



The Doorways' mission is to provide 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.

Can You Spare an Hour to Help Families in Need?

Is your home or workplace located near downtown Richmond? If so, can you help 150 families who have traveled to Richmond to access life-saving medical care?



We're currently in need of volunteers to provide transportation for our "Food Runs" which provide meals for our guest families.

Making a Food Run to The Doorways is easy. It only takes about an hour of your time, and volunteers typically team up in pairs, taking turns delivering food once a week.

If interested, there's just one catch. Because the Food Run involves transporting 3-4 bins of food items, you must have a vehicle (e.g., large SUV, van or truck) that can hold

this amount. If you or your company can help with this much needed community service, please contact Annie Kennedy at 804-828-6901, ext. 106, or afruhwald@thedorways.org.



The Doorways - Who We Are and What We Do

The availability of today's advanced diagnostic tests, treatments, surgeries, clinical trials and therapies often cause individuals to travel away from their homes and communities to obtain critical, life-saving and/or specialty medical care that is not available where they reside.

For those who must travel to get the medical care they need, their out-of-pocket expenses can mount quickly, putting many uninsured, low-income and fixed-income families at great risk of forgoing the care they or their children need to live healthier lives. This leaves families who live in medically underserved communities and who don't have the financial resources to stay in a city like Richmond at a distinct disadvantage when it comes to health care access.

The Doorways, a non-profit organization operating in a 115-room former hotel, seeks to remove the financial and logistical barriers experienced by these families by providing lodging, meals, shuttle service and a host of other services to those who must travel to Richmond for medical care at one of our 10 referral hospitals and treatment programs. On average, The Doorways serves around 150 people a day, and our facility is typically at or near full capacity every day.

In 2018, The Doorways' service to 10,872 adults and children included 52,002 nights of lodging, access to 156,000 free meals, and a host of other support services, such as daily shuttle rides to/from the hospital.