



**ALIVE's Food Warehouse Project Receives Grant from TechFoundation, Inc.  
Funds will Assist ALIVE! Feed Hungry Alexandrians**

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**Alexandria, VA, February 17, 2016** – ALIVE! is pleased to announce that its Food and Family Emergency Program has received a generous grant in the amount of \$14,256 from TechFoundation, Inc. as part of its TechGrants Program.

The ALIVE! Food and Family Emergency Program (FEP) recently moved into an expanded warehouse which doubles food storage capacity and allows for the hosting of office operations for all of ALIVE!'s volunteers providing daily food deliveries to needy disabled and elderly individuals. This grant will fund the development of improved technology infrastructure in our food warehouse and at the three sites where food is distributed monthly in Alexandria, enabling ALIVE! to better track clients and more efficiently capture quantities of food donated and distributed. A result of this funding will be the improved operation of our Food and Family Emergency Program (FEP). ALIVE!'s increased capacity and improved coordination with local nonprofit partners will better meet the food needs of residents in the City of Alexandria who are in crisis.

"ALIVE! is thrilled and anxious to implement this grant award because it will immediately improve and directly impact our ability to serve those who need food in our community. Being able to upgrade our technology is huge for ALIVE! and we are grateful for this partnership with TechFoundation," stated ALIVE!'s Executive Director, Diane Charles. TechFoundation Executive Director David Altshuler added, "TechFoundation is excited to be able to support ALIVE!'s expansion. Enhanced technology will lead to greater efficiency, which will mean more clients helped by ALIVE!'s important programs."

ALIVE! operates two emergency food programs – the Weekly Emergency Food Program and the Last Saturday Food Distribution Program. In Fiscal Year 2015, ALIVE! provided a three-day supply of emergency food (over 3,000 bags) 726 times, serving 1,526 people through our weekly program, and, in addition, provided a 5-day supply of groceries through our monthly Last Saturday Food Distribution program to over 600 families each month, at three sites.

**About ALIVE!**

ALIVE! is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization of volunteers from over 40 religious congregations and the community working together to help those in need in Alexandria, Virginia. Founded in 1969, ALIVE! is the largest private safety net for the needy in the city of Alexandria, addressing short-term to long-term needs for those less fortunate in the community. For more information, visit [www.alive-inc.org](http://www.alive-inc.org). Follow ALIVE! on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/alive4alexandria> and on Twitter @ALIVE4AlexVA.

**About TechFoundation**

TechFoundation is a public charity based in Cambridge, MA assisting the way nonprofit organizations gain access to information technology through the provision of expertise, hardware, software and capital. TechFoundation was established to bridge the digital divide facing nonprofit organizations. The idea for

TechFoundation arose out the needs of a small homeless support center that used 4x6 index cards to track constituents and then benefited from deploying computers. TechFoundation's programs support a wide range of nonprofits from charter schools to environmental advocacy groups to community dance groups.