



ALIVE! *Wise*

Alexandrians InVolved Ecumenically

United Way/CFC #8352

Fall 2002

The State of ALIVE!

I heard the voice of the the Lord saying .” Whom shall I send and who will go for me?” Then said I, “Here am I, send me.”

At each ALIVE! meeting, we repeat in unison this verse as a reminder of our commitment and purpose to serve those in need. The various ALIVE! programs totally depend on so many people and congregations answering the call.

Everyday in our mail at home, we get at least two or three requests for financial support from non-profits of every description. The opening paragraph of one such request we received last week from Bread for the City (in D.C.)

... utility bills instead of food?
... rent instead of medical care?
written.

“Thousands of individuals and families ...must regularly decide between paying the rent, paying electric and water bills, seeing a doctor or buying needed school supplies. These are people who are often exhausted by all the daily pressures to keep their families together and safe. These are the people we serve.” I couldn’t have said it any better.

I readily understand that ALIVE!’s clients must make these same kinds of decisions everyday of their lives...24/7. But what would I do if I were in that dilemma? Have you ever thought of how you would react? I think about it all the time, and I honestly don’t know what I’d do. It’s almost too painful to dwell on for very long.

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Great needs create *Emergency* for the Family Emergency Program

ALIVE!’s Family Emergency Program volunteers work five days a week helping the needy of Alexandria to pay rent, utility bills, medical bills, prescription medicine and other necessities. They also pack and distribute food throughout the city. In FY 2001/2002 a record \$275,540 went to 2659 of Alexandria’s neediest families. Additionally, a 3 day supply of food went to 2,307 household.

Over \$106,000 of this assistance was directed specifically to 9/11 economic victims and was made possible by one time grants from the United Way’s September 11th Fund, the Presbyterian Church USA and the Episcopal Church.

Even with the extra funds by the end of FY02, the FEP was \$11,000 over budget projections. As a result and due to uncertainty of incoming contribution this fall, the Program is strictly limited to grants of \$10,000 per month. September’s \$10,000 had been distributed by the 6th of the month.

Volunteers who answer the phone and process the requests have the unhappy task of delivering the sad news - that the funds are depleted until the next month. Maximum allotments and extending the intervals between assistance will help with the budgeting but only increased funds will help with the need!



Volunteer Mari Shine takes requests in the FEP office

ALIVE! Urgently needs your support to continue to help Alexandria’s families in need. Please donate your money and time to help neighbors right here in Alexandria. Please mail your contribution in the enclosed donation envelope to 2723 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302. To volunteer, please check our Website at www.alive-inc.org or call 703-837-9300 to learn more.

ALIVE! Provides Over 106,000 to Help Alexandria’s 9/11 Economic Victims

Where were you on the morning of September 11th?

Mr. Zejed* was waiting in Alexandria’s Court House for his disability hearing scheduled for 9:45 a.m. After two years of waiting to see if he could get disability income since diabetes left him nearly unable to walk, suddenly, guards were evacuating the building.

Despite his disability, Mr. Zejed had struggled to support his wife and teenage son, and pay rent on an efficiency apartment, by driving a taxicab at National Airport. After 9/11, Mr. Zejed lost his livelihood, modest savings, and good credit as he struggled to make ends meet—on five different medications, he was taking half his dose to make prescriptions last.

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Divine Intervention?

Like others who deliver food and furniture, I have had many memorable experiences. This one I shall never forget.

A call came from a family emergency office volunteer: a wheel chair was requested by a person at the Carpenter's Shelter. I went to the furniture committee's warehouse and found that there was only one wheel chair there. It lacked the supporting attachments for legs and feet. I was not sure whether to deliver it, but finally decided to do so.

When I brought the wheel chair into the main hall at the shelter, a man came crawling along the floor, pulled himself up into the chair and wheeled happily away. An amputee with lower legs gone from the knee down, **he had no need of the missing parts of the wheel chair.** ----- God or serendipity? - Don Mela

Turkey Trot Volunteers Needed!

