

## **Area 10's Vision: "To Transform lives *IN* the city, *FOR* the city."**

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"Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

***Jeremiah 29:7 (NIV)***

### **Ways to Engage**

At Area 10 we have built relationships with ministries and non-profit organizations around Richmond to make an impact in our city. We encourage our people to find ways to plug in and engage this community by serving with our local community partners and sharing God's love beyond reason.

See where you can best use the gifts that you've been given and make an impact for God's Kingdom, right here in the wonderful city of Richmond.

If you discover one that you think you'd be interested in learning more about and possibly begin serving with, we would love to help get that started and connect you. Simply contact TJ at [tj@areachurch.com](mailto:tj@areachurch.com).

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## Local Community Partnerships

Below you will find a list of our local community partners that we engage with most regularly and/or financially give to monthly, as well as a description of what they do in and around the city. You'll also see different ways in which you can get involved with them and support their mission.



### **Grace & Peace Community Ministries**

#### **What They Do:**

Grace & Peace is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization serving families in Richmond's inner city, with a special focus on those on Raven Street, a division of Mosby Court. With programs focused on building life skills, connecting people to available community resources, and showing Christ's love through service, we exist to empower every individual to realize their full potential.

#### **How To Get Involved:**

- *DETAILS COMING SOON...*



### **Virginia Kids Belong (VKB)**

#### **What They Do:**

VKB works to empower and equip leaders in the business, government, creative, non-profit, and faith-based sectors to end the crisis for kids in foster care.

#### **How To Get Involved:**

- *DETAILS COMING SOON...*



### **Church Hill Activities and Tutoring (CHAT)**

#### **What They Do:**

CHAT serves the aspiring youth of Richmond's East end, empowering them to break the cycles of poverty and reach for their goals. They work to accomplish this by equipping them

with the heart, head, and hands to make life-transforming decisions.

**How To Get Involved:**

- Homework help: basic reading-writing-math and study skills, Wacky Wednesday life skills programs, at Nehemiah’s Workshop, in our cooking, sewing and gardening operations, hip-hop, spoken word and in our other entrepreneurial ventures. Community events, summer programs and holiday activities.



**College Ministries of Virginia (CMOV) & Christian Student Fellowship (CSF)**

**What They Do:**

College Ministries of Virginia (CMOV) is a ministry that exists to cultivate Christian communities in colleges across the Commonwealth of Virginia. They accomplish this by establishing campus ministries, designated as a Christian Student Fellowship (CSF), two of which Area 10 helps support financially. One at Virginia Commonwealth University and the other at James Maddison University.



**How To Get Involved:**

- *DETAILS COMING SOON...*



**For Richmond**

**What They Do:**

For Richmond is a nonprofit organization that connects and equips Christian leaders to collaborate for the transformation of Metro Richmond. They do this by uniting churches and communities behind issues that are larger than any one organization can tackle alone, while cultivating the space and focus for individuals to have greater impact through unity of vision and resources.

**How To Get Involved:**

- *DETAILS COMING SOON...*

Below you will find a more complete list of ministries and non-profits in Richmond area that we've either partnered with in the past or just view as great organizations. Once again, you also see a brief description of what they do in and around the city as well as different ways in which you can get involved with them and support their mission.



### **United Methodist Family Services (UMFS)**

#### **What They Do:**

United Methodist Family Services (UMFS) began as an orphanage in 1899, and today they provide a comprehensive network of services to children and families across Virginia by specializing in treatment foster care and adoption, intensive residential treatment and crisis intervention services for adolescents, FamilyCARE services (collaboration, advocacy, resources, empowerment), and specialized education services for adolescents including students with Autism.

#### **How To Get Involved:**

- Subject Tutors, Life Skills Tutors, Mentors, Open Table Participant.
- Our Family Champions are a group of volunteers in our local community who support UMFS in a number of ways including providing meals and treats, collecting critical items, and celebrating birthdays and special moments for the kids and families we serve.



### **Generosity Feeds**

#### **What They Do:**

Generosity Feeds works hard to build relationships and inspire Generosity in order to feed hungry children in every county across America so all children have the opportunity to thrive. They do this through meaning packing events that are fun and easy enough for the whole family to get involved in.

#### **How To Get Involved:**

- Volunteer for an event hosted by Area 10 or any local church/non-profit.



## **Hands On Greater Richmond**

### **What They Do:**

HandsOn Greater Richmond provides a link for individuals, families, teams, and corporate groups to join together and engage in meaningful volunteer opportunities within the Greater Richmond region. We offer unique, fun, and flexible ways to get connected and involved and provide volunteer management resources to the nonprofit sector.

### **How To Get Involved:**

- They're several ways to serve with this organization in the city. Some opportunities would include: Administrative Support/Clerical, Caring for People, Cleaning, Collecting, Sorting & Packaging, Consulting & Professional Services, Food Preparation & Meal Services, Gardening/Planting, and Tutoring.

## **Habitat For Humanity (Richmond Metropolitan)**

### **What They Do:**

Richmond Habitat for Humanity is committed to making affordable and safe housing a reality for low-income families. And with the help of donations, volunteers, proceeds from our *ReStore*, and hard work from our home buyers, we're making that dream possible for hundreds of residents in the Richmond Metropolitan area.

