

Behind every door is a story...

Newport News resident Kaye Gilliam wears her heart on her sleeve. Kaye stayed at The Doorways for two separate 6 week stints while her husband was hospitalized for a bone marrow transplant. Kaye smiles warmly as she tells us that “The Doorways has a special place in my heart. I saw firsthand that The Doorways serves people from all walks of life. Going through a long health crisis is expensive for everyone. **“The financial strain of lodging and all the extra services one may have to pay for in a local hotel adds up fast.”** We were more than happy to help support the cost of our stay not only because the suggested donation was so affordable, pennies compared to what we would have paid for lodging in a local hotel, but because it will help The Doorways maintain their mission that even those who cannot pay are never turned away.”



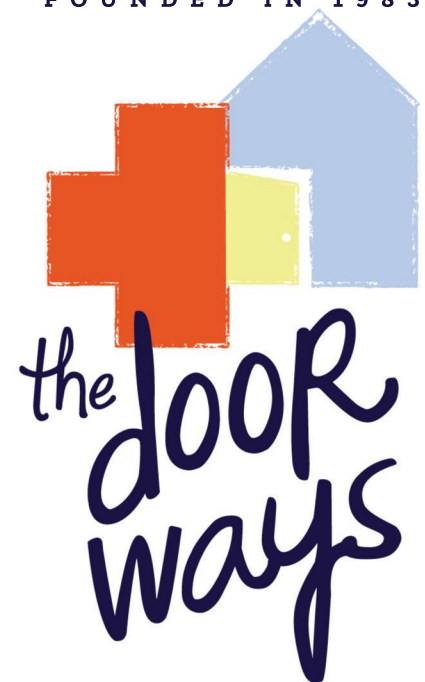
“If we needed anything, the staff was there to provide.”

Kaye shared even more of her heart – and her paycheck – when she hosted a fundraiser through her high-end kitchenware business to donate much needed kitchen items and raise funds on behalf of The Doorways. She even went so far as to gift us with her own commission! After preparing many of her own meals in our kitchens to “save the expense of ordering food,” Kaye knows how helpful it is to have quality kitchen tools. **Kaye wanted to give back because of how much she valued her time here, and how The Doorways makes you feel at home.** She spent time enjoying our common spaces where she sat and read or worked remotely outside of her bedroom, and appreciated having access to a washer and dryer which she described as “convenient and a life saver.”

Beyond the amenities, Kaye has many treasured memories at The Doorways – from the special meals prepared by volunteers which “created a family atmosphere as we ate together in the dining room” to simply having someone who “understands you are walking through a difficult time.” Kaye laughs as she shares about a time she and the wife of another bone marrow transplant patient were each other’s Valentine’s Day dates at a nearby Italian restaurant. “We tried not to feel guilty that our husbands were not able to join us, but we quickly convinced ourselves that we deserved it.” **As any caretaker will tell you, the strain of supporting loved ones through medical crises is emotionally draining. Spending time with fellow guests alleviates some of that strain by having someone who can relate** – a sentiment regularly shared about what makes The Doorways a comforting haven. But Kaye tells us it’s not just the fellow guests and volunteers who make The Doorways a home: “if we needed anything, the staff was there to provide.”

Our staff can relate. It is our guests who have provided us with a purpose for 40 years. Thank you.

FOUNDED IN 1983



celebrating **40** years

**BETWEEN
HEALING & HOME**

**Thanks to our donors,
our guests’ lives are
transformed and a lifelong
community is formed.**

The Doorways is committed to reducing disparities and promoting health equity, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to lead a healthy life.

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We gather this season to give thanks for all those who have made our mission possible.



Hester Abbott, CeCe Bullard and Nancy Pendergast volunteer at the Hospital Hospitality House

It was volunteers from the MCV Hospitals Volunteer Auxiliary who opened up the Hospital Hospitality House in 1983, and it is volunteers who remain the foundation of The Doorways (formerly HHH) today. Our volunteers provide something invaluable to our guests: community. Whether they are bringing folks together for a home-cooked meal in the dining room or taking a moment to listen to someone's story, our volunteers have always made our house a home. With school in session again and students looking to fulfill class assignments by spending their afternoons at The Doorways, we are reminded that comfort and friendship can grow between people who were mere strangers just a few moments ago. The original volunteers of the Hospital Hospitality House understood this better than most. They poured their resources into "the house that Richmond built" and shared their most valuable asset - time. In this season of gratitude, we thank all of our volunteers who have shared their time these past 40 years.

The connections that volunteers make here at The Doorways will remain meaningful for much longer than our next 40 years.



Board of Directors 2011



Dunlora Soup Ladies 2011



Allianz Group Service Day 2014



Mason's Toy Box 2015



Cheerful Givers 2007

Still serving brunch monthly in 2023!

How can YOU get involved?