On Thanksgiving morning, November 28, 2002, ALIVE! receives cans of food donated by "Turkey Trot" Runner. A lot of volunteers are needed for two frantic hours - 8:00 am to 10:00am to sort and box the cans. Call Mike Oliver at (703) 683-3547 if you can ("CAN") help.

Beth El Project Benefits ALIVE! Food Program

The Beth El Hebrew Congregation as part of the High Holy Days projects filled 450 grocery bags with nonperishable food. 250 of the bags were given ALIVE!

Under direction of Mike Oliver, 18 Beth El members worked at top speed for 2 hours sorting the food into boxes at the ALIVE! Food Room in First Christian Church.

The following members of Beth El did their part in the Food Drive operation : Annette Kilian, Jennie Genser and daughter Linda, Paula Roney, Marjorie Stein, Susan and Jay Lucas, Sylvia Kassalow, Deborah and Sarah Schaffer, Taylor Daniels, Michael Fatterman and daughter Lisa, Judy Jankowski, Linda Middour and daughter Tessa, Eric Kessel, Teresa Evans, Marsha Kaufman and daughter Leah, Laura Hudgins, Marek Filicko, Matthew Warschau, Jared Entin, Maxanne Witkin, Doris Mela, Ted Exstein, Grant Wilson. There may be others, but they did not sign in.

THANKS TO ALL!



Never too old or too young, to help collect and sort the Turkey Trot donations



With the help of community and congregation Food drives ALIVE! volunteers deliver food and hope to some Alexandria's neediest people.

BRIGHTER FUTURES *for Families*

On the Move to City Office Space

On one of those scorching hot July days, Mike Diffley, our Furniture Program Chair, arrived at the Mount Vernon Avenue offices of the Brighter Futures for Families Program to help the staff in its move to the City's Department of Human Services offices. Earlier in the summer, Alexandria's Department of Human Services, offered both space and supplies to our mentoring program. This not only shows great interest and support for our program, but also allows our Program Director and Case Manager easy access to the staff of Alexandria Works. Many of our clients are referred by the staff of this program and we look forward to working more closely with them.

Our new address and contact information are:

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Alexandria, VA 22314
Office: 703-838-4479
LaRue Barnes ext. 295,
Fiorella Dinch ext. 281
Fax: 703-739-2117
brighterfutures@aol.com

Special thanks from Brighter Futures for Families to Mike Diffley for coordinating our move to Eisenhower Avenue and Josh Klick for picking up and delivering food each month from the Alive! Last Saturday Food Program for several of our clients.

Housewares Volunteers Deliver More than Pots and Pans !!!

By Vicki Smith

It's hard to know what you're going to find when delivering donated housewares to those in need.

One day, an ALIVE! a volunteer happened to bring pots and pans to the bleak kitchen of a young man just in time for him to cook Thanksgiving dinner for his parents. He had just moved out of a shelter.

Last summer, a mother and three little girls beamed as they helped carry into their empty apartment bags and boxes of bedding, dishes, a big frying pan, a few pots, and, tucked away among the towels, small stuffed animals. At ALIVE!'s Last Saturday Food Distribution, an elderly woman selected several items, including a small suitcase, but when a gentleman appeared interested in the suitcase, she gave it to him because "he probably really needed it."

Many times, ALIVE! has provided mattress pads, sheets, and blankets to cover beds donated to needy families by ALIVE!'s Furniture Program. And if beds weren't available, the Housewares Program provided comforters and other padding for families to sleep on.

And sometimes the needs we meet are less basic but we still deliver a smile—somehow, in the midst of arranging a delivery to a woman in one of Alexandria's high rises for the elderly, our volunteer learned that the woman really loved old-fashioned handmade doilies for dressers and backs of chairs. And the volunteer had some! So, along with the sheets and towels, the woman happily received a pile of well-aged crocheted doilies.

