

Gratitude Report

RBHF RICHMOND
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
FOUNDATION

A close-up photograph of two young girls sitting together and smiling warmly. The girl on the left has long blonde hair and is wearing a blue button-down shirt with white polka dots. The girl on the right has dark hair pulled back and is wearing a white top. The background is softly blurred, showing hints of an outdoor setting with colorful umbrellas.

We thank you!

We believe that every person deserves a chance to have a secure, happy, and fulfilling life.

In early 2020, COVID-19 came swooping in, requiring changes to all aspects of our lives. Many days, we wondered how we were going to keep moving forward and provide care to the thousands of people in our community who rely on the behavioral health services provided by RBHA.

We want to express our gratitude for all those who supported our organization and the people we serve - especially during these challenging months of COVID.

The individuals and families we serve are some of the most vulnerable in our community. COVID amplified the needs of many. COVID also amplified the commitment and tenacity of the employees of RBHA and the generosity of our community.

We refer to 2020-2021 as the the Year of the Volunteer. While we are grateful for ALL who support our organization, we want to spotlight a few of the individuals and groups that helped keep us all moving forward.

It takes *bold, brave steps to heal people, families, and communities.*

Together, we are *fearless.*

Please visit www.rbhfoundation.com to view the full list of financial donors and partners of FY21.

We want to acknowledge and express our gratitude to all of our AMAZING donors, partners, and collaborators who have supported us over the past months. Your commitment of time, money, and resources drives positive change - in individuals, in families, and in our community.

Your involvement changes lives.

Through your monetary donations and grant funding received this past fiscal year, here are a few examples of our donor-driven accomplishments:

- kept individuals experiencing homelessness safe and sheltered during COVID by providing temporary housing until permanent housing could be secured
- provided more opportunities for health, wellness, and recovery skill-building through continued development of our North Campus Greenspace with a new Walking Trail and installation of 2 new garden areas
- removed a barrier to on-going treatment for parenting women by providing strollers and car seats for new mothers
- continued work to address the stigma around behavioral health that prevents people from seeking treatment by initiating our Community Awareness & Education Campaign
- increased inclusion through expanded outreach to non-English speaking individuals who may be in need of services

Spotlight: DIY Project Volunteers

Activity Kits, Nourishment Kits, Hygiene Kits, Cold Weather Item Kits - all of these donations make an immediate, direct impact in the life of someone in need.

We have been overwhelmed with the support from our community. Since last fall, through your generosity, we

have distributed:

449 Nourishment Kits

252 Hygiene Kits

1,266 Cold Weather Item Kits

540 Activity Kits

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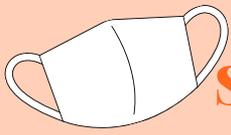
58 beautiful painted rocks

now adorn

our new Walking Trail
at RBHA North Campus.



Visit www.rbhfoundation.com/events to learn about Volunteer Projects happening this fall.



Spotlight: Mask Makers

At the onset of COVID-19, when very little was known about this new contagious virus, everyone was scrambling to locate masks and other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). While many of us were able to retreat to our homes to telework, many of the employees at RBHA remained on the front lines to serve the most vulnerable in our community. Finding masks for employees and for those we serve proved to be a daunting task in the early months of COVID.

But, as creative people do, many went to work to solve this problem. **RVA Masks 4 Health** was created: a Facebook group dedicated to connecting mask makers (people who sew and started making masks) with local organizations in need of masks. **RBHA Employees** pulled out their sewing machines. **Studio 23** transitioned to a mask-making enterprise to support their fellow nonprofits in the community. **Within weeks, we had received over 900 handmade, cloth masks from across the community!**



Spotlight: RBHA Employees

RBHA Employees are at the heart of all we do.

Despite the disruptions of COVID, challenging work, and overwhelming schedules, RBHA Employees still find additional ways to give and support their organization and their community. Some employees give time, some give money, and some give through participation in community events and fundraising initiatives.

