

# CAREFIRST IMPACT REPORT 2023



## SERVICE DAY

### WHAT WE DID:

Carefirst team members worked together to assemble and install 10 new shelving units to aid in the expansion of United Community's food pantry. This increased space for the food pantry to spread out their food products and allow individuals using the services to feel like they are shopping for the food they need.

### THE IMPACT:

Because of the work that Carefirst did, United Community has the shelving to support and display all the food coming in. This allows families to get an authentic shopping experience which ultimately leads to less food waste. The United Community food pantry was closed during the pandemic to protect staff and the community from the virus. Thanks to the help of community members and volunteers like CareFirst, we are now able to open our doors for people to come in and pick and choose which products they would like to take home.

United Community serves the historically most impoverished area of Fairfax County. 85% percent of their clients live in the two zip codes with the highest rates of poverty, 22306 and 22309.





## PARTNER QUOTE :

"Thanks to the help of CareFirst volunteers and the many others who have supported this much-needed renovation and expansion of our food pantry, we are able and preparing to re-open the expanded food pantry for a choice shopping experience beginning July 3, 2023."

- Ann Durbin, United Community

"Volunteer Fairfax was such a great partner in identifying and tailoring a volunteer project that fit our company needs. We were able to engage employees from all different aspects of the organization to come together for a common good and support one of our critical safety net community organizations, United Community. Working with Volunteer Fairfax was seamless and allowed our team to focus on the work that needed to be done for the non profit!" - Jeanine Finch



# ABOUT US

## WHO VOLUNTEER FAIRFAX IS:

- A 501(c)(3) nonprofit volunteer center that seeks to mobilize people and meet community needs.
- Our BusinessLink program helps companies turn their desire to serve the community into impactful, meaningful service opportunities. Our experienced team tailors projects based on your needs and the needs of over 600 nonprofit partners.

## WHO UNITED COMMUNITY IS:

- A 50-year-old nonprofit that strives to lift Fairfax County families out of multigenerational poverty.
- Predominantly serves 2 zip codes with highest poverty rates in Fairfax (22306/ 22309)
- Uses their food pantry and mobile distribution sites to combat hunger in local communities