ALIVE!'s Housewares Program fills some very real basic needs, but it is the smiles on the faces of those who welcome our deliveries that let us know how much what we do means to these families.

National HTH Walkathon
Saturday, November 23, 2002
Registration: 7:00 a.m.
Walk: 9:00 a.m.
Between 4th and 7th Sts.
The National Mall



ALIVE! House needs YOU !

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 23rd! Fannie May has selected Alive! House to participate in the annual Help the Homeless Walkathon. This is the major fund-raiser for ALIVE! House, providing the income for half the annual budget - or more! Please commit to help by:

1. Walking: Join 40,000 others on the National Mall. Incentive: Alive earns \$2,000 if we have 100 walkers, \$5,000 for 250, \$10,000 for 500.

2. Contacting Partners: Any organization can be a partner - corporations, faith communities, neighborhood associations, sororities, you and your friend etc. - on sponsorship levels from \$1,500 to \$100,000. Incentive; ALIVE! House gets the donation plus 20%.

3. Sponsoring one or more walkers: youth (5 to 25) \$15, and adults \$25. (including the residents and alums of ALIVE! House, and children participating in the mini walks.)

4. Contacting schools to host a mini-walk (walkers count towards total), and to participate in an educational presentation on homelessness which could earn ALIVE! an amount between \$500 and \$25,000.

Please call Susanne Arnold 703-683-5138 to tell her how you will help - if you don't, she will call you! Call her too, to get your registration form - also available through Congregational Representatives, at 2327 King Street, and ALIVE! House. You can register online at www.helpthehomelessdc.org or download the registration form and mail or FAX the form back in or bring it to the Walk. Make sure you designate ALIVE in the code area. There are additional walk opportunities in Reston on October 19 and Springfield at Lake Accotink on Oct 27. Detail are available at the website.



ALIVE! HOUSE Happenings

LARUE BARNES IS NEW ALIVE! HOUSE DIRECTOR

Effective September 15, 2002, LaRue Barnes has become Director of ALIVE! House/Brighter Futures and Fiorella Dinch has assumed case management responsibilities for both programs. Because of the current management and programmatic responsibilities of this staff and because many Brighter Futures' clients are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, we know this new venture offers efficiency and proven expertise to both programs.

This is the first time in its history that ALIVE! House is hiring a Shelter Director. Since 1972, the House has been managed by the volunteer Chair of the ALIVE! House Committee. The scope of the program has enlarged to provide more intensive case management for residents, who are staying for longer periods of time in order to be better prepared for their futures. The responsibilities and duties of the Chair enlarged proportionally and the position became full time – plus! When the City of Alexandria agreed this summer to provide funding for its clients who are residing at the House, the means became available to hire a director. Bonnie Meyer will continue to serve as the Resident Manager. Suzanne Arnold, our current Chair, has agreed to continue as Co-Chair with our new Co-Chair, Heather Stras, from the Beth El Hebrew Congregation.



Getting to Know You: Preschoolers at the ALIVE! Child Development Center start the school year getting to know each other and learn what makes each one so special.

URGENT! - Think Christmas

- ◆ Do you like organizing fundraising events and coordinating volunteers?
- ◆ Share your holiday spirit and strong organizational and people skills to help needy Alexandrians. ALIVE! is seeking a Giftwrap Chair and Vice-Chairs (Materials, Scheduling, Publicity) for our annual fundraiser at Landmark Mall from late November through December. Here's a chance to use your leadership ability to oversee this event, order supplies, and coordinate volunteers from our 39 member congregations.
- ◆ This annual event typically raises close to \$11,000 for the ALIVE! Family Emergency Program to help keep the lights and heat on for needy Alexandrians—ALIVE! responds to over 2,000 requests each year for emergency financial assistance.
- ◆ Volunteers are also needed as sub-chairs for set-up, Week/Day supervisors for daily efforts on-site
- ◆ If you are interested, please call Don Burchell at 703-683-3115.

