

A SERVING OF

HOPE

TODD'S TALK



Todd Walker, Executive Director

On October 18th, JCOC celebrated its 33rd year anniversary of serving the less fortunate in Virginia Beach. It was an opportunity for us to share with everyone how

their support of our organization impacts so many in the community as they overcome their current crisis.

One of the many highlights I talked about was the fact our Feeding Programs provided approximately 181,000 meals to hungry individuals and families in FY19. Over 100,000 of those meals were distributed through our Food Pantry. This serves households in our community, ensuring they will

not have to make a decision between paying rent or buying groceries. Most importantly, children will have something to eat when they come home from school.

Our Day Support Program within the Housing Resource Center provided services including showers, laundry facilities, computer access and housing services to over 800 homeless individuals in FY19.

We assisted over 200 homeless people in accessing permanent housing in FY19.

During the same timeframe, our Veterans Transitional Housing Program (VTHP) assisted 100% of the veterans exiting the program in successfully moving into permanent housing. This beats our previous year's record of 86%, which ranked 3rd in the country! Former client and veteran Megan shared her story of tough breaks leading to her homelessness in

2013. She eventually was accepted into our VTHP where she gained employment and created a housing and life plan. This led to her accessing permanent housing and starting her own successful business. Megan has remained housed over the last four years!

None of this is possible without your donation and support to help families, individuals and veterans overcome their crisis and return to being productive and self-sufficient members of the community. Zig Ziglar once said, "The best way to get everything you want out of life is to help as many others get what they want out of life."

During this holiday season, I ask that you give to JCOC as we work to eliminate hunger and homelessness in the community. Help change someone's life for the better. Happy Holidays!

COMMUNITY DINNER HELPS DEBI FROM RETURNING TO HOMELESSNESS



Debi celebrates her 63rd birthday this November. It is a bittersweet milestone because her sister passed away at the age of 62, and her mother at 63. Her dream is to move to Colorado and "live as long as I can

live." For now, she is grateful to be living in an apartment with her longtime boyfriend Kevin.

Two years have passed since Debi's 11-year journey with homelessness ended. She is determined not to return. Raised in Pittsburgh, PA, Debi quit high school after she did not do well in special education classes. She has had a series of jobs over the years as a server, assistant manager and manager in restaurants.

Debi hitchhiked to Virginia Beach over nine years ago to join Kevin and their young daughter. Not being able to afford the high

cost of living, the couple lived in their van near King's Grant Presbyterian Church.

Towards the end of their homeless season, Debi and Kevin came to our Winter Shelter for two seasons and stayed in the Emergency Shelter before finding permanent housing. During this time Debi's health began deteriorating. She successfully came through brain tumor surgery, but is near an inhaler at all times due to COPD.

Debi comes to Community Dinner a couple of times each week so the grocery bill isn't so high. She enters the dining hall with a smile on her lips and hope in her eyes. "It's an awesome thing that JCOC's partners are helping," she recently said. "You clothed me, fed me, and put me up in Winter Shelter."

You and JCOC's Feeding Programs are preventing families and individuals from becoming homeless as well as feeding those who are homeless every day. Please give a generous Year End Gift by December 31st. Thank you.

THE NEWSFEED

New Hours Began November 5th



Family Food Boxes
Tues. and Thurs.: 2-4 pm
Wed.: 9:30 - 11:30 am

Food Pantry
Tues., Thurs., Sat.:
10 am - noon. Check-in begins at 10 am.
Pantry opens at 10:30 am.



Thomson Reuters employees recently put together 1,000 snack bags during one of their conference sessions in Virginia Beach. Todd Walker shared with them about JCOC and how the bags will help the area's homeless and hungry. Thank you!

We are so proud to have helped Juan get permanent housing in October! He came to our Emergency Shelter located in the Housing Resource Center on June 6th, and worked with Housing Support Specialists to find part-time employment and a place to live.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: LORI GOLDING ZONTINI

Every Monday and Thursday morning, you can find Lori Golding Zontini at JCOC's main campus delivering fresh food that was donated from a local grocery store. Without fail, you will also find her smiling from ear to ear as she helps unload the food. Knowing she can help families right here in her own city is what motivates her. Lori began picking up food four years ago when she saw the store tossing out items they were no longer able to sell, but were still good to eat. She wanted to use the food to make jam to give to the homeless. She eventually started a successful jam business and began bringing the food pickups to JCOC for distribution at our community Food Pantry.



Lori's start with JCOC dates back almost ten years ago when she started dating her husband, John. His dad, Tony Zontini was a JCOC director at the time. He asked Lori to help with the awareness and fundraising campaign, "In Their Shoes". She was eager to volunteer as JCOC had previously helped her mom with a variety of services.

Lori's passion to help ensure people do not go hungry stems from the lack of food she experienced in her childhood. She grew up hiding food in her bedroom so she knew she would always have something to eat even when the cabinets in the kitchen were bare. Lori's motto is, "Everyone must eat."

"If you're not feeding your body, nothing works right. You have to eat. You have to nourish your soul." she shared.

Lori manages Old Beach Farmers Market and King's Grant Farmers Market both in Virginia Beach. They give her the opportunity to bring awareness and regularly collect much needed funds and food for JCOC. In addition, the Zontinis own multiple businesses and use them all as opportunities to give back to the community. Lori shared, "It's not about us, it's about everybody else."

Lori is a treasure to JCOC and we are proud to have her as part of our volunteer family.

To learn how you can become a part of this family, contact volunteer coordinator, Krishna Loya at kloya@jcoc.org or 757-491-2846, ext. 102.



