

Connect for Good

Support Local Schools



GIVE GOODS

- Haven Shelter in Warsaw needs school supplies for children: backpacks, lunch boxes, black and white composition notebooks, kindergarten mats and spiral notebooks.
- Easter Seals Virginia needs art supplies, poster board, kid's board games and costumes for youth programs.
- Read Aloud VA seeks elementary and preschool level books, DVDs and tapes.
- Arms Wide Open needs school supplies for children ages 5-10.
- Books on Wheels needs book shelves, building supplies, bike tools and a bus.
- Does your church, nonprofit or school need computers? Contact Computer Recycling of Virginia in the Northern Neck to request a donation.
- GRASP partners with foundations, businesses and individuals to help low-income students make a financial game plan for college. Donate to the cause.
- Children's Museum of Richmond needs paper, glue sticks, glitter and crayons.
- The Neighborhood Resource Center needs bikes and tricycles for Montessori School students during outdoor playtime.
- Northern Neck Family YMCA needs 6-8 folding chairs, 2 computers and a futon for their after-school program.
- Resource Information Help for the Disadvantaged needs collegiate dictionaries and a computer.
- Commonwealth Catholic Charities asks for gift cards to Target and Walmart for children to buy school supplies and clothes.
- The Rudi Johnson Foundation needs backpacks and school supplies.
- Gillfield Baptist Church requests books suitable for adult and children's libraries.
- HeroCare, offering financial literacy programs for adults, seeks partnership opportunities with businesses to provide incentives for clients.
- Richmond Chinese School needs pencils, arts and craft supplies and writing pads.
- Faison School of Autism needs two small refrigerators.
- Children's Home of Virginia Baptist needs building materials for their playground for after-school programs.
- MathScience Innovation Center seeks a Scanning Tunneling Microscope and an Atomic Force Microscope for their youth programs.
- Child Savers requests toys and art supplies for their child development program.
- The CHAT program in Church Hill

emphasizes intentional communities aimed at transforming the lives of at-risk youth. Serve as: reading specialist, cooking and carpentry instructors and tutors. Donate: a meal, office supplies and a 15-passenger bus.

- The Read Center in Richmond needs a flatbed scanner. Volunteers teach reading and writing to adults – training takes place this month.

GIVE YOUR TIME

- Provide academic support and guidance to students. Get matched with a mentoring opportunity by visiting Virginia Mentoring Partnership online.
- The University of Richmond's Bonner Center for Civic Engagement downtown connects campus to community. Students, faculty and citizens to work together to understand and solve local civic problems. Students can join the ESL Tutoring Project, the College Mentoring Project, the Richmond Families Initiative and others to utilize their research and service skills to produce impact.
- Jacob's Ladder, a life-skills, mentoring and advocacy program for children in the Northern Neck, seeks a videographer to help with marketing efforts.
- Northumberland Public Library seeks computer and homework assistance for students grades 3-7 during the week.
- The Technology Resource Center, serving the Jackson Ward community, is looking for computer skills instructors to teach one or more classes. Help learners become work-ready – donate your time or work clothes.
- Communities in Schools of Chesterfield seeks mentors, tutors, lunch buddies, book club leaders, speakers and volunteers for job shadowing.
- Family Development Center needs volunteers to read to children at their daycare.
- Choate Development, providing financial literacy for high school students, needs mentors, tutors and SAT instructors.
- Salvation Army requests tutors for after school programs.



YOUR COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Connect sites are free and open exchanges. Every day, people and organizations find ideas, information and each other to create opportunities to improve the places they live. By fostering connections within the nonprofit sector as well as business and government, communities create awareness of local concerns, ways to make a difference and open opportunities to all. The Network's power comes from the people who use it for good.

To learn more about organizations and needs where you live, visit your local site in Greater Richmond, the Tri-Cities, and the Northern Neck region; respectively, ConnectRichmond.org, ConnectSouthside.org and ConnectRappahannock.org.

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HELP BUILD YOUR LEARNING COMMUNITY

With an education system ranked 4th in the U.S., Virginia knows a thing or two about building communities to foster learning. Still, many students return to school each September lacking the simple tools they need to achieve. Be the one to fill their backpacks with school supplies and give them a fresh start to a new year. Play a role in a student's life – become a mentor. In Richmond alone, over 15,000 youth need or want this relationship, and nothing is more fulfilling than helping a child succeed. Many organizations in your area seek to make computers accessible to all. Donate your second laptop or share your computer skills with a workforce development class. Other agencies teach financial literacy to high school students and assist in their transition to college. Make a difference by lending a hand in your community today. It all starts at ConnectNetwork.