CDC Classrooms Welcome Start of New School Year

In our classroom for four year olds, Lead Teacher Terry Brown and Assistant Teacher Nancy Walton welcomed 15 smiling faces, five of which are new to the CDC. This year they will focus on developing positive self-esteem, fostering independence, and preparing for kindergarten through building pre-reading, language, and pre-math skills. This month is dedicated to getting to know themselves and one another. Their themes are: Let's Get Acquainted—getting to know teachers, classmates, friends, and family; I Am Special, I Am Me; and My Body—ways to keep our bodies healthy.

In our classroom for three year olds, Lead Teacher Carrie Diggins and Assistant Teacher Valerie Beatty welcomed 11 shining stars, six of which are new to the CDC. Our teachers look forward to working with parents to help build their child's skills needed for future success. This month, they too will be focusing on developing a healthy body, a healthy self-image, and healthy friendships/relationships.

Leader Paula Smith and Assistant Teacher Carroneca Palmore welcomed 2 new, eager to learn, 2 ½ year olds. For these children, the CDC is their first childcare experience. Both teachers have been able to give these children the one-on-one attention they need to help them adjust to school, and all are eagerly anticipating the arrival of several more young children expected to start in the next few weeks.

The CDC hosted a Parent Breakfast in mid-September, and is looking forward to hosting an Open House on October 3rd and a field trip to the Cox Farm Pumpkin Patch in late October.

ALIVE!, United Way & CFC

ALIVE! will continue to be a United Way agency. In the past we have benefited not only from the many donations received due to donor designations but also from grants to our various programs from the United Way Community Services Fund. Contributions through the United Way and the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) appeals have always played an important role in ALIVE!'s total income. With the still unanswered questions about this year's annual campaigns, ALIVE! is in the precarious position of not knowing what to budget or what the uncertain outcome of the United Way/CFC campaign might be. This worry coupled with the projected social services funding cuts from the Federal, State and local levels, is indeed troubling. If in past years, you have been a supporter of ALIVE! through the United Way or CFC payroll deduction plans and your employer has decided to continue its participation in the campaign, we hope we can count on you again.

Please note that the United Way of the National Capital Area has made, and continues to make, many strides in getting more stringent financial policies in place. This year as in the past, 4.5 percent of each CFC donation will be used for United Way administration and campaign costs. And, ten percent has been established as the United Way private sector and local government administration fee. These administrative costs are very low and enable many of our donors to give more through regular payroll deductions than they could give if they wrote a single check in the next few months. The payroll deductions ensure that ALIVE! will have a regular cash flow of donations throughout the year.

If you find that a United Way workplace campaign or some similar payroll charity deduction is not open to you, please contact me and let me know (Alivetoo@aol.com). We are exploring alternative ways to receive your annual pledge through a scheduled, automated payment arrangement.

Don Burchell, President

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And then my mind drifts to ALIVE! Thank heavens for the thousands of volunteers and supporters who, over the years, have given birth and breathed life into this wonderful institution that we all continue to love. It somewhat eases my angst when I think about all the programs that ALIVE! supports.

ALIVE! cannot reach every one in need within our City, but it can and does stretch to attend to as many as we can possibly touch. It does its work through you and people like you who support us through tireless hours of volunteering, and thoughtful financial help. ALIVE! exists because of you. Together, ALIVE! provides answers to some of these daunting questions—utility payments instead of food? rent instead of medical care?

DON BURCHELL
President

Queen Street Clinic and ALIVE! Provide Hope for Alexandria's Uninsured

The Queen Street Clinic was opened August 20, 2001 by Anne Boston Parish, a Family Nurse Practitioner, who saw a need in the community to treat the medically underinsured and uninsured. ALIVE! has been an important partner with Queen Street Clinic this past year. Since the clinic opened, ALIVE! has provided almost \$32,000 in emergency financial assistance to patients unable to afford even the modest fees for office visits, prescriptions, lab fees and diagnostic tests.

