

Giving Circle of HOPE Newsletter

Helping Other People Everyday

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Dates to Remember:

- May 23, 9AM-2PM: Crafting Hope booth opens @ Reston Market
- June 2, 7 PM: Quarterly Meeting @ Mary Narayan's: 10340 Brittenford Drive, Vienna
- June 18, 6:30 PM: Book Circle
- Sept. 1: Grant Application Deadline
- Sept. 10, 7 PM: Quarterly Meeting
- Nov. 12, 7 PM: Quarterly Meeting and Voting
- Dec. 5: Gifts That Give Hope Alternative Gift Market
- Jan. 29: Grantee Celebration

What We Do

Members of the Giving Circle of HOPE pool their time, talents, and monetary resources and collectively decide how to impact a specific cause or need area. Following a formal grant application review process, we issue annual grants to small nonprofit organizations that serve needy people in Northern Virginia. All funds stay in our local area and 100% of contributions go into the grant fund. We are an all-volunteer organization that believes in "fun with a purpose!"

As a component fund of the Northern Virginia Community Foundation, all contributions are tax-deductible.

Dear Members & Friends:

To learn more about how the Giving Circle of HOPE makes a difference through grantmaking, volunteer service, and community events, please come to our **Quarterly Meeting at 7 PM on June 2.**

Empty Bowls: a Great Success!

Five hundred+ guests came to support Food for Others on April 17, choose a beautiful pottery bowl, and enjoy a soup supper. Over \$21,000 was raised for hunger relief.

To read a Reston Connection article about the event, click here:

[Empty Bowls Filled to Capacity.](#)

To view more photos of the event, click here:

[B. Christopher Photography.](#)

Many thanks to all donors and volunteers, without whom this event would not have been possible:

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Clyde's of Reston
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Glory Days Grill, Herndon
Macaroni Grill, Reston
Hard Times Café, Fairfax

Bowl Donors:

Clay Connection
Bowman House
Clay Café
Audrey Moore Recreation Center
Reston Community Center
Herndon Community Center
Art League Annex
Hinkley Pottery Studio
Many individual local potters

Other Donors:

Whole Foods, Reston
Cooking with Sandy
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Upper Quadrant
Giant Food, Fox Mill
Safeway, Hunters Woods
Great American Restaurants
Panera Bakery
Carrabba's



In addition to grantmaking, the Giving Circle of HOPE sponsors four ongoing service projects:

Kids' Club at the Embry Rucker Community Shelter: creative & cultural enrichment programs for children,

Caring Friends at Cameron Glen Nursing Center: therapeutic recreation, crafts, and social events,

Flashes of Hope at Inova Fairfax Hospital: a photography program for families dealing with pediatric cancer,

Crafting Hope: craft workshops for low-income women.

Two annual special events benefit our nonprofit partners: **Empty Bowls**, a fundraiser for hunger relief in the spring, and **Gifts That Give Hope**, an alternative gift market in early winter. Interested members also participate in a monthly book discussion group.

We welcome new members at any time and encourage members to suggest projects and/or nonprofits to support.

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Quotation of the Month

He who gives when he is asked has waited too long.

Lucius Annaeus Seneca

Vienna Inn

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Crafting Hope @ Reston Market

Beginning May 23, we will have a booth at the **Reston Market**, held on **Lake Anne Plaza** each **Saturday from 9 AM-2 PM**, to sell items made by low-income women in our craft workshops. Please come and see their hand-painted glassware, jewelry, picture frames, garden pots, and more!

We're on Facebook! **Book Circle**

Join us for dinner and discussion of **The Long Road Home: A Story of War & Family**, by Martha Raddatz, at 6:30 PM on **June 18**. Special guests who work with returning armed forces will speak from their experiences. To receive email updates about the Book Circle, contact [Marybeth](#).

Needs & Notes

If you are interested in helping with **food drives** for **Food for Others**, please contact [Kathy](#). Drives will be held each Saturday in May at a Reston location and volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts.

Marie Kordes applauded 11 CDL/ESL graduates (from 11 different countries) at **Grace Ministries** in March. Our grant money is being well-spent to improve language and job skills among the immigrant population, along with self-esteem!

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