PathForward

Monthly News and Updates

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Feet on the Ground: A Moment With Nina Alomar



It takes many hands to achieve our mission, but it only takes one Nina Alomar to get those volunteers in place. Nina oversees corporate engagement and in-kind donations for PathForward. When she's not helping organizations sponsor clothing drives or create Winter Safety Kits, she's talking with community groups about the role they play in providing paths to stability for our program participants.

"I've met so many wonderful people at organizations that truly care and want to make a difference," Nina says. "I love connecting our volunteers to opportunities where they can have a major impact on people's lives."

Recently, Nina connected PathForward with a team of volunteers from Happyly, an organization that helps people feel balanced at the intersection of work and life. Happyly participated in the Homeless Bagged Meal Program

Making Spirits Bright for the Holidays!



It may be cold and gray outside, but inside the Homeless Services Center it's festive and bright. With more participation in our day and shelter programs during the winter, our team wanted the center to feel warm and welcoming. PathForward staffers decorated the center for the season, with plans to play holiday music and provide fun activities to lift everyone's spirits. During the darkest time of the year, PathForward is a source of light for anyone who walks through our doors.

Foundation Spotlight: The John Edward Fowler Memorial Foundation

Earlier this year, we received a very generous grant from the John Edward Fowler Memorial Foundation. Created in 1964 by Pearl Gunn Fowler in honor of her late husband, the foundation awards grants to organizations that empower underserved and at-risk people through creative innovation and traditional

(HBMP) for the first time in September and provided PathForward with more than 60 bagged meals during a time when we hadn't received any for a week. Over the Thanksgiving holiday, Caitlin Iseler, the CEO of Happyly, asked about participating in the HBMP again with her daughter! We are so grateful to them for thinking of us this holiday season and look forward to working with them again in the future.

The Happly team shared, "In this hybrid world that we live in today, creating connection is more important than ever. Volunteering is one of the most unique ways to connect to one's local community, and we are committed to giving back by working with organizations that support critical communities and community members. Through our involvement with PathForward and helping to support those in need, we hope to connect to the Arlington community and spread a little cheer this time of year."

Nina is happy to meet with any civic groups, sports teams or school clubs that want to partner with PathForward! Contact her at 703-228-7815 or nalomar@pathforwardva.org.

Help Fuel Our Mobile Medical Program

People in the homeless community were coming to us with severe health crises because they couldn't access timely medical care. The Mobile Medical Program was our proactive solution, meeting people where they are on the streets and bringing them essential healthcare services. By supporting this groundbreaking program, you're helping people take control of their health, life and safety with preventive treatment and connections to other resources.

approaches. PathForward is proud to offer services such as our Street Outreach Program, Medical Respite Program and Rapid Rehousing Program, which align with the foundation's mission by supporting the most vulnerable people in Arlington. In this season of giving, PathForward thanks the John Edward Fowler Memorial Foundation for its support.

Visit Online

We Need Metro Passes

Did you know that last year over 60 of our clients held jobs while staying at the shelter? PathForward tries to do all that we can to support our clients, and this includes ensuring their success in the workplace. We serve breakfast early so clients can eat before work, give them packed lunches from our Homeless Bagged Meal Program and help them find professional attire in our free Clothing Closet. Our clients are in great need of Metro passes to travel to their jobs. If you would like to help our clients succeed, please contact Nina Alomar at 703-228-7815 or nalomar@pathforwardva.org.

Save the Date



On Thursday, May 11, 2003, there will be "No Place Like Home" as PathForward celebrates 30 years of service to the Arlington community. The event will be held at the Army Navy Country Club. Stay tuned for more details!



Donate Today

Learn more about PathForward!

Make Our Wish (List) Come True!



Each year, we create an Amazon wish list of items our clients have requested. Two items that are high on our priority list: Boost Glucose Control (Creamy Strawberry flavor) and new, cold-weather sleeping bags (32-degree protection). Click the link below to gift someone with the item(s) they want this holiday season!

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For information regarding how you can make a difference in the lives of people experiencing homelessness, contact Liz Nohra at lnohra@pathforwardva.org.









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