From July 2001 through June 2002, ALIVE! provided over \$50,000 in emergency medical payments for needy Alexandrians referred by Queen Street Clinic, Inova Alexandria Hospital, the Department of Human Services, and other agencies to pay for prescription medicines, eyeglasses and eye exams, dental visits, physician fees, medical tests, hospital fees, and medical devices such as glucometers. These payments were funded in part by a grant from the Community Services Fund of the United Way of the National Capital Area.

Alexandria alone has over 24,000 medically uninsured residents. Many uninsured residents go without health care because they cannot afford to pay or cannot find a health care provider willing to see them. Anne Parish's dream was to open the doors so that families could get medical care without having to resort to using emergency rooms.

From August 20, 2001 through June 30, 2002, Queen Street Clinic provided 2,900 patient visits. ALIVE!'s Family Emergency Program and Old Presbyterian Meeting House's Family-to-Family Program have funded visits, prescriptions, and tests for up to one-third of the patients seen each month. Queen Street Clinic also partners with Lab Corp. of America and WB&A Imaging to get discounted fees for laboratory and imaging services for patients, and with Catholic Charities and Timberman's Pharmacy to get medication for chronically ill individuals.

In July and August, Queen Street Clinic treated 900 more patients. Ms. Parish has been able to uncover and treat illnesses among her patients that would otherwise have gone undiagnosed, including cancer, diabetes, thyroid disease, and heart disease. This July, the Queen Street Clinic Foundation was formed to enable closer cooperation with other local nonprofits, allow for direct donations, and serve more Alexandrians in need.



Family Nurse Practitioner Anne Parish is always happy to welcome a visitor to the Queen Street Clinic.

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9-11 Funding

Sylvia and Donald* had planned to move out of public housing. Donald had a good job with Northwest Airlines at National Airport nearby—they were even managing to scrimp to send their young children to private school as they struggled (-to leave poverty behind. On September 22nd, Donald was laid off and bills started mounting.

With grants from the Presbyterian Church USA and the United Way's September 11th Fund, ALIVE! was able to keep these families from being evicted and having utilities cut-off, and get all Mr. Zejed's prescriptions re-filled.



Between September 11th and June 6, 2002, ALIVE! made emergency payments totaling over \$106,000 for 9/11 economic victims to help almost 300 City of Alexandria residents. Most were cab and shuttle bus drivers—over 50%—while over a third worked in hotels, restaurants or tourism. Fifty-five percent of the payments went to rent and mortgages, while over 14% went to pay electric bills.

ALIVE! coordinated closely with other local agencies such as Tenants' and Workers' Support Committee, the Alexandria Department of Human Services, and FEMA funded Project Resilience outreach workers. Each case was thoroughly documented by ALIVE! volunteers and staff, who proved they were up to this new challenge.

Despite ALIVE!'s help, Mr. Zejed's family is still struggling—although they dream of sending their son to college, for now, that is out of the question. Sylvia went back to work, and with ALIVE!'s help on rent and utilities, Donald was able to get re-trained in computers, and get a job. But then their car was totaled, Sylvia lost her job as a result, and so instead of saving to move they are saving for a car.

But both are grateful that ALIVE! was there to help when they had nowhere else to turn.

