys, ensuring every child received their gift.



We are deeply grateful to Dwight Barbour, Kaneshia Coles, Shirley Fink, Sharon Smith, Debra and Robert Bowden, Stacy and Shermeria Barbour, and several anonymous donors who made this recovery possible. Additionally, we extend our thanks to the roofer who promptly repaired the leak to prevent further damage.

This moment is a powerful reminder of the strength of community and the spirit of the season. Thanks to the selflessness and determination of so many, the joy of Christmas was restored for children in need, bringing a message of hope and love during the holidays.

## THANK YOU FOR ALL DONATIONS AND SUPPORT!

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