Thank you.



RBHA Employees are fearless champions of health, wellness, and recovery.



Spotlight: Target Employees



Activity Kits

The summer of 2021 was upon us and children and adults alike were feeling the impact of more than a year in relative isolation due to COVID-19.

Human Resource Employees from the area Target locations led the charge to supply children, teens, and adults with Activity Kits to help pass the time and stay engaged. An abundance of puzzles, books, journals, games, and more were distributed to individuals in our residential treatment programs and to the youth who participate in RBHA's Therapeutic Day Treatment Program.

Spotlight: Charles Ryan Associates

Every year for GIVING TUESDAY, the generous staff at Charles Ryan Associates (CRA) pool their resources and make a shopping trip to support our cold weather item collection. From socks and gloves to hats and blankets, CRA provides needed items for the cold months of winter to both the children and adults we serve.

CRA's giving doesn't stop with Giving Tuesday! CRA provided expert assistance in developing our new website - as well as needed on-going support - and design work for our events. AND, Matt Isner, co-owner of CRA, has served on the RBHF Board of Trustees since 2016.



#GIVING
TUESDAY



Spotlight: Junior League of Richmond

The Junior League of Richmond is an organization of women committed to the mission of promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

More than 60 Junior League Members created over 300 Cold Weather Item Kits for both the children and adults we serve!



Interested in learning more or participating in our
DIY Volunteer Projects?

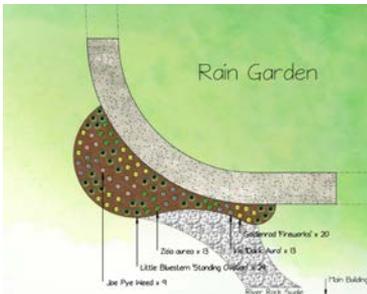


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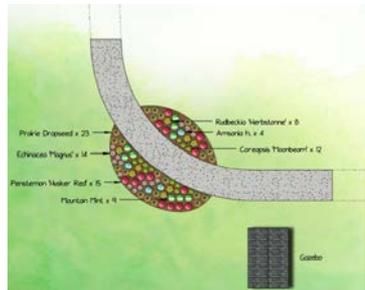
Spotlight: Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden



Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden (LGBG) and the Ginter Urban Gardeners have been steadfast and generous partners since the beginning of our development of RBHA North Campus Greenspace. LGBG shares our vision of a therapeutic horticulture space that provides opportunity for learning, healing, and growing. They have educated us, supported us, and volunteered with us on many occasions. This past year, we were the grateful recipients of an EPA grant through LGBG to create, in partnership with Cross Creek Nursery, a Rain Garden and a Pollinator Garden. In addition to the therapeutic impact of the Greenspace, with LGBG we are learning how to be better stewards of the land and local wildlife.



Rain Garden



Pollinator Garden

Spotlight: The Community Foundation for a Greater Richmond and Hands On Greater Richmond

The Community Foundation for a Greater Richmond (TCF) took the lead on the COVID-19 Response Fund, a community response to the financial impact that all nonprofit organizations were facing as a result of the pandemic. Through TCF, we received funding to support the increased cost of providing temporary housing for individuals experiencing homelessness during the height of the pandemic.

Also through TCF and the ConseRVation Fund, we received funding to renovate our Walking Trail at RBHA North Campus. The Walking Trail proved to be an enormous asset to the long days of pandemic isolation and recovery.



The RBHA North Campus Walking Trail: a path to health & wellness for all ages.

Hands On Greater Richmond

Hands On Greater Richmond has been a most valued partner in the development of our North Campus Greenspace - **connecting us with hundreds of volunteers from Altria** - and in the outreach for our DIY Projects - **connecting us with hundreds of volunteers in our community.**

THANK YOU.

Thank you.

Thank you for recognizing the importance of the work we do.

Our work together as a community is vital, because a society of wholly healthy individuals creates a vibrant, safe community.



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