Holiday Greetings from HomeAgain!

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To our valued volunteers, staff, board members, and partners:

We are in the process of closing in on another year that has been nothing short of challenges; however, in pursuit of our mission we celebrate that we’ve helped numerous families and individuals experiencing homelessness secure and maintain a Home, Again. This year has offered solid proof that, despite the enormity of the challenges facing us due to the global pandemic, we are resilient and will remain so.

We hope that you and your family members are healthy and have found ways to persevere and make the most of this time during the pandemic. During this special season, the lives of millions of Americans will be filled with the spirit of giving, the importance of family and friends, and a sense of healing, renewal, and new opportunity.

Although it may be a little more difficult this year to keep up with our usual celebrations and traditions, there are some things we can do to take care of ourselves and those we love that are both needed and still very much in keeping with the holiday spirit. Such activities may include additional physical and emotional rest, reflecting on our priorities and what really matters to us, learning a new skill, or sampling a new recipe or two with family.

The holiday season takes on added meaning for a lot of us, and none more so than for the men and women who currently serve in the military away from home. We know that holidays are especially tough for their families, and we know that the holidays can often trigger strong feelings for those suffering with mental health. Please keep our Veterans in your thoughts and be mindful that some individuals in your network and communities might need some encouragement this time of year.

To our loyal friends and partners, a huge thank you for contributing to our accomplishments during 2021. Nothing would be possible without you and our community. We rely on our network of dedicated donors, advocates, families, and friends to fuel our progress as an organization. We look forward to continuing and expanding our relationship with you in 2022.

To our board members and HomeAgain staff, thank you for being part of this dynamic organization. You are truly inspirational!

I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Blessed Festive Season and a prosperous New Year. May these days be filled with joy, peace, and hope! Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!
Ways to Support HomeAgain

HomeAgain is excited to share our current fundraising initiatives. We’re out and about in the Richmond community, bringing awareness to homelessness and raising funds to support our robust housing programs and services. With multiple ways to give, there’s something for everyone!

**Concert to Benefit HomeAgain:** December 11, 2021, 6pm-11pm. Gallery5 is hosting an indie pop concert to benefit HomeAgain. Tickets and drink sales will be split 50/50 and it’s sure to be a blast. Visit their [eventbrite page](#) to purchase tickets and learn more.

**Altar’d State at Short Pump Mall:** HomeAgain will be featured as the charity to support now through mid-January 2022. For 3 months, 10% of profits will be given to HomeAgain every Monday. This holiday season, shop for HomeAgain! Mention us at checkout.

**Kendra Scott At Short Pump Mall:** On Dec. 14 and 15th, HomeAgain will receive 20% of in-store and online jewelry purchases when the customer mentions HomeAgain at checkout or enters the HomeAgain coupon code when purchasing online. Shop to support our mission! Online coupon code for use: GIVEBACK-AZGDF

**Amazon Rewards:** Link your Amazon account to HomeAgain. The more you shop, the more money our organization will earn!

**Holiday Hope Campaign:** This holiday season consider adopting a HomeAgain individual or family. Everyone deserves to open a gift or two on Christmas and with your help, we can ensure each client has something to open this holiday season. Contact Mandy Herbert to request a wish list at mherbert@homeagainrichmond.org. Please return wrapped gifts to HomeAgain by 12/17/21. Maximum spend per wish list is $100.00.
WE SHARE OUR GRATITUDE

GRATITUDE (NOUN): THE QUALITY OF BEING THANKFUL

HomeAgain is overwhelmed by the generosity of our supporters this holiday season. As we prepare to wrap up the year, we wanted to provide a snapshot of the community members that have made a difference in the lives of HomeAgain clients these past few months*. We are grateful for the supply drives, warm meals, and project support.

*This list does not include companies that provided grants to HomeAgain or individual donors.

'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING THANKS!

Today I am grateful for

89 Paint
VCU SigEp Students
SS Electrical Solutions, Inc.
McComnick Paints
Defense Supply Center, Richmond
Family Matters
OneDay RVA
Trail Hut
Salisbury Presbyterian Church
Gayton Baptist Church
Ralohcs Legacy
Green Standards
Abberly Twin Hickory
Four Rivers Wealth Management Group
Total Quality Logistic
Tzu Chi Foundation
Caliber Home Loans
Collegiate School
The New Community School
HomeAgain offers more than just a warm bed for those facing homelessness. In addition to our shelter and community housing programs, we provide a full list of comprehensive services to include workplace development and placement.

Our Case Managers are hard at work placing clients in stable housing and setting individuals and families up with the tools for long-term success. Part of this work involves helping clients search for and secure jobs.

If you are a small business owner or if you work for a company in the Richmond area that is currently hiring, please reach out to Program Manager, Alyson Saylors. Our clients are appreciative of your support and are open to all opportunities that will allow them to utilize their skills, better the community and most importantly, provide them with stability.
Items Request

FLASH REQUEST FRIDAYS

CONSIDER DONATING YOUR USED ITEMS TO HOMEAGAIN

At HomeAgain we receive daily requests from our Shelter and Permanent Housing clients for items ranging from cleaning supplies to clothing, household goods, furniture, mattresses and bikes. In an effort to make HomeAgain supporters aware of our clients' needs, we’ve launched Flash Request Fridays on Facebook and Instagram. We encourage you to share our weekly posts with family and friends. Together we can gather the requested items and improve the lives of the clients we support.

In this issue of The Key Note, we’re requesting the following. Contact us if you can help.

- A storage unit in the downtown Richmond area
- Toiletry and cleaning items
- Diapers size 2 and 3
- Bath towels
- Hangers
- Can openers
SIGN UP TO DELIVER MEALS

SCHEDULE YOUR DELIVERY TODAY

Providing one healthy meal at a time is HomeAgain’s goal. Through generous grants and support from local faith groups, companies and individuals, we’re able to provide our shelter clients with nutritious, home cooked meals 7 days a week. As we look to 2022, we’re looking to create a meal delivery schedule for January-March 2022.

If you’re interested in preparing and delivering a meal, we can accept deliveries Monday through Sunday. Please contact Development Director, Mandy Herbert to schedule a time to deliver a meal or two.

If you’re not a cook but still want to contribute, consider having a local restaurant deliver a meal to HomeAgain shelters. Subs, pizzas, and BBQ are always a big hit!

Thank you.
Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement held every year on November 30th. This year, we launched our Giving Tuesday “Feed the Homeless” campaign and set a goal to raise $10,000 to help feed our emergency shelter residents. Our campaign was a success thanks to our community who gave a total of $7,430.00! THANK YOU to those who provided support and those who shared our campaign with others.

Missed Giving Tuesday? No worries, we’ve go you covered. You can still donate through our Giving Tuesday link throughout the month of December. Happy giving!