

Your May NVFS Insider

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Monthly Newsletter of Northern Virginia Family Service



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Introducing the NVFS Fund for Families

As we celebrate a century of service, NVFS isn't just looking back, we're looking forward. We're excited to introduce the [NVFS Fund for Families](#), a campaign that will address the evolving needs of our community like growing our holistic service model, investing in our frontline team members, and increasing capacity for our most in-demand programs. We need your support to reach our ambitious \$5 million fundraising goal. Your contribution sends a powerful message that uplifting our neighbors is a top priority.



Learn more about the key factors driving us to act, our goals, and how to join us in building a stronger, more resilient community [here](#).

NVFS' Celebrates 100 Years of Service

NVFS kicked off a milestone year with our 100 Years of Service Celebration on May 3rd at Alexandria's Torpedo Factory Art Center. Attendees heard [stories](#) of resilience and multi-generational transformation from former clients. Clients, staff, government officials, and NVFS supporters gathered to enjoy food and drinks, painted a 100th anniversary mural, and celebrated the community we work together to make stronger and more vibrant for everyone.



The event raised funds to support NVFS' work in the community, ensuring that our neighbors and families are connected to support services to build a thriving future. We invite you to [view](#)

[photos](#) of the event.

Thank you to our NVFS supporters, donors, volunteers and team members for making the event a success!

CARE Applications Due in Three Weeks!

For more than 30 years, NVFS has been honoring exceptional companies with the [CARE Awards](#). These awards recognize businesses that are creating a supportive, inclusive, and enjoyable atmosphere where employees and businesses are poised to thrive.



Does your company excel in creating a positive work environment through outstanding culture and employee engagement strategies? [Apply NOW](#) for the 2024 CARE Awards and have your efforts celebrated! **Application deadline is June 18th!**

If you have any questions, please email CareAwards@nvfs.org.



NVFS ESCALA
SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

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SUPPORT LOCAL

Help Us Gear Up Kids for Back2School

We need your help with our quest this summer – successful completion of our [Back2School Drive](#)! School starts earlier this year and so we've got to get started collecting school supplies early too. A backpack of new school supplies can give a child the level up they need to begin the school year right AND help ease the financial burden for the family.



Check out these easy ways to help the children from NVFS programs gear up to ace their dreams.

- [Donate](#) today!

- Shop for [school supplies from our list](#) and drop them off during one of the following donation days at 12955 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22033 (next to the Starbucks), see the map [here](#): Wednesday, July 24 – 9am-1pm or Thursday, July 25 – 1pm-6pm
- Organize a school supply drive! If you are a corporate or civic group interested in organizing a school supply drive, please contact Lacy Hurst at lhurst@nvfs.org.
- Shop our wish list. It will be open in early. Check for the link to appear on the [Back2School website](#) then.
- Partner with NVFS and our community by [sponsoring](#) the Back2School drive.

NVFS Recieves Grant from 100WomenStrong to Continue Work in Loudoun County

We're excited to share that NVFS has been awarded a grant from 100WomenStrong to support critical mental health services for youth through our Youth Initiatives program in Loudoun County!



At NVFS, we've been committed to the Loudoun community for over 20 years, and this grant helps us expand our impact even further. With plans to open a new childcare center later this year, we're proud to grow alongside the vibrant Loudoun community. 100WomenStrong founder Karen Schaufeld emphasized, "For our community to thrive, we all need to participate; it's collaborative, not competitive." We couldn't agree more!

Thank you, 100WomenStrong, for believing in our mission and coming together to support the Loudoun community. Here's to many more years of collaboration and community growth!

Read more about the event and the other great agencies that received a grant [here](#).

**Clocktower Thrift Shop
Volunteers Needed!**

 A photograph of four women standing in a thrift shop. They are holding a wooden sign that says "LOVE" in large letters. The woman on the left is wearing a white t-shirt that says "TEAM MACERICH". The background shows shelves of clothing and other items in the store.

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 A photograph of a woman with dark hair smiling warmly at two young children, a girl and a boy, who are also smiling. They appear to be in a classroom or educational setting.

**Guide, inspire, help kids
learn and have FUN!**

Apply to become a Classroom
Volunteer at nvfs.org/volunteer

Top NVFS [SERVE](#) Shelter Needs

- Gas Cards
- Cleaning supplies
- STEM Activity Kits

Top [Hunger Resource Center](#) Needs

- Canned vegetables
- Beans (canned and dry)
- Cereal

- Art Supplies
 - Fruit pouches/fruit cups
 - Pasta & pasta sauce
 - One box meals (i.e. Hamburger Helper)
 - Shelf stable milk
 - Rice
 - Coffee/tea
 - Sugar
 - Cooking oil/spray
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Top [Healthy Families](#) Needs

- Bubbles (large size)
- Sidewalk chalk
- Facepaint

Top [Early Head Start](#) Needs

- Diapers & wipes
 - Board books
 - Bubbles
 - Sidewalk chalk
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Top [Multicultural Center](#) Needs

- Cleaning sprays (kitchen, bathroom, general)
 - Scrubbing pads
 - Dishwashing soap (hand wash and dishwasher)
 - Laundry detergent
 - Fabric softener
 - Clothing stain remover
 - Shampoo and conditioner (full size)
 - Bath and hand soap
 - Shaving cream and disposable razors
 - Toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, mouthwash
 - Body lotion
 - Deodorant
 - Nail clipper, files, nail brushes
 - Lip balm (like Chapstick)
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Top [Volunteer](#) Needs

- HRC: [Food recovery drivers](#), Spanish-speaking intake volunteer (email ncannon@nvfs.org)
- SERVE Shelter: [Kitchen assistant](#)
- Early Head Start, Prince William: [Classroom assistants](#)

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