



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

The Henrico Christmas Mother Program provides *new clothes, toys, books and food* to Henrico County residents in need of help during the holiday season. We serve families with children, disabled adults and adults over the age of 65.

1,800 HENRICO FAMILIES NEED YOUR HELP

In Henrico County, students helping neighbors is a holiday tradition.

In 1942, Henrico teacher Mittie McCraw Nelson asked her students to bring canned goods to school for holiday baskets for families in need and began a tradition that continues today.

Keep the tradition going:

- Organize your school's food drive
- Sponsor a fundraiser at a local restaurant or retail merchant
- Let your friends and family know about this important activity so they can help too

Great activities for students and families:

- Collect **food, hats and gloves or socks** in your neighborhood or church
- Hold a **book drive** to collect new books for younger children
- Sponsor a family

For more information:

- Talk with your school's Henrico Christmas Mother Coordinator
- Call 804-236-9741
- Look us up on the web at www.henricochristmasmother.org

What happens to those cans of food you take to school?



Canned goods lined up for a visit from the Henrico Christmas Mother at Colonial Trail Elementary school.



County workers pick up food and other items at the schools.



Volunteers sort and box food at the warehouse.



Your donated food ends up in one of these boxes that goes home with each applicant.



You could be helping to feed a little guy like this one.