



WISH LIST

You can help us provide a clean, safe and comfortable home away from home for our guests by donating the following items:

- Laundry & dishwasher detergent
- Paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels)
- Sanitizing wipes, hand soap
- Travel-size toiletries (shampoo, soap, combs)
- Sandwich bags & food storage containers
- Sugar & cooking spices
- Canned & dried goods (soups, fruits, meats, pasta, rice, beans)
- Breakfast foods (cereal, oatmeal, waffle/pancake mix)
- Individually-wrapped snack bags (chips, pretzels)
- Ground coffee
- Cooking oils & sprays
- Crackers
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Sponges
- Trash bags (10, 45, 50 gal.)

To view our full wish list, visit [www.thedoorways.org](http://www.thedoorways.org) or browse our Amazon Wish List! We are open 24/7 and donations can be dropped off or mailed to our address:

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# Comfort Blooms in Dolly's Garden



In May, The Doorways celebrated a very exciting milestone, the grand opening of Dolly's Garden! Named after our leading founder, Ms. Gloria "Dolly" Hintz, Dolly's Garden is an open-air green space designed to provide our guests with a calm, quiet place to find a little peace of mind. For years, Dolly has envisioned a healing space for our guests where they could find reprieve from the daily stresses of a medical crisis and be among the beauty of flowers and calming greenery. And now that vision has become a reality!

Dolly was the Guest of Honor at our recent ribbon cutting ceremony, where, surrounded by her children and a crowd of long-time friends and supporters of The Doorways, she officially opened our garden. Dolly made brief remarks as Dr. Marsha Rappley, CEO of VCU Health System, and our CEO, Stacy Brinkley, spoke to the importance of Dolly's vision for a healing garden and the joy and comfort they know this garden will bring to guests for years to come.

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The garden was built in our building's former swimming pool area and is now home to a variety of plants, flowers and greenery, and also boasts a beautiful stone fountain! The patio has several dining tables, rocking chairs, and even a glider to help our guests relax. In the afternoon, our garden receives full sunlight and, in the mornings and evenings, provides a calm, cool place to catch some fresh air.

Already the garden has become a guest (and staff) favorite. We've been delighted to see our guests use the rocking chairs to enjoy the art of good ol' fashion conversation and a few guests have found the garden to be a great spot to eat lunch or dinner. The garden will continue to be utilized and well-loved for many years to come and we are so thankful for Dolly and her vision! We are also thankful for Ralph Higgins, Frank Robinson, Mako Builders, Dunlap Mechanical Engineering, Oates Landscape Architecture and all of **YOU** who donated time, talent and resources to make this dream a beautiful reality!



The Courtyard at Dolly's Garden



Stacy celebrates as Dolly Hintz cuts the ribbon



Dolly's Garden Fountain



Splatter That Matters: Making a Mess for a Great Cause!



SAVAGE, 2019 Splatter That Matters champs

In addition to friendly competition and sunshine, our teams enjoyed pizza, beer and music and entertainment from our fantastic MC and DJ, DJ Kameron Blaze. It was a blast to watch and we are so thankful for the participation and support from all of our teams and spectators who came out to help The Doorways raise over **\$12,500** to provide lodging and support to families in medical crisis!

We’d like to give a huge THANK YOU to our sponsors and in-kind donors: ColonialWebb Contractors, Dairy Queen of Virginia, Davis & Green Electrical, Dominion Payroll/DP Payments, Fast Glass, Inc., H.J. Holtz & Son, Inc., James River Equipment, Old Dominion Insulation, SAVAGE, SunTrust Banks, TowneBank, TRANE, UDig, Virginia Business Systems, Whiting-Turner Contracting, The Lewis Group of BB&T Scott & Stringfellow, Fresh Market, Starbucks, Sunbelt Rentals, and our YPC for all their hard work!



DJ Kameron Blaze

Summer House Needs

Summer is here and with it comes longer, relaxing days, endless sunshine, and the tradition of the family summer vacation. But for many families this summer, vacation won’t be possible. A life-changing diagnosis, accident or crisis can strike anyone at any time and those facing health emergencies will be spending their summer days in hospitals far from home. But YOU can help them feel closer to home!

Become a Food Run Volunteer

Thanks to the generosity of FeedMore and Capital One, we are the recipients of weekly food donations from partnering Richmond-area grocery stores and cafeterias, including Fresh Market, Aldi, Kroger, Capital One Cafe and Red Eye Cookies. These stores donate a variety of prepared foods for our pantry so guests can have a diverse and healthy selection of foods to prepare themselves or take with them to the hospital.

