

“Welcome Home” Richmond Shelter Kits

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Background

The 124th student chapter of CPFI at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy is a small, but passionate group of about 20 students who are committed to sharing our faith with one another and helping our local community of Richmond, Virginia. We saw the Hands & Feet Grant as an opportunity to reconnect with the national organization, as well as give back to our community, after overcoming COVID-19 restrictions.

Purpose

The Salvation Army Central Virginia Programs:

- In Kind Donations
- Shelter Linen Closet
- Boys and Girls Club Kids Closet
- Emergency Shelter Housing



Methods

For this project, we conducted a school-wide donation drive where we targeted PharmD students, PhD students in the pharmacy school, faculty, staff, family, and friends.

Community Outreach Promotion Methods

- School-Wide Emails
- Lunch Hour Tabling
- Word-of-Mouth
- Alumni Newsletters
- Social Media Platforms (Instagram, Facebook, GroupMe)



CPFI "WELCOME HOME" SHELTER KITS

THE SALVATION ARMY CENTRAL VIRGINIA
We aim to serve the Richmond community by making an impact on its population that utilizes The Salvation Army's Shelter and Boys & Girls Closets!

We are accepting **NEW, UNUSED** kitchen, bathroom, home, & school supply items.

TYPES OF ACCEPTABLE DONATIONS

- Cutlery
- Cookware
- Full Sheets
- Towels
- Comforters

INTERESTED IN DONATING?
Scan the QR code to sign-up!

A donation box will be available in Smith Lobby until 5pm on Friday, April 14!

Results

Table 1. Acceptable “Welcome Home” Shelter Kit Donation Items

Kitchen	Bath	Home
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinnerware or Cookware set • Kitchen Towels • Dish detergent • Paper Towels • Cleaning products • Drain stopper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilet Paper • Washcloths or bath towels • Shower curtain liner • Full sized toiletry • Plunger • Bath mats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full or queen size bedding • Organizing folder or binder • Laundry basket • Laundry detergent



Table 2. Acceptable Salvation Army Closet Donation Items

Shelter Linen Closet	Boys & Girls Club Kids Closet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twin Bed Sheets/Blankets • Pillows • Bath Towels/Cloths • Toiletries • Diapers (any size) • GRTC Bus Passes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Supplies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Notebooks ○ Pencils/Pens/Highlighters ○ Crayons/Colored Pencils/Markers • Toiletries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shampoo/Conditioner/Soap ○ Toothbrushes/Toothpaste ○ Deodorant ○ Tampons/Pads

Approximately \$600 in monetary donations were used to purchase suggested items listed on the Salvation Army Central VA’s website, as seen in the tables above.



Conclusion

Community Impact

- Provided necessary household items for clients transitioning from emergency shelter to own housing
- Donated school, household, and non-perishable food items to children in need over school breaks



Project Reflection

- Learned to serve the community’s critical needs that are not yet addressed by organizations
- This service model can apply to other schools as they address their community’s specific needs

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