

FANNIE MAE IMPACT REPORT 2023-2024

OVERVIEW

Over 100 Fannie Mae employees volunteered over the span of 4 months in Northern Virginia. Volunteer Fairfax's BusinessLink team worked with 5 different nonprofits to develop 6 unique service projects for the Fannie Mae volunteers to do. Some of the tasks completed by the Fannie Mae volunteers include: painting, planting, power washing, building furniture, organizing, and sorting.

People experiencing homelessness in our region has increased in recent years. According to the 2023 Point-in-Time report from Fairfax County Government, there has been a 10% increase from 2022 in the number of people experiencing homelessness. This is following an overall trend where the number of people experiencing homelessness has increased by 30% between 2017 and 2022. Thanks to the efforts from community citizens like Fannie Mae, we are able to help organizations address real-life issues concerning homelessness in our region.



SHELTER HOUSE

Katherine Hanley: Volunteers split up into groups and did a variety of tasks around the shelter. A few volunteers went outside to revamp the play area by leaf-blowing, filling the basketball net base with sand, and planting shrubs. Another group organized the main donation room and the clothing donation room. The last group cleaned and organized the multipurpose room and then packed laundry detergent bags for the residents of the shelter. We ended the day by coming back together and unloading a truckload of backpacks into an office, to later be dispersed to kids,

Loudoun Homeless Shelter: Fannie Mae donated shelving units, storage bins, and items for the kid's area. The kid's area items included an interactive rug, encouraging wall decals, and a fence to separate the area from the rest of the lobby. These items will help with the shelter's overall storage and having an interactive kid space.

Impact: Katherine Hanley and Loudoun Homeless Shelter are just 2 of the many buildings run by Shelter House. Shelter House specializes in caring for families needing housing, clothing, mental wellness, and overall support. The work that was done at both of these shelters helped Shelter House continue to focus on its mission of supporting the community and having the resources to do so.



CRI

Description: The Fannie Mae volunteers painted 2 murals and one wall at CRI, hung a quilt made by a client's family member, helped organize and decorate a multipurpose room for Fall and Thanksgiving, planted succulents in the planters outside, and power washed the patio for CRI's clients to enjoy. The CRI staff were so appreciative of the work Fannie Mae did that they made them all breakfast to enjoy after volunteering!

Impact: The clients that CRI serves are individuals with mental health needs and/or developmental disabilities. Having a nice clean space on the patio to relax and enjoy oneself is important for both the staff and the clients of CRI. One particular client uses that patio space to ground himself so having nice plants to look at and a spruced-up space to sit is valuable. Additionally, decorations and wall murals help to create vibrancy to the CRI walls and bring joy to their clients. Lastly, the volunteers who organize and decorate for fall were a huge help to the staff by making their space more functional and festive for the clients they serve. Overall, the work that Fannie Mae volunteers did to refresh this space had a positive impact on the overall use and enjoyment of CRI.



CATHY HUDGINS

Description: Volunteers did various tasks to transform Cathy Hudgin's multipurpose classroom. They painted the room with 2 complementary blue colors on alternating walls to brighten up the room and built a new bookshelf to store the new makerspace items. Volunteers then came together at the end of the project to unpack the donated STEAM items and display them on the new bookshelf.

Impact: Cathy Hudgins Community Center runs many programs and activities for kids, teens, and adults of all backgrounds. Having this space to encourage learning and engaging in activities helps the staff running these programs flourish as well as the individuals within them. Transforming these white walls to colorful, calming blues with the addition of new STEAM items for people to learn and create with will help keep this community center more purposeful and leave people wanting to come back to visit.



THE LAMB CENTER

Description: Volunteers lent a hand to The Lamb Center by creating a break room on one side of their food pantry. They created this break room by painting a section of the pantry that was not being used for storage and built chairs, a table, and a lamp for the staff to enjoy in this space. Volunteers also organized food donations and helped put together shelving for The Lamb Center's new offsite building that is getting ready to be built.

Impact: The Lamb Center has many daytime services for people struggling with homelessness. They provide a dentist, art therapy, meals, laundry, counseling, sermons, and many other programs and services that strive to meet the needs of the community around them. Having a space where the staff can relax and take a break is vital to serve the clients that visit The Lamb Center as best they can. It is always important to help the helpers! Additionally, organizing the food pantry can help support sustainability by ensuring that the items are distributed properly and before they expire.



HERNDON RESOURCE CENTER

Description: Fannie Mae volunteers revamped the Herndon Resource Center by repainting 3 classrooms, resetting their fish tank, and building three couches, a coffee table, and three reading benches. They also took down an old bulletin board to make room for the new foam board and whiteboard getting put in its place.

Impact: The Herndon Resource Center runs after-school programs throughout the week and needed a more functional and inviting space to engage with the kids. Revamping this community center, specifically the after-school classrooms and lobby can help their programs grow and encourage individuals take pride in community in which they live. The painting that was done by volunteers can also help to protect the building from damages and wear-and-tear on the walls, contributing to the health and safety of its community members. Overall, having this community center look nice and get the celebration it deserves helps to promote an engaging and sustainable community.

