Matthew 25:40 (NASB) "The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE AFFILIATED NETWORK CHURCHES WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN “DOING UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS OF MINE” IN 2016!

Your partnership in missions and ministry is cherished and deeply appreciated beyond imagination! Some have given financially, some through hands-on effort, but most have given both!! We celebrate you all!

TOP 15 CONTRIBUTING AFFILIATES BY AMOUNT:
- Richmond’s First
- Huguenot Road
- River Road
- Second
- Derbyshire
- Skipwith
- Leigh Street
- Grace
- Pine Street
- Bethlehem (Fairmount)
- Woodland Heights
- Chamberlayne
- Carlisle Avenue
- Tabernacle
- Patterson Avenue

AFFILIATES GIVING FOR THE FIRST TIME:
- Lighthouse International
- The Light Community

AFFILIATES WHO INCREASED GIVING TO OVER 2015 THE RCFN GENERAL PROGRAM BUDGET:
- Bethlehem (Fairmount)
- Derbyshire
- First Richmond
- Friendship Memorial
- Gravel Hill
- Mount Tabor
- Patterson Avenue
- Pine Street
- Second
- Woodland Heights

AFFILIATES WHO INCREASED GIVING OVER 2015 TO RCFN CENTERS:
- Bethlehem (Fairmount)
- Bethlehem (Penick)
- Community Mission
- First Richmond
- Ginter Park
- Grace
- Hatcher Memorial
- Huguenot Road
- Leigh Street
- Pine Street
- River Road
- Second

Thank you so much, Faithful Partners!!!
In July the Board of the Manchester Community Center donated to the River City Faith Network their meeting facility along with a large work shed located on .7 acres between Bryce Lane and Germain Road in south Richmond. They also donated $8,000 to help with deferred maintenance with the building. The Board of the River City Faith Network received the donation on behalf of the Network and has been busy since with getting the site ready of use and a grand opening. Mr. Bill Sheltman, Chair of the Manchester Board has also donated a piano for the facility.

Mrs. Ruth Guill, member of Huguenot Road, has assisted us by working with Mr. Jimmy Boggs, Vice President of Richmond Alarm Company, who has personally installed a new alarm system with keypad control and sensors both inside and outside the facility. Richmond Alarm has donated all of the needed equipment along with supplying around-the-clock monitoring service for an incredibly low price. We are deeply grateful to Mr. Boggs for his company’s generosity!

Mr. Bob Jones, member of Lakeside Baptist and Chair of the RCFN Facilities Committee, has worked tirelessly during the last months engaging the services of Mr. Mark Plummer’s Standard Roofing Company to install new roofs on the main meeting building and the accompanying large work shed. In addition, Standard has installed vinyl siding on the gables of the two buildings and will be installing much needed gutters in the weeks ahead.

While Mr. Jones was engaged with Standard Roofing Company he was also coordinating work with Bradley Mechanical to put in place two 4-ton heating and air conditioning units that will work with the existing gas heating system within the central meeting facility. Bradley Mechanical, founded by Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey and Gayle Bradley, members of Huguenot Road, has generously donated both of the 4-ton units along with the labor and parts that allow the existing and new systems to work together seamlessly. The value of their gift is immense and helps the RCFN to affordably launch this facility in a way that it will complement the work of the South Richmond Baptist Center located approximately one mile away.

Mr. Jones has engaged the services of Parker Oil and Propane to supply fuel for the gas-fired heating system and he and Mr. Don Robertson of River Road Church are having constructive conversations about electrical retro-fitting for the building along with other mechanical and cosmetic upgrades to be accomplished in the weeks and months ahead.

While much has been done there is still more to do and the South Richmond Support Team will be engaged in that process. I will be working with Community Missionary, Rev. Wesley Garrett, as we further prepare the new facility for ministry and for a grand opening to take place this spring. Tables and chairs are needed along with clothing racks and other items, a list of which will be forthcoming.

I hope you will pray for Wesley and the South Richmond Support Team as work continues to ready the RCFN to minister ever more effectively to the citizenry of south Richmond in the Name of Christ. Give thanks for fine Christian leaders like Bob, Ruth and Don and generous business owners like those of Richmond Alarm Company and Bradley Mechanical. Give thanks for the generosity of the Manchester Community Center Board at the urging of former Chair of the RCFN Board of Directors, Dr. Cecil Chambers, for having the graciousness to offer this possibility to better serve God in the work that we do among the “least of these!”

