



Taping of the Virtual Next Step Breakfast - taken before social distancing!

Adaptive Change: Empowering Our Neighbors In Need!

On behalf of Samaritan Ministry – and all our participants whom we continue to serve in this health crisis – I am so very grateful for your support. I want to give you an update on our operations and how we are continuing to serve participants' ongoing needs as well as preparing them for changes in the job market!

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--The Rev. David B. Wolf



Giving Tuesday is Coming Up!

On Tuesday, May 5, we celebrate #GivingTuesdayNow! In partnership with United Way and Do More 24, Samaritan is asking people to dig deep and help us continue our work in crisis time.

[Join us on Tuesday or click here to give early!](#)



Volunteers handing out food and toiletries bags from six feet away!

Volunteer Spotlight - Serving During the Coronavirus Crisis

April was Volunteer Appreciation Month! Samaritan's volunteers have always been critical to our mission - as our motto goes, staff is staff - but especially during the present crisis as we adapt to new ways of serving participants, they are stepping up like never before. We wanted to spotlight their stories!

[Read them here!](#)

Ministry. As we anticipate being able to reopen later this year, this is a perfect time to participate in a training and get ready to serve others!

-- Jennifer Seager-Valentine, Program Director



STRIVE participant at a recent virtual job readiness training

Virtual Participant and Volunteer Trainings

Establishing relationships of trust and understanding are the essence of Samaritan Ministry's work. At this time of physical distancing, staff and volunteers are called upon to be creative in maintaining connection with our participants as well as with each other.

[Read more about how we're virtually equipping our participants and volunteers!](#)



Welcome new Lead Caseworker in the Arlington office, Jane Bishop!

SMUG-WA Staff Transitions!

We are thrilled to welcome new Northern Virginia Lead Caseworker Jane Bishop and bid a fond farewell to Silver Spring Caseworker Charlie Briggs.

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NSB Appeal Results...So Far!

Great thanks to ALL our donors who have made our Virtual *Next Step* Breakfast campaign a success. We set an ambitious goal of **\$300,000** in cash and commitments raised before we were forced to adapt to a virtual Breakfast event. Nonetheless, people are stepping up and we've already raised **\$170,000** of that goal, **nearly 60%**! So far more than 165 individuals have given or pledged, including new monthly sustainers, and first-time contributions. Thank you!



We need stuff! [Click here to see](#) our current needs for food, **toiletries**, and other in-kind items to support our participants in reaching their housing, employment or education goals!



Your support is crucial to the life-changing work of Samaritan Ministry, especially during this crisis time. [Your generous gift of time](#) supports our homeless and near-homeless neighbors as they continue to take their *Next Steps!*

Click [here](#) to take a look at some of our volunteer needs!