** Names changed to protect privacy*

2002-2003 Elected Officers and Chairs

Don Burchell, **President**, Christ Episcopal Church
 Patrice Tighe, **Vice President**, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community
 Bill Eckert, **Recording Secretary**, Westminster Presbyterian Church
 Doris Mela, **Corresponding Secretary**, Beth El Hebrew Congregation
 Rick Glassco, **Treasurer**, Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill
 Jim Richardson, **Assistant Treasurer**
 Ellen Brown, **CDC Treasurer**
 Linda Oliver, **Assistant CDC Treasurer**, Church of St. Clement
 Jill Norcross, **CDC Chair**, St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 Eleanor Wainstein, **Family Emergency Chair**, St. Mary's Catholic Church
 Catherine Thompson, **Brighter Futures for Families Chair**, Blessed Sacrament
 Alice Quint, **Food Co-Chair**, Agudas Achim Congregation
 Bill Willis, **Food Co-Chair**, Alfred Street Baptist Church
 Mike Diffley, **Furniture Chair**, St. Mary's Catholic Church
 Vicki Smith, **Housewares Chair**, Beverly Hills Community United Methodist Church
 Jim Richardson, **Congregational Representatives Co-Chair**
 Jo-Anne Barnard, **Congregational Reps. Co-Chair**, Old Presbyterian Meeting House
 Leslie Creedon, **Fundraising Chair**, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
 John Fleming, **Publicity Chair**, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community
 Maureen Franks, **Volunteers Chair**, Fairlington United Methodist Church
 Don Burchell, **Personnel Chair**, Christ Episcopal Church

ALIVE!'s New Officers

Patrice Tighe, *Vice President:*

Patrice has lived in this area since fourth grade, so qualifies as a "native!" She got involved with ALIVE! through Blessed Sacrament as a volunteer Intake Coordinator for ALIVE! House. From 1986-1993, she chaired and co-chaired ALIVE! House while this historic building was sold to ALIVE! and renovated. Recently, Patrice has volunteered at the West End site of ALIVE!'s Last Saturday Food Distribution. With a background in public health, Patrice was a community health nurse at D.C. General Hospital in the clinic for children with developmental disabilities.

Bill Eckert, *Recording Secretary:*

Bill moved to Alexandria from Tennessee in 1988, and got involved in ALIVE! through his congregation, Westminster Presbyterian Church. Bill is a structural engineer with Tylin International, specializing in bridge design, and is currently working on the Route 1/I-95 interchange. Bill likes to work behind the scenes, and is looking forward to serving ALIVE! recording the minutes at the monthly Board meetings.

Volunteer Needs & Wish Lists

VOLUNTEER

- √ Deliver emergency food one day a week (or once a month) around noon weekdays for about 1 ½ hours to help hungry Alexandrians—urgently need drivers for Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays
- √ Pack food bags, help families fill out forms, and distribute food to hungry families the last Saturday of each month—an excellent opportunity for groups and individuals
- √ Pick-up and deliver donated furniture to families in need—ALIVE!'s truck and driver make the rounds on Saturday mornings with a volunteer crew
- √ Provide support and guidance as a mentor to an at-risk family working toward self-sufficiency—bilingual volunteers are especially needed

ALIVE! Child Development Center Needs You!

The ALIVE! Child Development Center (CDC) is going through a period of transition and we need your help. Are you or do you know a family who needs quality, affordable child care? Are you or do you know a qualified candidate who can step into the role of Director of the CDC? And finally, are you or do you know someone interested in working on the CDC Committee? Please see the following announcements and become involved today!

The ALIVE! Child Development Center is now enrolling pre-school students ages 2-5 for their full-time, affordable, quality child care program. NAEYC accredited. Sliding fee scale based on family income and size.

Preschool Director needed for the CDC, an NAEYC accredited full day, non-profit preschool/child care center serving 45 children in Alexandria. Early childhood education degree and management experience required; accreditation experience preferred.

Committee Chair and Members sought for the CDC. Early childhood education experience helpful, but not required. Duties include providing support to CDC staff, convening CDC Committee meetings, reporting to the ALIVE! Board, and fundraising.

