resource center **2024 IMPACT REPORT** 



## Our mission is clear: No child should be without basic necessities.

We exist to **serve as a lifeline for vulnerable families** experiencing the detrimental economic and emotional impacts of hunger and scarcity. We meet their immediate needs so they can work towards building a pathway of sustainability for their future.

Since its inception in 2021, The Resource Center has emerged as **one of the largest emergency food and essentials providers** in Fairfax
County, serving **more than 6,500 individuals** annually.

Offering inclusive support to any zip code in need, our strategy focuses on <a href="mailto:supporting">supporting the dedicated frontline workers</a>—social workers, police officers, hospice workers, school counselors, and nonprofit professionals—who work tirelessly with vulnerable families. By providing short-term resources, we empower these professionals to connect families to sustainable assistance, alleviating the burden they carry in our community.

In Fiscal Year 2024, The Resource Center served 6,595 individuals across Northern Virginia, helping to alleviate hunger, scarcity and overwhelming burdens.

1,148



Families received food and essential items, helping 4,576 people.

1,782



People served in the community through weekly food distributions, special requests, and special projects such as Afghan Refugee Hygiene Kits, Domestic Violence Survivor Packs, Hospice Gift Bags, Homeless Shelter Breakfast Bags, Cookies for Prisoners, Thanksgiving Meals, and Holiday Program assistance.

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Social service professionals cared for through pick-ups and monthly care dinners.

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Events held at Fairfax Church providing space for foster care, refugee, trafficking, teen mom, special need teens and government family service providers to offer programming to those they serve.

**220** 



Volunteers donated **5.839** hours of their time to secure, pack and distribute 89,684 pounds of food and basic essentials to the community.





### A SNAPSHOT OF FAMILIES SERVED

"The family we serve is enrolled in SNAP and TANF, but a clerical error is keeping them from receiving benefits. Can you help us until their benefits start?"

"A single working father is juggling the financial burden of medical costs while trying to provide for his son. He is working hard to pay off the medical bills, and food assistance would help him stay on track and avoid falling behind."

"The great-grandmother is currently fostering her teenage grandson through kinship care, and is in need of support until her foster care payments start."

"We are celebrating this family's reunification, but mom is unable to qualify for benefits until custody is officially transferred. Unfortunately, the court's administrative process has been delayed."

"On behalf of a young mom and her children, who have recently been relocated to a safe place, we are requesting urgent assistance with hygiene products and food."

"An asylum-seeking mother and her 6-year-old daughter fled their home due to extreme violence and are in need of shoes for the young girl. Can you help?"

"We mentor teen moms, and one of the young women in our program recently gave birth but won't be receiving assistance for a couple of months. Her greatest need right now is formula."

"Our client is 20 weeks pregnant and has been placed on bed rest due to the risk of miscarriage. Her husband, who works in construction, is struggling to find work due to the changing season. They have two other children and would greatly appreciate any assistance with groceries during this difficult time."



#### WHAT OUR PARTNERS ARE SAYING

"The Resource Center is an important ally and source of support for homeless students and families in Fairfax County. As a school system, our resources are limited. When we have a family in need, especially when it is an emergency, The Resource Center is the organization that always saves the day!"

#### SOCIAL WORKER / FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL HOMELESS LIAISON OFFICE



"I serve families throughout
Northern Virginia who have a child
with a life limiting illness. Many
of these families include a parent
who has left the workforce to care
for their ill child. The groceries
and household goods provided by
The Resource Center provide my
clients with access to vital nutrition
and hygiene during a time when
finances are especially limited."

PEDIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER / CAPITAL CARING KIDS

"These professional people have a lot of experience, and I feel that they are listening, giving a lot of support to the people who need it. I leave the [social workers care] meeting renewed to continue working with a different perspective. I thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to meet them and try to be better every day, so I can continue working with my clients."

**SOCIAL WORKER / FAIRFAX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES** 

Thank you to all our supporters that have made this work possible. We truly would not be able to provide these critical services to families in need without your generous support. It's a privilege to collaborate with you in ensuring that every child has access to basic necessities, and that every family is provided with a path to sustainability and thriving within our communities.

Learn more about our Resource Center, volunteer opportunities, ways to donate, stories of hope, and more by scanning the QR code below.

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