

Community Works January 2025

December Updates:

Community Baby Shower at Grace Fellowship-

- **December 2-** Volunteers helped sort and organize donations and delivered a van full of baby care items.
- **December 7th-** Community Baby Shower Event-Items went directly to families in need. Each family left with toys, diapers, wipes, and more.
- 🏆 **Thank YOU** for organizing with your friends, neighbors, and families to help us donate strollers, toys, books, clothing, and much more. Our CWorks volunteers donated a truck and a van load of items!!
- ⭐ **Thank You to Luray United Methodist** for serving as the Luray donation drop off location in November.
- ⭐ **Thank You to New 2 U Thrift Store** for graciously donating from their store.
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Wesley Brown's Night Before Christmas- Gifts for special needs children- Darkwood

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🎄 Christmas at The REC-

- **December 21st-** Our helpers wrapping presents and took a fun shopping trip to get a few extra toys!
- **December 22nd-** Helped serve dinner during the Christmas toy giveaway. The REC was full of joy and excitement as the youth received presents.

Helping Hands: December side missions: Sometimes we get unscheduled calls for support and we try our best to lend a hand... or a truck. We helped pick up and deliver a gently used washing machine over to a local nonprofit.

Choices of Page County- a couple volunteers helped deliver invitations and sponsorship forms to their upcoming Gala.

JMAT Program- we delivered snacks and bottled water after we heard the need to have those items on hand for those experiencing food insecurity immediately after release.

Upcoming Events and Ongoing Projects: January- Happy New Year!

Page County Jail (MAT) Enhancement- Life Skills Classes- Has asked for our help to bring in topics around finances and budgeting, nutrition, self care, stress management, job application or resume building, food preservation, or any other life skills that may be relevant to those incarcerated to build basic life skills, self sufficiency, and confidence for release. Reach out to Sara if you are willing to share or teach one of your skills or for more program details. **3-4 volunteer instructors needed. Help us support this program. We have two volunteer instructors confirmed.**

Postcards- Date TBD- Late January- We will need 5 volunteers to help us write postcards to our neighbors.

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Join the Community Action Team (“CAT”, formally the Nonprofit council) meeting with **CWorks** on January 29th, 9AM, Page County Technical Center. Learn more about a collective food initiative planned for 2025 and many other opportunities to support our county.

Letters to the Editor- Can you submit a letter? Help us recruit new volunteers, potential partners, and connect with the broader community. We can provide you with a letter outline and you can personalize it- or you can write your own. Just reach out to the team. **Action item: See one of our letters published? Take a clear photo and send it to us or save us a copy!**
October LTE: <https://pagevalleynews.com/an-update-on-community-works/>

Friends of the Shenandoah River (FOSR)- We developed a “Friends’ Raiser” to raise awareness, volunteer support, and funds to increase water quality testing in Page County.

- 📄 **Check out their complete summer E. Coli testing results:**
<https://fosr.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/FOSRs-2024-Summer-E.-coli-Testing-Program-Quantitative-E.-coli-Concentration-Results-09.09.2024.pdf>
- Watch the most recent discussion by FOSR and Luray Town Council on 10/16/2024:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=40qkAhxfp4A>
- Donate to the Page County Initiative: <https://fosr.org/support-the-page-county-initiative/>
- Many thanks to the Luray Town Council for providing funding to support the 2024 Summer Testing Program

Facebook Action Item: Like, Follow, and Share: Community Works 4 Page and the National Community Works FB: Community Works

Have an idea that might fit in with Community Works? Tell us about it!!
PageCommunityWorks@gmail.com

January Quick Read Bulletin:

- **JMAT ReEntry Life Skills Classes-** Reach out to Sara if you are willing to share or teach one of your skills. (Resume building, life skills, budgeting, self care, etc.)
- **Postcards to our neighbors- Date TBD** contact us for more details.
- Connect with the Community Action Team, formerly the Nonprofit Council. Join us at the meeting on January 29th, 9AM, Page County Technical Center. Learn more about a collective food initiative planned for 2025. Everyone is welcome to join.
- Help us submit letters to the local editors and connect with community members.
Example: <https://pagevalleynews.com/an-update-on-community-works/>
- Want more info? Email: PageCommunityWorks@gmail.com

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Volunteering with Grace Fellowship in Shenandoah- Collecting donations for their Page County Community Baby Shower.

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Share and invite a friend or family member to join our efforts!