

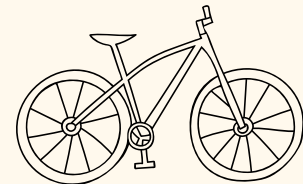
Newsletter

Supporting Dunn Loring, Merrifield, Oakton, and Vienna

Organized in 1969, supported by churches, civic organizations, businesses, and individuals, the Committee for Helping Others (CHO) provides simple, loving charity to persons in need of goods and services that they are unable to provide for themselves or obtain from government sources.

Bike Drive

CHO's Christmas bike collection focuses on bikes for adults and teens who need them for transportation to work or school. Bikes will be collected through November 26 at the parking lot of Redeemer Fellowship Church (formerly Antioch Christian Church), 1860 Beulah Rd., or in the driveway at either 317 Church Street NE, or 218 Elmar Dr. SE. Contact Dan Larkins or Jeffrey Heinz at danlarkins@verizon.net or jheinz_1@yahoo.com.



CHO to share in Giving Tuesday

This year, CHO is participating in Giving Tuesday (Dec. 2) in a special way. A number of individuals approached CHO and agreed to match 100% of all donations up to \$20,000 made between November 2 and December 2. Your donation could double in value! To donate go to cho-va.com and use the DONATE NOW button at the bottom of the page, or send a check to CHO, PO Box 233, Vienna VA 22183. Thank you for your support!



**Halloween Parade
2025**

CHAIRMAN'S NOTE

I want to acknowledge a small but impactful group of volunteers: those who clean, inspect and repair bikes for our bike program. Over 15 volunteers, led by Jeff Heinz and Dan Larkins, spend days, evenings and weekends collecting, cleaning, and repairing all the donated bikes to make them ready to hand out around the Christmas season. We are supported by Bikes@Vienna, who helps us with helmets, locks, and parts at cost, and by Antioch Christian Church (now Redeemer Fellowship Church) who lends us space for collection and displays the large sign publicizing the drive.

Last year we received over 200 bikes, and in addition to those we donated directly to CHO clients, we provided bikes to Our Lady of Good Counsel and St. Mark's for their bike giveaways, to local schools, to the Lamb Center, and to Bikes for the World. Most bikes are used for necessary transport to work or school.

The bike team is a great group of folks, and if you have a passion for bikes, they are always looking for more to join. Thank you to the bike team!

I also want to acknowledge that at the time of this writing, the shutdown is still ongoing, and people are starting to miss paychecks. If you know folks in our service area (Vienna, Oakton, Dunn Loring & Merrifield) that may need help, please let them know about us. That's why we are here, to help those in need.

Best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving and for harmony and peace during the holiday season.

Todd

PROFILE: NORTH EAST VIENNA CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The North East Vienna Citizens Association's (NEVCA) is the largest organization of citizens in Vienna, covering the area north of Maple Avenue and east of Center Street. Established in 1995, this nonprofit association has approximately 120 members. Its purpose is to promote the civic and community interests of its members and the general welfare of the northeast Vienna area.

NEVCA keeps the community informed about issues important to area residents. It recently hosted a candidates' forum for the Vienna Town Council and has provided information about NEVCA's opposition to the Tysons Casino proposal and about tree demolition activities in the area. Members also work to improve the environment of Vienna. With a grant from Fairfax County, it planted native species in Northside Park and built a community learning garden near the Vienna Community Center.

CHO is grateful for NEVCA's sustained support. NEVCA has sponsored numerous food drives for CHO and gives an annual donation to the CHO Christmas Store. NEVCA publicizes CHO activities in its newsletter and on its Facebook page. A number of its members are CHO volunteers, particularly in our furniture program. As NEVCA President Bob McCahill put it, "CHO is in our backyard and we are pleased to work with CHO as a co-partner in so many important activities." CHO is happy to have NEVCA as a neighbor as well.

NEVCA publishes a semi-annual newsletter that goes to over 600 residents of the Vienna area. Its meetings in the spring and in the fall (in non-election years) are open to all. NEVCA is always looking for additional volunteers who care about the community and want to participate. Contact them at info@nevca.org, and find more info at nevca.org.