Please call 703-548-9255 or e-mail alivetoo@aol.com for more information

ALIVE! needs a digital camera for share use among the many programs but that will always be available in the office and a lateral file cabinet

ALIVE! HOUSE WISH LIST

Everyday items that many of us take for granted every day are luxuries to needy families. Inexpensive (and tax-deductible) donations make the most difference to our ALIVE! House families every day. To make a donation call (703) 683-5138.

Suggestions for ongoing everyday needs:

Paper products:

- toilet paper
- paper towels

Cleaning Supplies:

- hard surface all-purpose cleaners
- bathroom cleaners
- laundry detergent
- plug-in room deodorizers

Suggestions for one-time or infrequent needs:

- Sofa Slipcovers
- Alarm clocks
- Wall mirrors for bedrooms
- Floor mops, 2 string type
- Bedding: single washable blankets; single bed pads; new pillows (on sale now)
- Trash cans with lids (2)
- Bathroom rugs (2)
- Plastic storage bins with lids
- Electrical items: overhead electrical fixture, fluorescent circular lamp, wall electrical fixture, two arm lamps
- Tools: screwdrivers, measuring tapes, pliers, hammers, etc.
- Card table
- Supplies for birthday parties and special occasions
- Refrigerator parts for GE TBX18J: door shelf guards (4 @ \$14 each & end caps at \$9 each), storage drawers (looking for used ones as new are \$60 each)



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With the aftershocks of 9/11, lay-offs by local employers, the state budget crunch, and the United Way crisis, we need your help to keep serving Alexandrians in need. Over 95¢ of every \$1 ALIVE! receives, goes directly to services for Alexandrians in need. This year, more than ever, your generous support is urgently needed!



ALIVE! is ... a nonprofit organization founded in 1969 to help Alexandrians facing emergency situations become self-sufficient community members. ALIVE! has grown from a handful of organizations and volunteers to a vigorous organization of nearly 40 congregations and many volunteers. ALIVE! offers needy Alexandrians — **Furniture Housewares, Food Delivery, Family Shelter, Financial Assistance, Child Development Center, Last Saturday Food Program, and Brighter Futures for Families.**

Contact ALIVE! at 703-837-9300 or by e-mail at alivetoo@aol.com or on the web at: www.alive-inc.org.

Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically

ALIVE! Calendar

- October** Food Collections: Alexandria Church of the Nazarene, Beth El Hebrew Congregation, Del Ray UMC, Fairlington Presbyterian, First Christian, Meade Memorial, St. James UMC
 Furniture Delivery: St. Mary's Catholic, Fairlington UMC, St. Joseph's Catholic
- October 1** ALIVE! Meeting 7:00 p.m., First Agape Church hosts at Cora Kelly School (cafeteria), 3600 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301
 Refreshments by Christ Church
- October 5** Del Ray's Annual Art-on-the-Avenue – Volunteer at the Alive! booth
- October 26** Last Saturday Food Distribution at Church of the Resurrection, East End site, and Ladrey High Rise
- November** Food Collections: Blessed Sacrament Catholic, Christ Church, Church of the Resurrection, Fair-Park Baptist, Good Shepherd Lutheran, Grace Episcopal, St. Paul's Episcopal, St. Joseph's Catholic, Trinity UMC, Westminster Presbyterian
 Furniture Delivery: Christ Church, Church of St. Clement
- November 12** Annual ALIVE! Potluck Dinner, 7:00p.m.
 Fairlington United Methodist Church
 3900 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302
- November 23** Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon – Walk to Benefit Alive! House
- November 28** Annual Turkey Trot Road Race – Help Collect Food for Alive!
- December** No food collections
 Furniture Delivery: First Christian, Del Ray UMC, Good Shepherd Lutheran
- December 3** Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Need congregation to host the meeting and to provide refreshments
- December 7** Last Saturday Food Distribution at Church of the Resurrection, Ladrey High Rise and East End site
- December:** Annual Giftwrap Fundraiser at Landmark Mall—Wrap & Raise Funds to Keep the Lights and Heat On for Alexandrians in Need