

BACKGROUND

Holiday helpers started with three individuals that wanted to reach out into the community and help those in need. We hope to bring awareness to the Farmville community and bring people together to help areas that are facing poverty. Our goal is to assist those who can't afford extra during the holidays and allow these individuals to enjoy a warm and happy holiday season. Our outreach includes a food drive for thanksgiving and a toy drive during Christmas time.

“WHEN WE GIVE
CHEERFULLY
AND ACCEPT
GRATEFULLY,
EVERYONE IS
BLESSED.”

— MAYA
ANGELOU



For More Information

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**Help today by
donating to this
cause & bringing
in some holiday
spirit**

Allen Irby, Jozie Minter, & Madison
Winters

ABOUT US

Our Team

Our team is made up of three Longwood University Students, Allen Irby, Jozie Minter, and Madison Winters.

Our Values

We value selflessness and compassion. These values allow us to provide for our community during this joyful time of year.

Our Services

Donations: We hope to receive any kind of donation to support our fellow samaritans. Whether this be food, toys, or money donations anything helps! You can make donations to FACES in Farmville or Samaritans purse!

Food Drive: This runs from the beginning of November through the end of December. We accept any sort of food items preferably those that families can use to have a good holiday meal. Make sure these items are fresh! Drop your items off to FACES in Farmville.

Toy Drive: The drop off for the toy drive runs through the last week in November up until December 23rd. You can drop off these items between 10 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Please provide toys for boys and girls or some that can be used for either. Make sure these toys are not damaged or dirty! Go to our website on the back to find a drop off near you

HOLIDAY SPENDING

On Average consumers will spend \$1,007 during this holiday season.

(National Retail Federation, 2018)

The cost of a holiday dinner this year is \$50.11

(Johnson, 2015)

10.1% of residents in Virginia faced food insecurity between 2015 & 2017.

(U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2017)

TESTIMONIALS

The holiday season is tough for my family. I did not receive a formal education because I was in Farmville when the school system shut down, so I cannot read or write. It is hard for me to hold a higher paying job, because no one wants an employee that cannot read. I want to buy my grandkids gifts for Christmas and make them dinner and often that means shopping at the Dollar Store and going without food for myself leading up to the holidays so I can save up money.

-Lucinda Smith

My favorite memory from my childhood was helping my mom bake cookies, pie, mac 'n' cheese, and turkey for Christmas dinner. I can still smell the cookies, apple pie, and turkey cooking all day.

Unfortunately, my husband got in a car accident and cannot work right now, because of this we are behind on rent and are being crushed by bills. I wish that I could give my children the same good memories of the holiday season that I had.

- Charlotte Matthews