

# **VALLEY ASSISTANCE NETWORK**

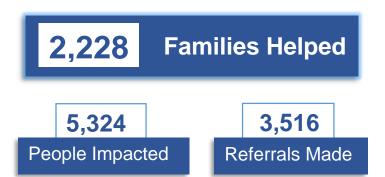


# 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

## WHAT WE DO:

Through our coordinated network of services, we help people in crisis access information and resources to stabilize their situation and begin their journey to financial stability.

COVID-19 BROUGHT A SURGE OF NEED FROM FAMILIES WHO HAVE NEVER NEEDED HELP BEFORE.

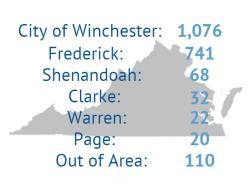


150% In assistance requests

Up from 898 families helped in 2019

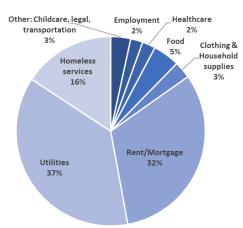
Requests for assistance increased 425% in November and December compared to 2019.

#### HOUSEHOLDS SERVED BY COUNTY





#### REFERRAL BREAKDOWN



# We respond to REAL Needs in REAL Time

TO MOVE FAMILIES FROM CRISIS TO STABILITY

Our Resource Responders screen clients and get them connected to services quickly, often helping solve multiple needs.

1,244

Resolved Cases
since COVID-19

425 Evictions prevented

547 Utilities kept on

72 Families provided shelter

66 Health-related needs met

**26** Transportation needs resolved

These outcomes are possible thanks to a shared technology platform, Unite Us, used to send and receive referrals and track program outcomes.



# **SUPPORTING WORKING FAMILIES IN 2020**

#### VAN WAS CREATED FOR ALICE® - THIS POPULATION WAS HIT HARDEST BY COVID-19

84%

of VAN clients were employed when COVID-19 hit

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME =

\$1,816/Month

~ \$11.35/Hour



COVID-19 destroyed my savings and my stability. Words cannot describe the burden lifted off of my shoulders after coming to VAN.

— Jen, VAN Client

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# TOP JOBS/INDUSTRIES

- Restaurants
- 2 Caregivers
- Retail
- Warehouse

We serve ALICE®
(Asset Limited, Income
Constrained, Employed)

#### 2020 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Processed 672 applications for CARES Act Rent/Mortgage and Utility assistance and distributed a total of \$655,000
- Leveraged \$100,000 in COVID-19 Relief Funds to keep families stably housed
- Supported 14 families through the ALICE Emergency Fund
- Conducted 458 substance abuse and mental health screenings
- Processed 42 applications for Quarles fuel assistance for families across Virginia

## **VOLUNTEER IMPACT**

Community members volunteered **3,252 hours** virtually and in our office.

A value of:



\$88,454!

### COMMUNITY IMPACT

VAN collaborated with community partners on several resource fairs and community events, including:

- 5 Voter Registration Drives
- 2 COVID-19 Testing Clinics
- 2 Flu Shot Clinics
- 3 Community Forums on Racial Equity
- First Project Connect Event

### **IMPACT TO DATE**

3,940

IU, IDO PEOPLE HELPED

2,000+

9,925

VAN launched in October 2017

## **OUR TOP SUPPORTERS IN 2020**













The Woltz-Winchester Foundation, The John and Margaret Harrell Charitable Trust & Braddock Street UMC

Find us in 2021 at our new location on the Our Health Campus!

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