Gratefully,

Mike
THE CHURCH HILL CHRISTIAN WELLNESS CENTER

“Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst.”

Bible Study – Spiritual food, fellowship and prayer provided at our Body and Soul Bible study every Friday morning from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Lunch provided.

Clothes Closet – Shop for men’s, women’s, and children’s clothing. There is a separate career closet for those needing outfits for interviews or jobs. Operating hours are Monday’s from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Food Pantry – Food bags are distributed on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, first-come-first-served for zip code 23223 only.

Volunteers are needed to teach the Computer classes and the GED classes.

Computer Classes – Come and learn the computer from the bare bone basics to a more advanced knowledge of the computer, such as Power Point. (Bare Bone Basics, Microsoft Word, Access, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, and Publisher). Classes are pending.

Computers Are Needed – We are in need of good quality, working computers. These computers need to be able to be updated if not already. Laptops are preferred. If you know of a company that may like to donate one or more computers please send Glinda the information. She will be happy to send a letter.

Hours: Monday 9:00am– 5:00 pm; Tuesday-Thursday 9:00am–6:00 pm; Friday – 9:00 am–2:00 pm

COMMUNITY MISSIONARY - REV. GLINDA F. FORD
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SAVE THE DATES

VA BAPTIST HANDBELL FESTIVALS:
February 3, 2017 Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center, Lynchburg, VA
February 10—11, 2017 Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Glen Allen

SPECIAL EDUCATION VALENTINE SOCIAL: February 10, 2017 (Monument Heights Baptist Church)

EMPOWER CLASS 501: February 16-17, 2017 Building Blocks for Powerful Coaching, VBRC

EMPOWER CLASS 502: March 2 –3, 2017 Establishing a Dynamic Coaching Relationship, VBRC

VA BAPTIST ALL STATE CHOIRS: March 3-4, 2017

FACING DARKNESS: One time showing March 30, 2017

For more details go to RCFN of the RBA website

WEBINAR: “When you don’t know where to turn, call 2-1-1”

Join Us: Friday, February 10, 2017 10:00AM eastern. When you call 2-1-1, a trained professional listens to your situation and suggests sources of help using one of the largest databases of health and human services in Virginia.

Registration is required to participate in this webinar. Visit the registration page at: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4065679917382596100?source=RICH sign up.

Altise M. Street, CIRS Richmond/ Southside Regional Outreach Manager, 2-1-1 VIRGINIA
FEBRUARY is the month SRBC asks the children to bring in their REPORT CARDS and PROGRESS REPORTS to the center in order to receive school supplies or a new backpack.

By February most if not all the supplies that were given out at the beginning of school are used up. If you have school supplies left over from past projects or if you would like to buy new supplies for the children I know it would be greatly appreciated.

By seeing the REPORT CARDS and PROGRESS REPORTS it gives those helping at the SRBC a chance to congratulate or encourage the children in their pursuit of success. (Or maybe a little extra encouragement to hang on.)

Please accept our thanks in advance.

Thank you so much!

COMMUNITY MISSIONARY - REV. WESLEY GARRETT

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2017 Mileage Rates

The IRS mileage rates for 2017 for the use of a vehicle are:

- 53.5 cents per mile for business miles driven;
- 17 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes;
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations.

Visit us at the
RCFN of the RBA FACEBOOK page

www.facebook.com/RichmondBaptistAssociation/
Thank You to all who support our ministries with “the least of these”! Without your support, we could not do what we do each week!

Some current needs at the Center:

1. 1 or 2 volunteers to assist with set up of our clothes closet for the homeless. (Two Wednesdays a month (1-3 PM).

2. 1 or 2 regular volunteers to sort food and to pack 20 food bags from our food pantry for our household distribution. (Wednesdays (1-3 PM).

3. Volunteer with experience in Excel spreadsheets to update food pantry records, locker room records, Food Bank report, etc. (Once a month)

4. Specific Winter Clothes for the Homeless: long underwear (tops & bottoms), waterproof winter gloves, men’s jeans (sizes 32-36), sweatshirts with hoods, warm socks, shoes and boots.

