The Food for Others Mission is to distribute free food to our neighbors in need, in partnership with our Northern Virginia community, and to provide opportunities for people to volunteer their resources.

Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Here at Food for Others, our fight to end food insecurity would not be possible without the help of our valued friends and supporters. Our summer newsletter celebrates the collective impact of those who choose to give back to their community. With 376,000 individuals living in poverty in Northern Virginia, including 22% of families headed by single women with children, Food for Others remains steadfast about extending our outreach, making services accessible to all of those in need, and providing a dignified experience for our clients. Whether you volunteer at a neighborhood site or run in our 5K, your choice to get involved makes an impact.

"We rise by lifting others." (Robert Ingersoll)

Since 1992, the National Association of Letter Carriers has organized a food drive held on the second Saturday in May as their contribution to fight hunger. Food for Others received 27,772 pounds of food, an increase of 5% over last year. We express our gratitude to the seven local post offices, many generous food donors, and numerous volunteers who participated on May 12th.

Robert I. Schattner Foundation recently awarded Food for Others a $25,000 grant to meet the food needs of children, the elderly, and families in the Northern Virginia community. The foundation, honoring the life and work of Robert I. Schattner (pictured here) who passed away in 2017, is dedicated to supporting causes in the DC metro area. Food for Others is thankful for this new source of funding.
Partnership Recognition

Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services held their 2018 Partnership Recognition Ceremony on May 24th. **Food for Others** received a Distinguished Partner Award for our collaborative effort to meet the needs of those in the community facing food insecurity. Pictured here are Nikki Clifford, Annie Turner, and April Frazier.

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**JOIN US!**
**SEPT. 8, 2018**

Join the 5K team and help feed our hungry neighbors. Hunger does not discriminate. To sign up or sponsor:

[REGISTRATION]

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**JOIN FOOD FOR OTHERS FOR A NIGHT OF BOWLING**

August 10, 2018
6:30 pm
Bowl America - Falls Church

$35.00 per person - includes 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, pizza, and soft drinks. Portion of proceeds will benefit FFO.

Friday Night Strikes! Bowling for a cause. To buy tickets or sponsor:

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After a careful vetting process, Catalogue for Philanthropy has selected **Food for Others** as part of the 2018-19 Class. A rigorous review was conducted by a team of 120+ experts in the local philanthropic field. Our organization has met the Catalogue's high standards. According to Exec. Director, Bob Wittig, "people want to know where to give and they need trusted information. Based on our in-depth review, we believe that **Food for Others** is one of the best community-based nonprofits in the region."
Food for Others has attained the coveted 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for demonstrating strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. We’ve earned our fourth consecutive 4-star rating. This is the highest possible rating and indicates that Food for Others exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in the country. Only 14% of the charities evaluated have received at least four consecutive 4-star ratings.

Opportunities to Volunteer

Looking to spend time outside? We will be picking peaches and more at Hollin Farms, 45 minutes west of Food for Others in Delaplane, VA on Sunday July 15th. All produce harvested will benefit our neighbors in need. SIGN UP and register under the "Farms and Farmer's Markets" calendar. Spots are limited! If you can't make it on Sunday, there will be plenty of opportunities to glean this summer and fall. Please contact Grace at gplihal@foodforothers.org for more information.

VOLUNTEER THIS SUMMER!

Summer is the perfect time to become a part of the Food for Others team. Get involved and make an impact like the volunteers in our new video. Take a look: VIDEO

Warehouse volunteers: SIGN UP

Food Salvage: pick up food from grocery stores or farmer's markets: SIGN UP

Distribute food at our Neighborhood Sites (see details below): SIGN UP

A priority for us this summer! Please consider helping at the following locations:

Gunston: Tuesday nights at Gunston Community Center
Willston/Patrick Henry: Tuesday at Willston Garden Apartments and Greenwood Drive
Fairfax: Monday or Thursday West of Fairfax Circle ¼ mile on US 50

To schedule training for the following warehouse tasks: SIGN UP

Ticket Pulling: gathering client's food and distributing at our loading dock
Shopper: assist clients in choosing their groceries
Front Desk: assist clients with the intake process

Please contact Nikki at nclifford@foodforothers.org with questions. Thank you!

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