

Meet the 2026 Henrico Christmas Mother

Kathi Carignan worked in banking for more than 35 years before retiring from SunTrust Bank (now Truist) as a Group Vice President of the Commercial Business Information Office. She has a BA in Economics from William & Mary and an MS in Info Systems from VCU.

In addition to supporting Henrico Christmas Mother as a Council Member working with our Food and Fundraising and Communications Committees, Kathi is a member and Board member of The Tuckahoe Woman's Club, a member of the Metropolitan Richmond Woman's Club, and a member of Christ Church Episcopal, Glen Allen, where she serves on the Hospitality Committee. And, she volunteers weekly at the food pantry at Three Chopt Presbyterian Church.

"I believe that the true spirit of the season comes alive through our community's generosity, empowering Henrico Christmas Mother to bring hope, dignity, and joy to those who need it most in our community."



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We appreciate the generosity of our supporters – thank you!



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help a neighbor in need today.

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***Neighbors helping
neighbors since 1942***

It's not just donating...

When you give, you're standing beside a neighbor who needs you.

Council Members share their stories of personal interactions with program recipients

It's compassion and joy...

When she came to shop, a young mother spotted a toy on a shelf behind the toy table. She began to cry as she related that she had put that exact toy on layaway for her little boy, but her husband had recently passed away and now she did not have the money to get the toy for him. Several of us hid behind a wall of toy boxes as we shed our own tears, knowing that her son would get the toy he wanted for Christmas.



1,638 families received gifts and food from Henrico Christmas Mother*



2,493 children, youth and teens received new clothing, books, and toys*

It's paying it forward...

A young man asked to volunteer with us as part of his recovery program. He spent quite a few hours sorting canned goods. When asked why he chose us, he said it was because it's where lots of his Christmases came from when he was growing up. When asked what we should tell people wanting to know what kind of food they should give, he said soup is good because it's a complete meal, but "when you're hungry, it's all good."

Families received the equivalent of 124,275 meals in food cards and nonperishable food items*



It's thousands of caring neighbors...

The Henrico community helps our neighbors in need feel supported, valued, and connected. In addition to thousands of volunteer hours, 2025 donations included:

- \$362,688 in financial contributions, including \$161,522 from individual donors, which allowed us to purchase new books, clothing, toys, and gifts, as well as \$126,450 in grocery gift cards so families could purchase fresh foods.
- Books, toys and other gift items collected from schools, neighborhoods, churches, civic organizations and local businesses valued at \$234,078. Henrico County Public Schools students collected more than 90,000 canned goods!



700 volunteers help set up the warehouse and serve as shopping guides

Helping our neighbors in need

4,696 individuals including 2,493 children and 885 seniors and adults with disabilities benefitted from the generosity of our donors in 2025.

Henrico Christmas Mother provides food, new clothing, books, toys, and other gift items to qualifying Henrico County families with children, seniors, and adults with disabilities.

*Numbers are for 2025. Our goal is to ensure that 90% of our cash donations go directly to program services, with 40% dedicated to food relief. Visit our website for our most recent financial statements.