

**At the United Way of Greater Charlottesville, it is always the season for connecting and giving. With the backdrop of a global pandemic this Holiday Season, we know that sharing time, talent, and treasure is more important than ever. We encourage you to review the opportunities below, connect with your favorite nonprofit, and help a neighbor in need. Together, we can all LIVE UNITED and make the greater Charlottesville area a place where every person can thrive.**



## SUPPLY DRIVES

**On Our Own** is a peer recovery nonprofit and support community for adults who acknowledge a mental health or substance use challenge. Each year they host a community meal at Thanksgiving. They are looking for a donation of a holiday meal for 20 people. Please connect with [olivia@onourownncville.org](mailto:olivia@onourownncville.org) if you can support this need. Additionally, each year they give presents to the adults active with On Our Own. They would like to collect small new gifts for each of their clients. Please connect with [cyndi@onourownncville.org](mailto:cyndi@onourownncville.org) to discuss this opportunity.

**City of Promise's** mission is to end generational poverty and foster a culture of achievement in which all children from our community graduate from high school, ready for college or career. They are seeking Walmart Gift Cards in the amount of \$25 each to help their community members with seasonal gifts. Please mail gift cards to P.O. Box 5628, 22905 or drop off M-F mornings at 708 Page Street Charlottesville, VA 22903.

**Blue Ridge Area Food Bank** provides food to a network of more than 200 food pantries, schools, faith organizations, schools, and nonprofits along and around the VA Blue Ridge. They invite you to organize a food drive to help those in our community who are food insecure. To set up your food drive and learn of the highest needs contact Colleen Berger at [cberger@brafb.org](mailto:cberger@brafb.org).

**Alliance for Interfaith Ministries (AIM)** Provides temporary financial assistance to individuals and families at risk for homelessness or other financial crises in Charlottesville and Albemarle. AIM's Secure Senior Program (SSP) accepts new cleaning and health products for their SSP clients to receive once a month. Contact Director Kimberley Fontaine ([kfontaine@aimcville.org](mailto:kfontaine@aimcville.org)) to confirm a list of products to donate.

**Piedmont Housing Alliance** is dedicated to improving financial outcomes for individuals and families by offering innovative affordable housing solutions. Piedmont Housing Alliance will be holding our annual gift drive for our senior residents this year as well as a gift drive for children. While the gift elves are still recording the specific wishes of each eligible resident, we know there are certain items we'll always need. We are calling for donations of new warm clothing, including socks, pajamas, slippers, and blankets, particularly in women's sizes XL and L. We are also asking for donations of new LEGO sets, action figures, and books for children aged 7-12. Please bring any donations to the office at Parks Edge Apartments, 181 Whitewood Road; we will be receiving donations between 9 am and 4 pm, Monday through Friday, or by appointment. Contact Michael Monaco at (434) 825-3132 (text or call) or [residentservices@piedmonthousing.org](mailto:residentservices@piedmonthousing.org) for more

**Sin Barreras - Without Borders** provides direct services to clients as well as runs workshops to provide resources and education for both Spanish and English-speaking clients. Sin Barreras has seen a need for diapers in their community during the COVID-19 pandemic. They seek diapers sizes 3 and up to give to their community members. Drop off of donations can occur M-TH 2:30 to 7 or on Fri. by appointment. If you have questions or want to learn more, connect with Victoria at 434-531-0104.

**ReadyKids** provides counseling, family support and early learning opportunities to over 8,000 people in the Charlottesville area. We're hoping to give a family board game (geared for 5 and younger)-such as Candy Land, Chutes and Ladders, Cooties, etc to each family in our ReadySteps and Healthy Families program. Almost 170 families participate in these programs that provide educational and developmental support for young children. Additionally, we're looking for a company to pair with who would be able to provide holiday gifts to 35 children whose fathers are in the REAL Dad's program, which helps dads build a strong relationship with their children despite barriers such as addiction, incarceration, poverty or separation from the child's mother. E-mail Kristin Sancken if you're interested in participating, [ksancken@readykidscville.org](mailto:ksancken@readykidscville.org).

**The Haven** is a multi-resource day shelter in downtown Charlottesville offering a welcoming, safe place to anyone in need. They are open each morning 365 days a year. Does your family, workplace, or neighborhood want to make life a little easier for a person experiencing homelessness? Talk with the community engagement coordinator: Ocean at [ocean@thehaven.org](mailto:ocean@thehaven.org), to find out what supplies The Haven is currently in need of.

## FESTIVE RUNS, WALKS, AND TROTS

*Please search for race names or follow sign up links below.*

**39th Annual Boar's Head Turkey Trot** benefiting UVA Children's Hospital. Will be completely virtual this year. Details can be found [here](#).

**Tom Turkey Trot** benefiting Trade School scholarships. This race will be run in waves in Palmyra, VA. Details can be found [here](#).

**2020 Hunger Heroes 5k** benefiting Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. This race can be run virtually or in person. Details can be found [here](#).

**Gobbler Gait** benefiting the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank (formerly Earlysville Turkey Trot). Held both live and virtually this year. Details found [here](#).

**7th Annual Charlottesville Santa Fun Run and Walk** benefiting the Arc of the Piedmont. Held both live and virtually. Details can be found [here](#).

**New Year's Day 5K** benefiting the Boys and Girls Club of Central Virginia. This race will be held live. Details can be found [here](#).

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

**PB&J Fund** empowers children and families through culinary and nutritional education, while improving access to affordable, healthful food for under-resourced community members. Their annual holiday food bag program is now spaced out over several months. Individuals can volunteer on 11/21 & 12/19 for Grocery Packing or Grocery Delivery. Details can be found [here](#).

Also, check out [cvillevolunteer.org](http://cvillevolunteer.org) where nonprofits in our area post their volunteer opportunities all year round! You'll find ongoing and short-term ways to help area nonprofits serving a wide range of individuals, families, and critters big and small.



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