- 🏠 Make and serve a meal while visiting with our guests
- 🏠 Host a food drive to stock quick meals in our pantry
- 🏠 Hold a Windex Party to keep our windows and balconies clean
- 🏠 Make care packages to provide guests with the comforts of home

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING WITH YOUR TEAM:

- 🏠 Fosters collaboration and problem-solving outside of typical roles
- 🏠 Boosts morale and unity by giving back to the community
- 🏠 Breaks down hierarchical barriers for more personal interactions
- 🏠 Strengthens company culture by **making a difference together**

JUST ASK OUR FRIENDS FROM SWEDISH MATCH AND THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION!



The Doorways TIMELINE



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BETWEEN HEALING & HOME

Our Mission

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."

Fast Facts

- **205,000+** patients, family members and caregivers have stayed at The Doorways over the past 40 years
- **10,000+** guests stay at The Doorways every year
- **3,400+** hours of volunteer service performed at The Doorways each year helps support our staff
- **6** is the average number of days a guest stays at The Doorways (but many stay for several months!)



1983

HHH was founded

The Doorways, then Hospital Hospitality House of Richmond (HHH), began as an outreach of VCU Medical Center's Auxiliary. Originally housed in the Ziegler House, located a block from the main hospital, The Doorways consisted of a 28 bed, dormitory style accommodation. Our original logo featured a pineapple representing hospitality.

1994

Move to 612 E. Marshall Street

In February of 1994, The Doorways relocated to the former Days Inn Marketplace Hotel at the corner of 7th and Marshall Streets. Located just five blocks from what was then MCV Hospitals, this 117-room facility is one of largest Hospitality Houses in the United States and is the largest to operate with no set lodging fee.



2009

Our first SAVOR

In 2009, we held our first annual SAVOR culinary event. This would go on to become our signature event. The evening showcases some of the finest chefs around preparing unique dishes in renowned Richmond locations.



2015

Rebranding as The Doorways

In 2015, we changed our name to rebrand as The Doorways. Our new name highlights our unique place between healing and home.



2019

Dolly's Garden

In need of some outdoor relaxation space, in 2019 The Doorways opened Dolly's Garden. A beautiful oasis for guests to relax. The garden is named for one of our founders, Dolly Hintz.



2023

40 Years Between Healing and Home

We look forward to sharing exciting news and celebrating with YOU throughout the coming year!

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Learn More at [TheDoorways.org](https://www.thedorways.org)

For 40 years, volunteers have been opening doors



VCU Health Science Club 2016

And we look forward to another 40 years together!



IMPACT 2009



HandsOn Day with HYPE 2014



Dominion Energy 2019



Richmond Region Tourism 2016



FCE Richmond 2008

YOU are a part of our past, present, and future

“ One of the reasons I was able to come was because my shelter would be covered, so I was able to be there for my dad. The Doorways is a place where you can rest. It can be a sanctuary. It's like a second family, or a second home. ” – Amanda Goff, patient's caregiver.



The 18th Annual Gilbane Restaurant Walk!

- **More than \$75,000** ultimately raised at the 18th Annual Gilbane Restaurant Walk!
- **Thank you** to Gilbane Building Company and our sponsors for a record-breaking year!
- **300** loyal attendees and supporters enjoyed delicious food and beverages from Stone Brewing. Special thanks to the Project Engineers Peer Group who once again organized this charitable event and ensured it was our most successful year yet!

End of Year Wish List:



- Clothes Hangers
- Cooking Oil
- Dish Soap
- Individually Wrapped Snacks (granola bars, chips, etc.)
- Jam/Jelly
- Microwaveable Ramen
- Microwavable To-Go Containers
- Paper Bowls
- Paper Plates
- Plasticware

We're all set on canned fruit and vegetables!

THANK YOU!



We're planning ahead to SAVOR and we need your support!

- Are you able to donate a stay at your vacation home, Airbnb, or rental property? Unique getaways are the **most popular** auction packages and have a **MASSIVE** impact on our fundraising efforts!
- Interested in helping? Message our Development and Events Coordinator at events@thedorways.org!



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“ The Doorways opened my eyes to what love can do in your life. You find what you need at the most difficult times in the most unexpected places. ”

– Delores Ayers.



Saturday, March 2, 2024
The Jefferson Hotel



We look forward to
celebrating 40 years
between healing and
home with you at

Savor 2024!



To request a formal invitation,
scan the QR code.

It's not too soon to think about year-end giving!

There are many ways that you can make a charitable gift to The Doorways that may also have tax benefits for you:

- **Go Online** to make a gift with your debit or credit card on our secure website
- **Mail** a Check to: 612 E. Marshall Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219
- **Make a gift** from your donor-advised fund
- **Donate** appreciated stocks or securities
- **IRA** qualified charitable distribution
- **If you are over age 70½**, you may donate a qualified charitable distribution from an individual retirement account (IRA) and potentially receive tax benefits. Please speak with your financial advisor about supporting The Doorways in this beneficial way!
- **For more information on giving options, follow the QR code or call Sarah Melvin at (804) 828-6901 ext. 108.**
TheDoorways.org/support



SAVE THE DATE!

- **December 31, 2023** | Year End Gifts Due
- **February 2024** | 40th Anniversary of Opening Our Doors
- **March 2, 2024** | SAVOR



Are you getting our emails? Reach out to info@thedorways.org to ensure you're getting the latest information on our anniversary celebrations!