We are always in need of a few Food Run volunteers, who are able to pick up these generous donations at partner sites throughout the city. For more information about Food Run volunteer shifts, visit [www.thedoorways.org](http://www.thedoorways.org) and select ‘Support Our Mission’.

Collection Drive

In addition to the delicious prepared foods we receive from our partnering grocery stores, we strive to provide our guests with toiletries, household supplies and nonperishable food items to bring them the comforts of home in their time of need. Collection drives help us provide these much-needed supplies to our guests. If you are interested in hosting a collection driving, please contact Annie Kennedy at [akennedy@thedoorways.org](mailto:akennedy@thedoorways.org).

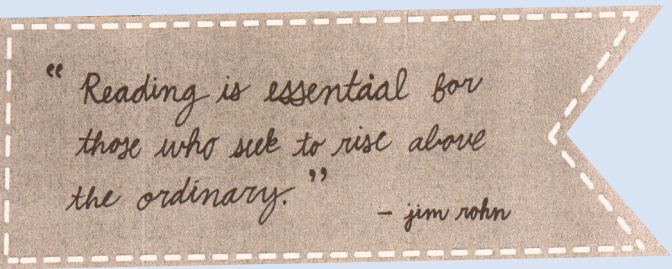
The items we are most in need of this summer are: ground coffee, toilet paper, dish soap, laundry detergent and cooking oils and sprays (i.e. olive oil, PAM).

Partner Spotlight: Trinity Episcopal School

This school year, the community-minded freshmen class from Trinity Episcopal School generously adopted The Doorways as the nonprofit they wanted to support through service and volunteerism. Since last August, 130 Trinity students dedicated their time and talents to acts of kindness that reminded our guests how cared for they are by this wonderful Richmond community. These student made snack bags for guests to take with them to the hospital, bags filled with candy and sweet treats for Halloween (that our younger guests especially loved!), holiday cards with inspirational quotes and phrases of encouragement, bookmarks for our library books, sweet Valentine’s Day goody bags and cards, and little signs for our new garden with messages of hope and joy. Additionally, one Trinity senior, Sally, wanted to partner with the freshmen to leave a legacy of philanthropic leadership before graduating. With the help of her classmates, Sally hosted a children’s book drive at Trinity, which brought in 743 new books for our pediatric guests to read!



Trinity students drop off books



These meaningful gifts and acts of selfless service by these students have meant so much to our guests, many of whom spend weeks to months at a time away from their own homes as they or their loved ones undergo medical treatment. Through these small but important acts, these students have brought home a little closer to our guests. We know this rising class of leaders will also be our next generation of philanthropists! THANK YOU Trinity Episcopal School!



Trinity students assemble Valentine’s Day bags

Guest Story: Monica & James



Monica and her five-year-old son, James, recently stayed at The Doorways so James could participate in a seven-week Feeding Program at Children’s Hospital of Richmond at VCU. Monica and her husband, who live in Northern Virginia, have five other children to care for, and finding the right feeding program for James while juggling the day-to-day schedules of a family of seven was no easy feat.

Monica and her husband knew they would probably have to travel away from their home to access the care James needed, and when they learned about the Feeding Program at Children’s Hospital of Richmond, they knew they’d found the right place.

Monica and James stayed with us at The Doorways for nearly two months, traveling home on weekends to spend time with their family before returning to Richmond during the week for James’ therapy. Now, James has graduated from the program and has made tremendous progress, thanks to the staff at Children’s Hospital of Richmond and the dedication of his parents. “I’m so glad we chose to come to Richmond,” Monica says. “James has made so much progress in the little time we’ve been here.” And despite being away from her husband and other children, Monica found respite here at The Doorways. “Everything about The Doorways is so nice,” she says. “I don’t know what we would have done without it. It’s safe, clean and everyone is so genuinely friendly and helpful. Until you’re in this situation, you don’t realize how it can be the simplest things that make you feel welcome.”

Your continued support of The Doorways enables families like Monica & James’ to stay with us during medical crisis. Thank **YOU** for helping us keep James and Monica – and families like theirs – together in their time of need!!

SPRING LUNCHEON: Raising Funds...and Redefining Beauty!



This April, we held our 2nd Annual Spring Luncheon and raised over **\$12,000** for The Doorways! We were honored to be joined by our lovely speaker, Eva DeVirgilis, who empowered us all with her call to action to find confidence and radical self-acceptance in a culture of unbearable beauty standards. We’d like to give a big THANK YOU to Eva, Alice Siegel and the Bizarre Bazaar®, all who attended and our very generous sponsors: Dominion Energy, VCU Health, MCV Foundation, Davis & Green Electrical, Caroline and Marshall Morton, and Blair and Darcie Nelsen for their support!

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