Stop by JCOC Community Thrift this holiday season and find unique gifts for those on your list! Check their Facebook page for weekly promotions. JCOC benefits from your purchase.

Hours

M-F: 11am-7pm

Sat.: 10am-6pm

Sun.: 12pm-5pm

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Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GIVINGTUESDAY

December 3, 2019

HELP BRING HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

HOPE
for the holidays

For many individuals and families in our community, the holidays are filled with worry as special Christmas meals are only a dream. Would you help JCOC collect enough food to fill Christmas Food Baskets for 100 households?

As you shop for your family's holiday meals, please pick up a few extra items and drop them off at our Dining Hall. We are collecting the following:

- Turkeys & Hams
- Mashed/Scalloped Potatoes, bag or boxed
- Stuffing Mix, bag or boxed
- Gravy, packet or canned
- Green Beans, canned
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Sweet Potatoes/Yams, canned
- Cranberry Sauce
- Dessert Mix, bag or boxed

Please drop off donations at our Dining Hall by December 13th (1053 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach). Hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM and 1:00-4:00 PM. For more information, please call 491-2846 or email jcoc@jcoc.org.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM BLACK & WHITE GALA 2019

On October 18th, more than 200 guests filled the ballroom at the Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront in celebration of JCOC's 33rd anniversary. They were eager to bid on dozens of auction items as well as hear about JCOC's year of success. Talented quartet members from Symphonycity played during cocktail hour and dinner. Emcee Jimmy Ray Dunn kept the packed evening going smoothly. Senator Bill DeSteph and Virginia Beach Mayor Bobby Dyer greeted the audience.

Todd Walker highlighted the Veterans Transitional Housing Program (VTHP) as having a 100% success rate! He introduced former VTHP client Megan. Several years ago, this motivated and hardworking woman moved out from the hopelessness of homelessness to becoming a successful massage therapist. Todd also invited everyone to come support JCOC at the Virginia Beach Planning Commission meeting on November 13th where the campus rebuild plans will be presented.

Exciting check presentations included one from Onyx Sponsor PRA Group for \$35,000 and Priority Toyota Charity Bowl for \$5,000. Featured speaker Lisa Olson shared her amazing story of overcoming obstacles, encouraging everyone to share hope with the hopeless. Inspiring evening!

Thank you to the evening's Event Sponsors:

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The evening's speaker Lisa Olson with Todd Walker.



Kevin Stevenson, PRA Group President & CEO, presents check to Todd Walker.



Guests enjoying the evening.



Cocktail Hour and Silent Auction.



JCOC Board of Directors.

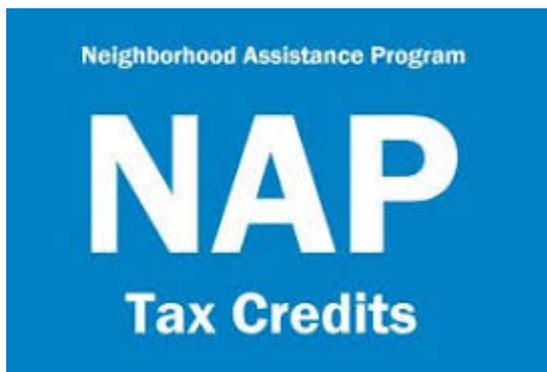
GIVE YOUR MOST GENEROUS GIFT BY DECEMBER 31ST

Complete the donation card that is included, or go to jcoc.org today.

- **\$1,000** can help to make sure 51 homeless men and women have a warm and safe place to sleep, three meals a day, and receive other services in our Emergency Shelter.
- **\$500** can help provide Community Dinner for more than 100 hungry children, women and men.
- **\$250** can provide 111 bus passes for our clients needing transportation to medical appointments and job interviews.
- **\$100** can help provide one hungry family with a Family Food Box. They receive one box of nonperishable food and one box of meat according to how many are in the household.
- **\$50** can help homeless clients get a shower, do laundry, work on their housing plan with our team and receive basic toiletries at the Day Support program.

JCOC has NAP Credits for Your Donation of \$500 or More

Call Kristin (757) 491-2846 for more information. First come. First serve.



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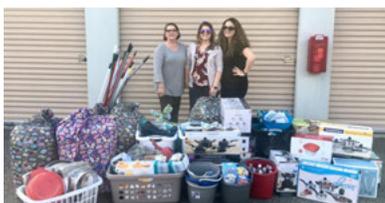


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<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1417126>



Pick JCOC (WV413) as your Kroger Community Rewards charity! Fight hunger and homelessness every time you shop.

WELCOME HOME BASKETS ARE NEEDED



One of the most rewarding experiences JCOC's clients have after facing homelessness, is moving into a new apartment or house. However, imagine not having the basics like a set of dishes, silverware, towels and cleaning supplies. That's where you and JCOC's Welcome Home Baskets come in!

Over the last 12 months, 52 clients received a Welcome Home Basket. Over the next 12 months, we need 100 Welcome Home Baskets. Will you help? Each basket includes:

- Laundry Basket
- Dinnerware, 4-piece set
- Kitchen Utensils, 4-piece set
- Pots & Pans, small set
- Can Opener
- Twin or Queen Bedding
- Pillows
- Blanket
- Towels & Washcloths
- Laundry Detergent
- Toilet Paper & Paper Towels
- Mop & Bucket
- Broom & Dustpan
- Cleaning Supplies
- Trash Bags
- Air Fresheners

Let our Volunteer Coordinator Krishna Loya (757-491-2846, ext. 102 or kloya@jcoc.org) know how many Welcome Home Baskets your group can commit to, and arrange a time to drop them off by December 31st. Gift cards to Walmart and Target are also welcome and will be used for this program.



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