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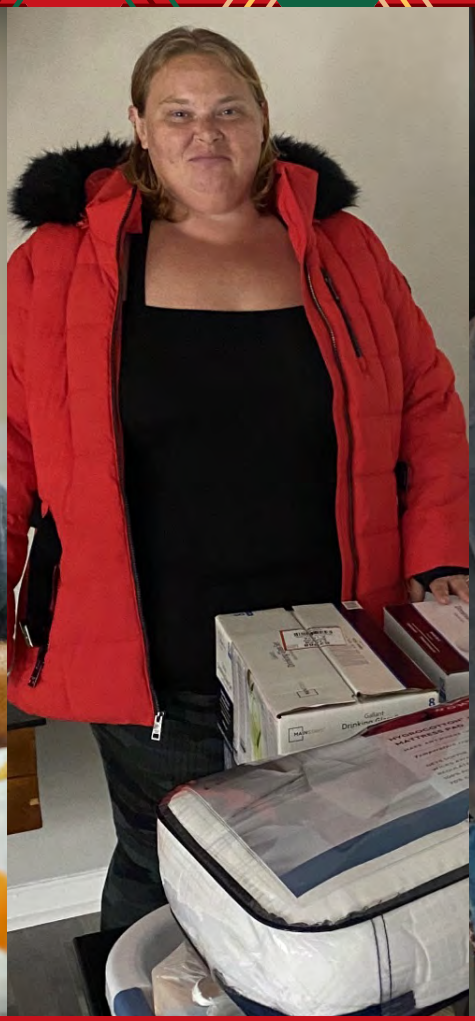

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It's FREE! Experience "More Than Shelter" at Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) now through February 5, 2023. Artist Will Smith (pictured) collaborated with Chris, one of JCOC's permanent supportive housing clients to create a beautiful entry in this multi-artist exhibit. Reserve your free tickets at www.virginiamoca.org.

Don't forget to choose JCOC during your CFC, CVC and United Way workplace campaigns.

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Reserve NAP credits with JCOC's Development Director, Kristin Ward (757-491-2846). Individual cash or stock donations of at least $616 made by December 31, 2022 are eligible. Limited credits available. Example: Donate $1,000. Receive $500 worth of NAP credits for 2022 VA tax return.

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TODD'S TALK

George Moore and Todd Walker, Executive Director

Thank you. This holiday season, I am especially grateful for you, our JCOC family. Thank you for sacrificially giving your time, talents and resources as we bring help, hope, and healing to so many struggling families and individuals throughout the year. My thoughts turn to our friend George Moore.

On October 21st, 2022 we lost a true leader, advocate and warrior for the less fortunate in our community. Longtime JCOC board member and past Co-Board Chairman George Moore was called home to be with the Lord. George was a great husband, father and true friend to many. His list of accomplishments in life are extremely impressive.

Upon hearing the news, I was stunned and incredibly saddened because I had lost a true friend. I mean someone who cared about my well-being and wanted the best for not only me but everyone he encountered. George enhanced every situation he was a part of because he always felt the glass is halfway full. His ability and confidence to always see the good in every situation was a great lesson for many others and me.

I can remember our first meeting shortly after I was hired. With a firm handshake and smiling ear-to-ear George proceeded to tell me how excited he was for me and he would reach out to see if we could meet for lunch. When we did, college football dominated our conversation after finding out he played for the University of North Carolina and I for Indiana University. Those conversations evolved to family, life and of course one his favorite topics, the stock market. I remember us having a conversation about forgiveness when I was going through a rough patch. His words that day were impactful and helped me through it. When the pandemic started, without hesitation he left the safety of his home to bring me facemasks. Always thinking about helping or assisting others, that is the spirit of George Moore.

George, we love you and we're so thankful you were a part of our lives. You will forever be JCOC's Guardian Angel.

How will you and I carry George's torch in being intentional about caring and showing kindness for everyone in our community, especially those in need? Together we can!

BLACK & WHITE GALA GUESTS ENCOURAGED TO, "RIP THE SCRIPT"!

On October 14th, dedicated community leaders, corporate partners, and individuals gathered together for what was to be our most successful annual Black & White Gala to date! Over 200 guests enjoyed Symphonicity's string quartet during cocktail hour and a three-course meal.

Excitement was in the air as award-winning journalist and television/radio host Barbara Hamm Lee served as the evening's emcee and co-auctioneer. Former NFL offensive lineman, motivational speaker and author Shawn Harper shared his inspiring journey and encouraged guests to, "rip the script" others have written for us. His former Indiana University football teammate and JCOC's executive director Todd Walker told everyone the incredible impact they had been a part of over the last year – announcing $12M of the $14M needed to rebuild our campus has been raised.

Campaign committee chair Allison Stanton McDuffie had the honor of surprising Todd and sharing due to a generous anonymous donor and the Board of Directors, JCOC's new dining hall will be named the Todd A.J. Walker Dining Hall!