Their vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Seeking to put God's love into action, Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

### **How To Get Involved:**

- *Sign up to serve at one of the home building projects or at the ReStore that helps financially support the work that Habit does around Richmond.*



## **Hope Tree**

### **What They Do:**

Through God's love, Hope Tree works to foster hope by empowering families, youth, and adults to lead fulfilling lives. They do this in two main ways:

(1) Working with Developmental Disabilities Ministry (DDM): Creating an environment in which adults with intellectual disabilities can experience the most complete life possible.

(2) Children & Youth Ministries: HopeTree serves children through residential and treatment foster care placements, clinical services, and through HopeTree Academy.

### **How To Get Involved:**

- HopeTree Family Services Programs and Departments have a need for volunteers throughout the year and for various tasks. Volunteers may come on a regular basis to provide activities to our youth or adults in care or to provide lawn care/landscaping around our homes and office buildings. Volunteer activities that have taken place have included horseback riding lessons, exercise classes, photography, pottery, assisting our residents prepare for participation in Special Olympics, landscaping, and painting to name a few.



## **Fresh Start**

### **What They Do:**

A Fresh Start For Single Mothers And Their Children Community Outreach Mission Project is a unique faith based non-denominational 20 week program designed to provide an environment of positive support for single mothers and their children in which they will find encouragement, education, spiritual enrichment, growth, hope for daily living and the future. There is no charge to our families for the program.

### **How To Get Involved:**

- Dinners For Meetings; Donate cookies, candy, juice boxes, supplies for meals, gift cards, food items; Small



home repairs and yard work for our moms, Sponsor: Storage Space, Sessions, Families in crisis, Pizza for kids, families for Christmas, Volunteer for childcare, as a teen mentor, early set up for meetings, clean up for meetings.



### **Caritas**

#### **What They Do:**

CARITAS serves as the first line of community support for anyone in need of emergency shelter. Through their four programs (Shelter, Furniture Bank, Works, and The Healing Place), CARITAS provides support, training and material assistance to break the cycle of homelessness and restore stable productive lives.

#### **How To Get Involved:**

- Cleaning/organizing on-site, Personal Shopper, Tutoring and preparing individuals for employment.

### **Boaz & Ruth**

#### **What They Do:**

Boaz & Ruth is an organization works to empower the physically blighted commercial corridor of Highland Park by restoring buildings, operating social enterprises and providing jobs. Rebuilding lives of men and women needing a second chance through relationships and training. Connecting Highland Park neighbors and our program participants to the wider Richmond community through shared experiences that bridge racial, economic and geographic barriers.

#### **How To Get Involved:**

- Coach a participant, Provide dinner for a class, Grant writing, Newsletter, Gardening, Painting facilities, Donate gently used clothing and household goods, or Volunteer at Harvest Thrift and Sunny Days.



### **Saints Prison Ministry**





### **What They Do:**

Traveling Softball Team to play with inmates to invest, encourage, love, and challenge. The Virginia Saints are a group of dedicated men who spend several weekends in the spring and summer traveling to area prisons to engage and invest in lives of inmates through the game of softball. However, they share more than the love of sport; they share the Gospel and personal testimonies with the men, wrapping up the day by giving inmates a chance to respond to Christ in faith.

### **How To Get Involved:**

- Athletics: Use your softball talents for the Lord. We are always looking for new missionary athletes to join our teams.
- Side Line Disciples: Connect and minister to the inmates that are not on the field. The sideline action allows us to reach many more men for Christ.
- Financial Support

## **Comfort Cases**

### **What They Do:**

Comfort Cases is an organization that is committed to engaging communities and educating the public about the issues facing youth in foster care.

Often times, children who enter the foster care system are given a trash bag to carry their belongings in. These children have been neglected and often feel like they don't matter. Many do not own a toothbrush or have a pair of pajamas.

A "Comfort Case" gives a child entering foster care a sense of dignity and hope. Each is packed with a cozy new pair of pajamas, a stuffed animal to hug, a toothbrush, soap, and other personal care items.

### **How To Get Involved:**

- Make a difference in the life of a child in foster care, from making a monetary contribution, to organizing a Donation Drive, shopping our Amazon Wish List, or volunteering at our national center, there are many ways for you to make a difference.



## **Worthdays**

### **What They Do:**

Worthdays is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to mobilize our community to ensure that those impacted by the foster care system know that they are important, worthy and celebrated. Through the excitement of celebrating, we are engaging our community in a way that raises awareness and increases positive outcomes for our local foster care system. Through partnerships with local Departments of Social Services we are able to meet some of the very basic needs of kids in our foster care system while also using every opportunity possible to send the message that 'you are so worth it.'

### **How To Get Involved:**

- *DETAILS COMING SOON...*

## **Northside Outreach Center (NOC)**

### **What They Do:**



NOC is a non-denominational Christian-based 501(c)3, working to bring positive and lasting change to Highland Park. Since 2004, the NOC has been working to revitalize this area in the Northside of Richmond, VA with a desire to help it transform spiritually, relationally, and economically. They work to accomplish this mission through dynamic partnerships that provide tutoring, mentoring, intentional discipleship and community outreach programs which meet the holistic needs of those we serve.

### **How To Get Involved:**

- Become a mentor; volunteer with the after school programming, Community Store, or at the Community Food Pantry; drop off large paper bags (with handles) which they use to distribute items from the food pantry.