

The Food for Others Mission is to distribute food to our neighbors in need by mobilizing our giving community and volunteers.



Thomas Kinkade said, "The act of contributing to the lives of others is its own reward." As the season of giving approaches, we take time to recognize the collective impact of our donors and volunteers. Hunger affects people from all walks of life. Without a community of faithful supporters, **Food for Others** is unable to continue working to bring about the change we'd all like to see in the lives of those going hungry. There are about 376,000 individuals living in poverty in Northern Virginia, including 22% of families headed by single women with children. Right here in Fairfax County, 1 in 14 children live in poverty while nearly 60,000 people struggle with food insecurity. In FY18, **Food for Others** benefited from nearly 33,000 volunteer hours, distributed over 2.2 million pounds of food, and served 1,500 households weekly on average. Only by joining together can we continue meeting the needs of our neighbors.

Get help

Give help



## Boy Scout's Annual Food Collection Drive

Boy Scouts of America help feed the hungry in our community. Scouts will be in your neighborhood collecting non-perishable food items. The goal is one million pounds! You can help by placing your food donation on your front porch by 8:30 am on **Saturday Nov. 10th**. Food collected locally will help **Food for Others** and Boy Scouts will be on-site at the warehouse this Saturday. To learn more, click here [SCOUTS](#)

**Food for Others will be open to receive food donations on Saturday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm.**

This is a unique opportunity to drop off your holiday contribution over the weekend. For a list of our most needed food items and helpful food drive tips, click here [FOOD DONATION](#)



## Spotlight: Making A Difference

**Food for Others** would like to spotlight Grace Plihal, our 2018-19 Americorps VISTA member. After graduating from NYU in 2016 with a B.A. in Communications, Grace quickly realized she yearned to return to her 'hometown' of the DMV area to make a difference in the lives of others. As a VISTA member, the Maryland native is mostly focused on achieving food equity through her work in making nutritious produce easily accessible to our clients. Grace works tirelessly to coordinate volunteer gleaning projects, healthy food cooking demonstrations, nutrition programs, and most importantly, the produce shelf in the "Choice" section of our warehouse. As of September, from all projects combined, she has managed to help **Food for Others** recover 29,692 pounds of produce from several local farms. As an advocate for people, Grace plans to return to school in the fall of 2019 to obtain her MSW.



**Giving Tuesday, a global day of giving, is just weeks away!** Do you have a giving story? Why do you give your time, resources, or money to **Food for Others**? Giving Tuesday is asking you to share your story [HERE](#), in your choice of essay or video format, with a chance to win up to \$10,000 for your favorite nonprofit. Be sure to use the hashtag **#MyGivingStory**.

## Key Partnership Makes An Impact

As part of the 2018 **Food for**



**Others** Tyson 5K & Fun Run activities, Womble Bond Dickinson, our 5K sponsor and partner, organized their Annual Community Food Drive to benefit **Food for Others**. Thanks to the generosity of WBD and their clients, a total of 2,290 pounds of food was donated at the event held on Sept. 6th!

## FFO Staff & Board Updates

**Staff:** Longtime warehouse worker, Rossio Senzano, departed in July and her position was filled by new hire, George Gardner. Leo Delgado was promoted to Warehouse Supervisor and his position was filled by new hire, Jen Garcia. April Frazier Simmons was promoted to Director of Operations & Client Services and Maya Boddie was promoted to Communications Coordinator. Regan Davis joined the staff as part-time Volunteer Coordinator.

**Board:** After six years of faithful service to **Food for Others**, Suzanne Weiss, Marc Kremer, and Mark Hornby have departed the Board of Directors. Jane Schapiro Brown, William Daly, and Hillary West have joined the board as new Directors. Jane is retired from GMU where she worked for 17 years and also earned her MFA. She is a published writer and regular FFO volunteer. William, an attorney, is a shareholder with the Tysons law firm Rees Broome. He has done commercial litigation for 32 years and teaches professionalism for the VA State Bar at GMU Law School. Hillary, a CPA, is Senior Manager at CST Group, CPAs, PC. Thank you all for your commitment to **Food for Others**.



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