Annual Impact Report | FY 26

Volunteer Fairfax



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About

For over 52 years, Volunteer Fairfax has connected people with purpose, bringing together volunteers, resources, and opportunities to strengthen our community. Through our programs, events, and services, we build the capacity of local nonprofits and public agencies, connect businesses with community needs, engage volunteers of all ages in meaningful service, and support government initiatives that depend on civic participation.

From youth and seniors to families and corporations, we help everyone contribute in ways that matter. Together, these efforts strengthen the civic infrastructure that makes our community more connected, resilient, and responsive to local needs.

This report highlights our impact throughout FY26, made possible by the dedication and support of Fairfax County Government, our nonprofit partners, volunteers, and supporters.



our mission

Volunteer Fairfax engages people and organizations to amplify their community impact.

A Message from Our CEO

Dear Friends,



FY26 was a year of significant growth for Volunteer Fairfax. Across every program and signature event, participation increased, partnerships deepened, and our community impact expanded. As CEO, I am proud of these accomplishments and grateful to the volunteers, partners, supporters, and staff who made them possible.

For more than five decades, Volunteer Fairfax has connected people with purpose. Today, that mission reaches across Fairfax County and the Greater Washington region, helping people turn their time, talent, and resources into meaningful service.

Strong communities depend on the relationships and coordination that make volunteerism work. Volunteer Fairfax provides that essential civic infrastructure—strengthening nonprofit capacity, connecting corporate resources with community needs, supporting public agencies, and mobilizing volunteers to serve where they can make a difference.

In FY26, more than 44,000 volunteers contributed over 459,000 hours of service, generating more than $25 million in community value. Working alongside 425 nonprofits and public agencies, we helped translate a shared commitment to service into measurable results for our region.

Behind these numbers are neighbors helping neighbors: volunteers addressing food insecurity, supporting older adults, caring for the environment, and responding to other pressing needs. Our signature events brought people together to serve and celebrate community leadership, while our emergency response program strengthened readiness through training and preparedness exercises.

Guided by the principles of One Fairfax, we remain committed to embedding equity, access, and inclusion throughout our work so that more people can participate in and benefit from the power of volunteerism. As we look ahead, we will build on this momentum by broadening community participation, strengthening partnerships, and investing in the systems that support lasting impact. Thank you for helping Volunteer Fairfax connect people with purpose and make our region more resilient, connected, and ready for the future.

With gratitude,
Jennifer Williamson
Chief Executive Officer, Volunteer Fairfax

The **Results** *We* Created **Together**

In FY26, Volunteer Fairfax in partnership with Fairfax County Government, engaged **44,655 volunteers** who contributed **459,356 hours of service**, providing an **estimated $25,158,928 in economic value**. More than **400 nonprofits and public agencies** directly benefited from these efforts, advancing County priorities such as food security, housing stability, environmental stewardship, and support for vulnerable populations. Together, we are building a stronger, more connected and resilient Northern Virginia.



44,655
Volunteers Engaged

459,356
Hours

425
Nonprofits and Agency Partners

$25M+
*Value for Hours Served

**Value for hours served source: Independent Sector - DC Volunteer Hour*

ENGAGEMENT/ programs

Alternative Community Service

32
Agencies served

$451K+
Value for hours served

8,238
Hours

191
Volunteers Engaged

The Alternative Community Service (ACS) program provides an opportunity for court-referred and pre-trial clients, whether recommended by attorneys or other officials, to complete community service in lieu of paying a fine or serving jail time. This program not only allows participants to fulfill legal obligations but also helps them build a positive reputation with the Court.

Volunteer Fairfax's team works closely with probation officers, attorneys, and court representatives to ensure each client has the support needed for a successful outcome. In the past year, **191 volunteers served through ACS** at **32 partner agencies**, contributing **8,238 hours** of meaningful service. These hours carried a community value of **$451,195**.



ENGAGEMENT/ programs

AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP-NV



AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP-Northern Virginia (AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP-NV) has been administered by Volunteer Fairfax since 2012. RSVP-NV celebrates the power of experience by connecting volunteers age 55 and older with nonprofits across Northern Virginia. For many years, RSVP is more than service, it is a place to share wisdom, form friendships, and leave a legacy of giving back.

In FY26, RSVP partnered with **47 nonprofits** and engaged **206 volunteers** who contributed **15,352 hours of service**. Their commitment generated approximately **$567,870 in value** for our region.

