

Giving Circle of HOPE Newsletter

Helping Other People Everyday

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Dear Members & Friends:

Order your tickets for our **Empty Bowls** Fundraiser for Hunger Relief on **April 17** by sending a check (made out to [Food for Others](#)) to P.O. Box 8832, Reston, VA 20195, or by calling 703-608-2231. Tickets are **\$20** each. Last year's event was sold out, so please order early!

Dates to Remember

April 2, 7 PM: Empty Bowls meeting @ St. John Neumann Church, 11900 Lawyers Rd., Reston

April 17, 5:30-8 PM: Empty Bowls Fundraiser @ St. John Neumann Church, 11900 Lawyers Rd., Reston

April 30, 6:30 PM: Book Circle Dinner & Discussion (Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder), 11567 Brass Lantern Ct., Reston

June 2, 7 PM: Quarterly Meeting, location TBD

Volunteers & Centerpieces Needed

Approximately 20 volunteers are still needed to be greeters, cashiers, bowl table attendants, and food servers for our Empty Bowls event on April 17. Two shifts are available: 5-6:30 PM and 6:30-8 PM. Please contact Diana at dakatz17@gmail.com.

Enlist your family, office, team, club, or group to make a centerpiece out of non-perishable food. Have fun and be creative! Containers may be baskets, plastic bowls, aluminum pans, or even a decorated cardboard box. Please contact Cathy at cathrohills@verizon.net for more information.



Thank You!

Many thanks to the following individuals and businesses for pledging their support for our **Empty Bowls** fundraiser:

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- Great Harvest Bread Company-Herndon
- Clyde's of Reston
- Jasmine Cafe
- Mamma Lucia's-Reston
- Macaroni Grille-Reston
- Esposito's Restaurant-Fairfax
- Whole Foods-Reston
- Cooking with Sandy
- St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church
- St. John Neumann Catholic Church
- Sherry Spinelli-Long & Foster
- Hayden Jones
- Upper Quadrant
- local Girl Scouts
- ABZ Inc.
- Julianne Greenberg
- Clay Cafe-Chantilly
- Potters from the Clay Connection, Bowman House, and the Reston & Herndon Community Centers

Service News

Ladies in our **Crafting Hope** program



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will have the opportunity to sell their crafts at our booth at the Reston Farmers' Market this summer! Under the management of Rhonda Goddeke & Jan Sutton, we will offer jewelry, painted glassware, and ethnic crafts.



Volunteers and children at our **Kids' Club** at the Embry Rucker Shelter have been busy making hand puppets, valentines, pine-cone bird feeders, bean mosaics, and Play-doh, as well as decorating wooden boxes and candles. Future projects include Oobleck and Sculpey clay, decorating wooden eggs, personalizing clay pots & planting impatiens, and a "caving adventure."

Caring Friends at Cameron Glen Nursing Center continue providing therapeutic recreation to residents there and have enjoyed special pantomime performances by Sharon Stanton. The Wii system purchased by the GCH also continues to be popular.

Quotation of the Month

Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centres of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.

-- *Robert F. Kennedy*

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The Giving Circle of HOPE is a component fund of the Northern Virginia Community Foundation. All contributions are tax-deductible.

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Flashes of Hope will hold a photo shoot on March 26 and again in May.

Additional volunteers are welcome to join any/all of the above programs! Please email the leaders listed to the left or givingcircle@hotmail.com.

Planning Circles

At our last quarterly meeting, members of four planning circles reported on steps taken as a result of ideas generated from our Visioning Day last fall:

- The **Outreach** committee had invited leaders of diverse community organizations to our Grantee Celebration with good response
- the **Partnerships** committee had assigned member liaisons to each of our grantees
- the **In-Circle Life** committee has built community through ice-breakers, small group discussions, and improved nametags at our meetings
- the **Leadership** committee has proposed a new leadership structure, training and mentoring for new leaders, and a review of the by-laws, which will be discussed at the June quarterly meeting.

Breaking the Cycle

The Endowment Subcircle, dedicated to breaking the cycle of teen pregnancy, has issued a grant to the **Alexandria Campaign Against Teenage Pregnancy** (ACAP). Our grant will support the production by youth groups of five-minute videos that demonstrate the reality of issues

related to teen pregnancy. Winning videos will be recognized at the First Annual ACAP Community Breakfast on April 1.

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