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Newsletter: Visit our website and click on the newsletter signup link. You can also email us at: newsletter@thegivingheart.org.

Volunteer Opportunities: Keep up to date by subscribing to our newsletter, or bookmark www.thegivingheart.org. Thanksgiving Feast volunteer applications are available online on approximately October 1st of each year.

Giving Bag Project: Check out our Giving Bag page on our website or email the Giving Bag Coordinator at givingbags@thegivingheart.org.

Become a table sponsor: Visit us at www.thegivingheart.org/tablespponsors or email tablespponsors@thegivingheart.org for more details.

General Inquiries: Info@thegivingheart.org

Facebook: Check out at our Facebook location: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/The-Giving-Heart/114293064897>.



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**"Caring, Sharing
and Giving"**

*General Information
and Programs*

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About The Giving Heart

The Giving Heart provides food, fellowship and essential items to those in the Greater Richmond Metropolitan Area. As an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, we are dedicated to “caring, sharing and giving” within our community.

The Giving Bag Project

The Giving Bag Project evolved from our Community Thanksgiving Feast. Reusable bags are filled with at least 5 essential items: soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant and shampoo. Additional items are supplemented, creating a more personalized offering for the intended recipient. To date, over 4000 Giving Bags have been distributed to elderly, homeless, families and those who would otherwise go without items that many often take for granted. The Giving Heart is grateful to many in the community for their generosity in providing items for this project.



Over 4000 Giving Bags have been distributed in Richmond.

To learn more about the Giving Bag Project, please feel free to visit our website or email us at givingbags@thegivingheart.org.

Community Thanksgiving Feast

The Giving Heart Community Thanksgiving Feast began in 2005. This free event offers over 500 volunteers the opportunity to serve and fellowship in the true spirit of thanksgiving.

As a community-wide event, *everyone* is invited to “our” table—the homeless, the elderly, those new to the area, students unable to return home during their short holiday at school, military persons, singles and families.

For the volunteers that create The Giving Heart, the Community Thanksgiving Feast has provided more than we ever imagined.



A typical meal served at the Giving Heart's Community Thanksgiving Feast.

With an average of 3000 in attendance, volunteers assist in food preparations, service areas and table hosting. Many students, (age 14-24) earn community service hours as a Youth Ambassador.

Responding to the needs of many attending our Community Thanksgiving Feast, The Giving Heart offers health screenings, social service information and the distribution of items such as toiletries, socks, books and shoes.

Volunteer opportunities are available through our monthly newsletter and online application process.

Other Projects

Responding to area needs, as well as the interests of our volunteers, The Giving Heart has offered other projects from time to time.



Soles for the City is a youth-led project that collects and distributes athletic shoes to help encourage a healthy lifestyle for adults

and youth in the Richmond community.

Our *Got You Covered* project has helped provide free clothing with an emphasis on work-related attire to over 483 individuals.



Youth Ambassadors with former Governor Tim Kaine and First Lady Anne Holton.