Please contact Jennifer Turner at the Oregon Hill Center if you are interested in assisting or need further information. (804) 648-1353

COMMUNITY MISSIONARY - REV. JENNIFER TURNER
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2017-2018 BGAV College Scholarships & Ministerial Educational Funds Applications Now Available

Through Cooperative Missions offerings, the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) provides scholarships and ministerial education funds for eligible Virginia Baptist students who need aid in financing their education.

https://bgav.org/scholarships

PRAYER FOR:
River City Faith Network of the RBA,
Camp Alkulana,
Church Hill Christian Wellness Center,
Oregon Hill Baptist Center
and South Richmond Baptist Center
As we close out our year and prepare to start a NEW YEAR.

Ephesians 1:16 NIV _ “I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.”
By supporting our annual scholarship fund, generous Baptists do more than provide your generation with educational opportunities. They also support the Baptist mission by demonstrating their generosity — and setting an example for you. It’s a perfect model of our long tradition of “paying it forward.”

Apply now to help forward your personal mission.

This past year, hundreds of students like you were awarded thousands in annual scholarship money to help defray expenses for colleges, graduate schools and seminaries. Generally, you must be a full-time student and a member of a Virginia Baptist church. Since these are annual scholarships, you are welcomed and encouraged to apply each year.

http://vbfinc.org/scholarships/

February 25
- 9:00am – 12:00pm: New Volunteer & Orientation
- 1:00pm – 4:00pm: Site/Team Leaders Training

April 22
- 9:00am – 12:00pm: New Volunteer & Orientation
- 1:00pm – 4:00pm: All volunteers

WMU—Standing Rock Mission Team

Items to collect for 2017
- New shoes for children and teens (athletic/tennis shoes)
- Underwear for girls and boys (boys prefer boxers; girls love the ones with designs, not all-white)
Socks for children and teens, preferably colored and no show, no white)
HUGUENOT ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH: Celebrates 25 years with Rev. Phillip Brown as their Associate Pastor for Music and Worship. A special worship service will be held on February 12 at 11:00 with a covered dish luncheon to follow.

RIVER ROAD CHURCH BAPTIST is hosting the Washington Lee University Singers as part of the River Road Concert Series. This event will take place on Sunday evening, February 25th, at 5:00 PM. There is no admission charge but you are asked to please reserve your free ticket on the River Road website.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH is holding a VBS Funshop Training Center featuring Group Publishing on Saturday, March 4th, from 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM, in the Children’s Ministry Building. Please register online at the SBC website.

Send an email to office@rbaonline.org with “For the TRANSFORMED “ in the Subject Line for information you would like to be included in the next or a future edition of the TRANSFORMED.

Thank you so much,
Danette

PROTECT YOUR FILES

FROM ENCRYPTING VIRUSES: Back up your files regularly. By backing up your files you will be able to download them onto a new computer or if you are blessed with being able to clean your computer from the virus you can download the files back to your computer.

These scam artist say, “nobody can help you except us” This is not true. But you have to have a backup copy of all your files. We now back up several times a week with an external hard drive.

The Insert Pages are designed with sections that can be used as bulletin inserts, bulletin board notices or Prayer Guides for Sunday School classes, Small groups, Mission groups, etc.

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Links for most every ad can be found on the RCFN website: www.richmondbaptist.org/news-events/
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Contact: Danette Moen via phone (804) 329-1701 ext.101, email or snail mail at the addresses listed above:
- To submit an article: it must be received by the 4th of each month.
- To be added to or deleted from the mailing list, or
- To submit a change of address: in a timely manner so that the Network will not incur postage due costs for undeliverable newsletters.

Making a Delivery to the RCFN/RBA Office?
Please call before you plan to arrive to make sure that someone will be at the office. There are times during the day when everyone may be away, so it will save time and gas to call ahead. The RCFN Office is open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Thursday.

Thank you for your continued support of RCFN

2016 RCFN Budget Report
DECEMBER Budget Amount: $43,669.00
DECEMBER Budget Receipts: $73,965.00
DECEMBER Budget Expenses: $27,120.00
YTD Budget Amount: $524,050.00
YTD Budget Receipts: $399,358.00

Camp Alkulana Offering
Offering Goal: $150,696.00
YTD Receipts: $161,764.00
YTD Expenses: $173,959.00

Visit www.richmondbaptist.org for* Employment Opportunities, *RCFN Remittance forms, *Information on our Associational Churches (church websites are linked to the individual churches), etc.

We are working hard to update the website. Let us know if you would like anything updated or added. It is our goal to make the website user friendly as your “go to” place for information about the RCFN and it’s Affiliates.