15,352
Hours

206
Active volunteers

47
Nonprofit partners

Stacey Brahmey, AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP-NV Volunteer *since 2023 and regular Welcome Wednesday participant, is no stranger to service. In 2025 she was honored for 30 years of service with nonprofit Food & Friends, for whom she started as a driver in 1995. Two years later, she was a volunteer team captain, working in the kitchen. Over the years she was reliably there, even as programs changed and schedules shifted; she now works for Food & Friends' Groceries to Go program. "Food & Friends was my first volunteer project," Stacey recalls, "I just never stopped going."*



**Value for hours served source: Independent Sector - Virginia Volunteer Hour*

ENGAGEMENT/ programs

Corporate Activations

20
Projects/Agencies

605
Volunteers Engaged

1,443
Hours

$79K
Value for Hours Served

In today's workplace, building strong teams often means creating opportunities to connect through meaningful experiences. **Through our Corporate Activations program, Volunteer Fairfax designs customized service events for companies that elevate both community outcomes and culture.**

While our primary focus is supporting local public-private partnerships, as a **Points of Light affiliate**, our team partners with businesses across the country to align employee engagement with community impact.

In FY26, Corporate Activations coordinated **20 projects**, engaging **605 employee volunteers**. Together, they contributed **1,443 hours of service**, generating **$79,033 in value** back to the community.



ENGAGEMENT/ programs

Volunteer Management Training

As part of our commitment to strengthen volunteer engagement, Volunteer Fairfax provides ***no-cost professional development*** for Volunteer Directors, Managers, Coordinators and other leaders. These programs build skills, expand networks and increase the capacity of organizations to serve their communities.

In FY26, we offered **49 trainings** and **engaged 1,743 participants** in **50+ hours** of learning.

1,743
Attendees

49
Trainings



ENGAGEMENT/ programs

Emergency Response

Volunteer Fairfax stands ready to support Fairfax County when emergencies arise. Through rapid communication and coordinated mobilization, we connect trained, committed volunteers with the areas of greatest need. Their willingness to step forward strengthens the county's resilience and demonstrates the power of volunteerism to protect and care for our neighbors.

In FY26, the Emergency Response Program strengthened readiness and capacity through targeted training and preparedness exercises. Although no full-scale mobilizations were required, 20 staff members and volunteers dedicated more than 120 hours to mock Volunteer Reception Center setup and donation activation exercises, helping ensure an effective response when needed.

Approximately 150 people have expressed interest in serving on the Volunteer Emergency Team (V.E.T.). Under Volunteer Fairfax's direction, the team will operate a Volunteer Reception Center during disaster recovery when activated by the Fairfax County Emergency Operations Center. An additional resource is the network of 12,542 individuals registered in the Volunteer Management System who have indicated their availability to support emergency response efforts.

12.5K
Volunteers Available to Help

150
VET Team Members



ENGAGEMENT/ Signature Events

VolunteerFest

VolunteerFest is one of Volunteer Fairfax's signature days of service, promoting volunteerism and bringing people together to address community needs. In 2025, the event set out to pack 75,000 meals for neighbors facing food insecurity. More than 400 volunteers helped exceed that goal, packing 76,248 meals to address hunger in our region.

The event also featured a Community Fair with 30 nonprofit organizations and public agencies, connecting attendees with opportunities to stay involved beyond the day of service.

Altogether, volunteers contributed 1,640 hours of service, representing an estimated $89,822 in value to the community, based on Independent Sector's valuation of volunteer time in Washington, D.C.

We also collected 1,432 pounds of non-perishable food to support neighbors served by Food for Others.





400+
Volunteers

77K+
Meals Packed

ENGAGEMENT/ Signature Events

MLK Day of Service

Volunteer Fairfax creates opportunities for families with children ages 5–12 and teens to serve together on the MLK Day of Service while learning about the work of local nonprofits and government agencies. In 2026, projects addressed food insecurity, elder care, family services, housing instability, emergency management, animal welfare, and more. These experiences show young people that giving back is both fun and meaningful. Each child received a "service bingo card" stamped as they completed projects, turning volunteering into an adventure and a lesson in community impact.

In FY26, **775** family members participated in **15 projects** with **14 partners**, contributing **3,100 hours of service** and generating **$169,787** in value for our community.

15
Projects

$169K+
Value for hours served

775
Attendees

3,100
Hours



ENGAGEMENT/ signature events

Volunteer Service Awards

Attendees	Honored Individuals/Groups	Community Champions
155	2	10

The Volunteer Service Awards (VSA) celebrate the individuals and organizations whose commitment to service strengthens Northern Virginia. Each year, we honor community members and local organizations who exemplify the spirit of volunteerism.

In 2026, the 34th annual VSA brought together **155 attendees** to recognize **12 honorees** including **10 Community Champions** each selected by their District Supervisor and a distinguished Lifetime Achievement Honoree.

*After **26 years of service** with Volunteer Fairfax, **Craig Dubishar** reflected on the lasting impact of creating opportunities for people to serve while accepting the Lifetime Achievement Award:*

"When Volunteer Fairfax creates a volunteer event, either by themselves or with other nonprofit organizations in Fairfax County, people show up. And what happens when people show up? They have a positive experience in their community, and they see the power of volunteerism and what that does to change their community, change their county, change beyond our borders."



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