Special thanks to our sponsors, auction item donors, Rev. Dr. Michael Simone, Astro Enterprises, David O'Dell Photography, Michael H. Schmitt Photography, Symphonicity, and JCOC's Board of Directors and staff. **Mark your calendar - Black & White Gala 2023 will be on October 6th!**

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TOGETHER WE DID | TOGETHER WE ARE | TOGETHER WE CAN

The year 2022 has been a year of fulfillment and promise at JCOC – solidifying that "Together" is how we make an impact. Together is how we make dreams come true for our neighbors in need. Thousands of men, women, children, veterans, civilians, homeless and housed, all ages, different races, religions, and ethnicities received food. Hundreds of single homeless individuals participated in our housing programs. Here are just a few of their faces.

Homeless, Sabrina bought a 1-way bus ticket and traveled down from New York in search of a new start. She thought her family in the area would help, but it didn't work out. Sabrina slept near a church in a tent for a couple of months last summer. "It was creepy, but it was alright," she said.

Sabrina moved into JCOC's Emergency Housing (shelter) in August, and quickly moved into a 3-bedroom house with two roommates last month. Her rent is 30 percent of her income, and she was thankful to receive a Welcome Home Basket and food box. She shared, "[JCOC] staff was really nice. I didn't think I was going to move this fast!"

Ronald came to Emergency Housing (shelter) in October 2021. He moved into permanent housing on August 25th. JCOC provided Ronald's security deposit and first month's rent. He was a delight to work with, and was grateful to receive a Welcome Home Basket and food box on moving day.

Together We Are providing Community Dinner meals to 85-100 guests every day; and giving groceries through Food Pantry and Food Box programs. Each night, we are housing 55 residents at emergency shelter; operating a transitional housing program for 16 homeless veterans and a permanent supportive housing program for 8 chronically homeless individuals with disabilities at its apartment building; implementing a Rapid Rehousing initiative; and operating the Day Support program at the HRC where individuals shower, do laundry and apply for housing programs.

Together We Can make a BIG difference in 2023 for those who are hungry and homeless in our community. We believe that no one should have to choose between food and shelter. Your generous Year End Donation can help provide food and shelter for families, veterans and individuals in Hampton Roads who will otherwise go hungry and sleep outside tonight.

Will you join us?

- $1,000 can shelter 1 homeless adult for one month.
- $500 can give Family Food Boxes to 4 families with minor children.
- $100 can provide needed toiletries to 17 housing clients.
- $50 can feed 10 Community Dinner guests.

Thank you. A very Happy New Year to you and those you love!

DINNER IS SERVED!

Did you know JCOC serves a community dinner 365 nights a year? Did you know YOU can help provide one of these meals? Volunteer groups of all types and sizes are welcome, faith-based and community organizations, businesses and families!

Groups can utilize JCOC's kitchen to prepare the meal or it can be prepared offsite. Meals can range from sandwiches and chips to fried chicken and sides to fast food combos. All meals need to be placed in to-go containers. Groups are encouraged to stay to serve or may drop their meals off for JCOC staff and volunteers to serve. Dinner guests are welcome to dine-in or take their meal to go.

"It is a humbling experience. I always feel I gain more then I give," shared Mary Ann Simmons, St. John the Apostle Catholic Church.

"Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." - Hebrews 13:15-16 NASB1995 "In this verse and others we are directed to help those in need. The added benefit is the smile on the faces of those we help/serve," said Jim Gazard, Kempsville Church.

Christina Echevarria of St. John the Apostle Catholic Church commented, "I serve because I believe in serving those in need because of my faith in Christ. I'm honored to serve through the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center because I believe they are an organization that truly understands the message of Christ."

For Community Dinner guidelines and 2023's Open Date List, contact Community Engagement Manager, Krishna Loya at kloya@jcoc.org or (757) 491-2846, ext. 102.

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HOPE for the holidays

Our Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Basket Distributions were a great success! Nearly 350 baskets were provided to families in need. We appreciate the support you showed to make this possible. Your help is needed again to provide Snack Bags as we head into the New Year.

Snack bags are provided to community dinner guests with their meal each night as available. Bags can include the following items:

- *Canned Meat (pop tops or packages only)*
- *Chips*
- *Cookies*
- *Granola Bars*
- *Crackers*
- *Fruit Cups*
- *Meat Sticks*
- *Water or Juice Box (small)*

Snacks can be assembled in plastic storage bags or paper bags. 80-100 bags are needed each night.

Donations can be made using these methods.

1. Order food and bags online and ship them to JCOC at 1053 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23451.
2. Drop completed bags at JCOC by making an appointment. Contact our office at (757) 491-2846 or jcoc@jcoc.org.
3. Make a donation online at jcoc.org. Be sure to select Snack Bags.

For more information, please contact Krishna Loya, Community Engagement Manager at kloya@jcoc.org or (757) 491-2846, ext. 102.