

March 2025

HENRY COUNTY FOOD PANTRY



Impact Report

STORY OF THE MONTH: A PLACE TO DREAM

In March, the Henry County Food Pantry's Bedtime Blessings Program continued to make a tangible difference in the lives of families in our community. Over the last 10 weeks, the program has provided 15 children with their own beds, ensuring they have a place of comfort and security to lay their heads each night.

One moment that stood out this month involved a family of five who had recently moved into stable housing after experiencing months of hardship. Their new house was a shell of possibility—but without beds, it lacked the warmth and comfort of a true home.



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Last week, our team delivered four complete beds—each with fresh linens, pillows, and a sense of dignity. For the first time in a long time, these children could sleep peacefully, in their own space, without sharing the floor or a crowded couch.

This transformation was made possible through the generosity of our community. We often say that a bed is more than just furniture—and it's true. A bed provides rest, but also the structure for growth, the assurance of stability, and a quiet place to dream.

Monthly Update



CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST & LATTER DAY SAINTS

This March, we were deeply grateful to welcome a group of dedicated volunteers from The Church of Jesus Christ, who gave their time and energy not just once—but on three different occasions throughout the month.

Their support made a tremendous difference across multiple areas of the pantry. From organizing donations in our Clothes Closet, to tidying and stocking the Referral Closet, and even packing food boxes for upcoming distribution days—they served wherever there was a need with kindness and care.

COMMUNITY MEETING THE NEED

With the goal of preparing 8–10 pallets of food boxes ahead of our Monday distribution, we asked for a few willing hands to join us in packing meals for families in need. Despite the weekday morning timing, five incredible volunteers showed up, ready to serve. Though we didn't manage to capture a photo of every volunteer, the impact of their presence was clear. Their efforts ensured that hundreds of households would receive food without delay—demonstrating once again the power of neighbors coming together.



Partner Spotlight



BEDTIME BLESSINGS AT WDBJ7

We are excited to share that our Bedtime Blessings Program was recently featured on WDBJ7 News—a powerful step forward in raising awareness.

This spotlight not only celebrated the work we've been doing but also helped shine a light on the very real need families face every day. Too many children go to sleep each night without a bed of their own. Through this coverage, more people are learning about the issue—and, more importantly, how they can help.

VIRGINIA HARM REDUCTION

On a recent Monday morning during our food distribution hours, the Virginia Harm Reduction Coalition (VHRC) joined us on-site to offer free HIV and HCV testing to our clients—bringing critical health services directly to the community.

We are deeply grateful for VHRC's partnership; access to health care should never depend on zip code, income, or circumstance, and thanks to partners like VHRC, we're able to bring holistic support to those we serve.



Thank you for all your support and donations!



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