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS STORE

The CHO Christmas Store is on Saturday, December 6, and provides food and gifts for needy families in our area. Invitations were sent out, and now we need your help. Please deliver new toys for kids from infants through 8, gift cards for those 9-18, and food cards, to Vienna Presbyterian Church; you can use the large green bin stationed at the door of Vienna Presbyterian using the Park Street entrance. You can also deliver donations on Friday, December 5, 9:30-noon, when we are setting up the Store. Our website has a list of toy suggestions. Go to cho-va.com, then to "Services" at the top of the page, and drop down to Christmas Store. We also have a [link to Amazon](#) that lets you purchase items and have them sent to us.

As always, we need help on the day before and the day of the event. Call 703- 281-7614 box # 1 to help with setup at Vienna Presbyterian on December 5 or to serve as an escort on the morning of December 6.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Food Closet

The Food Closet distributes basic food and household supplies collected from our community; we take referrals from Fairfax County, area churches, and individuals. During the recent fiscal year, approximately 520 families (about 1900 people) were helped. In addition to nonperishable food and household items, we also provided about \$3,665 of grocery cards.

Emergency Services

In this fiscal year approximately \$200,000 was spent for emergency relief to about 540 households. Over 65% of the funds were for rent relief, the rest were for utilities, medical, transportation and other expenses.

Furniture

The CHO truck is used to pick up donated furniture. Furniture distribution is at the Vienna Town Yard on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, at 8 AM. Beds, dressers, sofas/chairs, desks, and tables are the most wanted items. About \$9800 worth of furniture was distributed this fiscal year We also provide bikes when available and needed.

Clothes Closet

Over a dozen regular and numerous additional volunteers at the Clothes Closet collect and distribute clothing and other small items to approximately 30 families a month. The Closet is open by appointment.

ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

2025 Crop Walk

Over 100 walkers joined the 2025 Vienna CROP Hunger Walk this year. Speakers before the walk were CHO's Todd Hall, Elder Robert Faison of Emmaus United Church of Christ, Rev. Jon Strand of Church of the Holy Comforter, Vienna Mayor Linda Colbert, and Belinda Addae of Church World Service (CWS). The Walk raised approximately \$18,000, one-fourth of which will go to CHO and the rest to CWS, an international nonprofit. This year the walk included a "pack a snack " activity that provided about 100 snack packs to the CHO Food Closet. Many thanks to lead organizer Lisa Hechtman, of Emmaus, and to all walkers!



Interfaith Thanksgiving Service & Pie Social

An Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, supported by the Shepherd's Center and hosted by Emmaus United Church of Christ and Vienna Baptist Church, will take place on **Sunday, November 23, at 7 pm** at Emmaus, 900 Maple Ave East, Vienna. It will be followed by a pie social. Hope to see you there!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Below is the CHO Financial Report. As an all-volunteer organization we have no salary expenses. Our administrative expenditures are primarily for rent, storage, communications, and insurance. About 88% of our expenditures were for direct assistance to our neighbors. As a tax-exempt organization, CHO files a Form 990 with the Internal Revenue Service. You can see the latest IRS Form 990 on our website at cho-va.com.

[990 Linked Here](#)

CHO FINANCIAL REPORT 7/1/2024 TO 6/30/2025

Assets	6/30/2024	6/30/2025
Bank Accounts	\$237,176	\$253,929
Gift Cards	\$3,501	\$4,817
Moreland Restricted Fund	\$90,526	\$94,678
Peg Boag Restricted Fund	\$3,435	\$5,568
Deposits	\$2,000	\$2,000
Total Assets	\$336,638	\$360,992

Revenue & Expenditures	FY 2025
Revenue	
Donations	
Individuals	\$180,400
Churches	\$64,808
Corporations	\$5,303
Other	\$13,498
Interest and investment income	\$5,802
Total Revenue	\$269,811
Expenditures	
Administrative	
Costs	\$27,758
Furniture program (truck expenses)	\$878
Direct assistance to those in need:	
Food	\$5,099
Utilities	\$36,590
Medical bills	\$4,718
Rent	
assistance	\$138,699
Other	\$31,715
	\$216,821
Total Expenditures	\$245,457
Change in Net Assets	\$24,354

DONATION ADDRESS: Please send donations to CHO's Post Office Box – **P.O. Box 233, Vienna VA.22183**. Do not send donations to any other address provided to you. You can also give online at cho-va.com.

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