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### WISH LIST

#### Pantry Items

- + Canned Foods
- + Rice/Pasta Sides
- + Ready to go Meals
- + Ground Coffee
- + Sugar, Salt & Pepper
- + Non-dairy Creamer
- + Snack Foods
- + Vegetable Oil
- + 12oz Sodas/Drinks
- + Cereals
- + Trial Size Items
- + Shampoo/Conditioner
- + Shaving Cream
- + Toothpaste
- + Bath Soap
- + Deodorant
- + Disposable Razors
- + Lotion

#### Daily House Items

- + Toilet Paper
- + Paper Towels, Sponges
- + Stainless Steel Cookware
- + Silverware & Cutlery
- + Liquid Laundry Detergent
- + Dishwasher Detergent
- + Glass Cleaner
- + 10, 45, 50 gallon trash bags
- + Hand Sanitizer
- + Paper Plates
- + Plastic Utensils
- + Flat Screen Televisions
- + Artwork
- + DVDs
- + Irons

#### Gift Cards

- + Amazon.com
- + Target
- + WalMart
- + Grocery Stores



### SAVE YOUR PLACE AT THE TABLE



Saturday, October 7, 2017  
The Jefferson Hotel  
Register at RVASavor.com



Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy the culinary delights of the incomparable Marcus Samuelsson during his first visit to Richmond. He's the youngest person ever to receive a 3-star review from the New York Times, and he's SAVOR 2017's headlining chef! Tickets are on sale now at RVASavor.com!

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The Doorways provides lodging and support for patients and their loved ones who need to be close to the hospital but not far from the feeling of home. To get involved with our mission, visit us online at TheDoorways.org.

We couldn't do it without you!



Summer/Fall 2017

## Thank You! Thank You!

It's AMAZING what you can accomplish with:

- 1,817 Donors
- 369 In-Kind Donors
- 93 Volunteer Groups
- 287 Individual Volunteers



Here's what all of these wonderful people helped us do in fiscal year 2017 (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017):

10,527 total individuals served.

52,874 nights of lodging.

Access to 158,622 free meals.

Countless prayers answered.





**President's Corner**



This year, with the help of our wonderful donors and volunteers, The Doorways served a record-breaking 10,527 children, adults and veterans in a single year. We served families from across the Commonwealth of Virginia, the United States and beyond. Let me say WOW and THANK YOU for finding our mission worthy of your support!

Renovations to the building are in full swing as we continue to make improvements that better-equip us to serve all who need us. The end result will be more rooms to lodge patients and loved ones, and more rooming options for guests whose treatments take the longest and immune systems are the most vulnerable.

As demand for our wonderful program goes up, so does the need for dedicated donors and volunteers. If you're still waiting to take that step, please know that you can always be certain that you're changing and saving lives when you support the mission of The Doorways. The impact of your gifts will be, quite simply, tremendous.

*Stacy Brinkley*

**Snapshots of Support**



AppleREIT Volunteers



Spring Creek Baptist Church Serves Dinner



Team Excel Serves Dinner



Davis & Green Electrical Holds a Tug of War Fundraiser



Xenith Bank Donates Funds



Dogs On Call Visits Guests



MCV Hospitals Auxiliary Serves Dinner



Robious Middle School Builders Club Volunteers



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PadillaCRT Prepares Bagged Lunches



University of Richmond Athletics Pitches In

**Guest Story: Albert C. from Nathalie, Virginia**



When Albert C. needs specialized medical care, he hops the Greyhound bus from rural Nathalie, Virginia (pop. 183), to downtown Richmond and stays at The Doorways. It's a routine he knows well. Heart issues, kidney dialysis and an ongoing evaluation for a kidney transplant make him a regular patient at VCU Health and a frequent guest of The Doorways.

Even when he has to catch an insomnia-inducing 5:30 a.m. bus to get back to Nathalie in time for choir practice, you'll hear no complaints from Albert. He feels blessed. "They provide you everything here," says Albert, a former operating room medical attendant who is now unable to work. The Doorways offers unrivaled hospitality while lifting a financial burden, for which he's grateful. "If it weren't for The Doorways, I'd really be lost. I'd have nowhere to stay." Albert makes the most of his down time at The Doorways. You might find him playing bingo with other guests. Or, you might find Albert, an experienced cook, prepping a meal in The Doorways kitchen – even when other obligations mean he can't stay for the fruits of his labor. "The last time I was here," he says, smiling, "I cooked a turkey." Albert finds it easy to give back to The Doorways. "I feel great when I'm here," he says.

**Volunteer Story: HandsOn Greater Richmond**

After a long, stressful day, who wants to think about dinner? Most nights at The Doorways, guests don't have to – because volunteer groups like Hands-On Greater Richmond cover it. "Providing a meal is the best opportunity to meet people's physical needs," said meal team leader Kathleen Medaries. Exhausted, displaced and needing nourishment – everyone at The Doorways can benefit from a home-cooked meal, Medaries said. "People don't go hungry on our Tuesdays."

On drink duty, volunteer Raveesh Thalluri hustled to fetch and fill cups before any guest had a moment to go thirsty. Having never volunteered before, Thalluri is thoroughly hooked and has put in more than 60 hours with HandsOn, with 10 different meal crews at The Doorways. "I want everyone to be happy and full," he said. New to Richmond, volunteer Electa McDowell had never heard of The Doorways before she signed up for a meal crew with HandsOn. The mission, though, spoke to her. McDowell was raised by her grandparents and wanted to pay it forward. "When my grandmother was sick with cancer, we had to stay somewhere like this," she says. She joined the meal crew hoping for a sense of fulfillment, and she wasn't disappointed.

Guest and volunteer stories contributed by The Doorways volunteer Carla Davis, a writer and editor living in Richmond, VA.

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