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WNRN broadcasts on multiple frequencies throughout central Virginia. Our signals reach Charlottesville, Richmond, Lynchburg, Staunton, Waynesboro, Harrisonburg and Lexington as well as the 21 counties near these cities.

Hear Together is our award winning public service program that we run hourly at approximately 35 minutes past the hour on our airwaves. The content focuses on non-profits to inspire and motivate that listeners will volunteer in their own community. The Hear Together segments provide a platform for WNRN's educated listeners to learn more about the missions of many non-profits.

WNRN radio broadcasts more than 8000 public service announcements each year. Hear Together gives over \$300,000 in free airtime to area regional non-profit organizations. These organizations can then use the profile on their website to seek funds from grantors and for basic education.

WNRN's goal to actively encourage giving back to our community is met by airing messages with direct appeals for volunteers. We know that all non-profit organizations have volunteer boards, run programs that use volunteers, and need volunteers to run fundraising events for their operations. Therefore, we aim to share a wide range of ways to make a difference for every schedule and interest for potential volunteers.

WNRN interviews local citizens who are involved with local non-profits in order to spotlight their community engagement. WNRN staff actively looks for non-profits who are reliant on volunteer engagement but have limited means to recruit. Interested listeners can learn more about each organization by visiting our website for more information, links, and to hear the audio again.

WNRN increases the impact of non-profits that work to address the most significant issues challenging our community. We measure the results of Hear Together using these criteria: count the number of public service announcements aired, how many non-profit organizations were served, and which counties and cities are served. Hear Together regularly surveys non-profits to hear feedback and what the profiles have accomplished for them.

## Community Connections Q4 2018:

**Charlottesville Climate Collaborative**, Charlottesville, 7/2/18–10/1/18, The Charlottesville Climate Collaborative is running the third Better Business Challenge, which is a friendly year-long competition to help businesses, nonprofits, schools, and congregations save energy, adopt solar power, innovate, and demonstrate their commitment to the environment! Participating organizations have until May of 2019 to take action and gain points. For more information, you can visit [cvillebizchallenge.org](http://cvillebizchallenge.org)

**UVA Child Development Lab**, Charlottesville, 7/18/18-10/31/18, The University of Virginia Child Development Labs are a group of developmental psychology laboratories that study how children think and learn about the world around them. They would like your help with their research. They are looking for children between birth and 12 years of age to participate in quick studies. Studies typically involve activities like reading a story, playing a game, or watching a video, and children get to take home a small prize for participating. Their research depends on families in the community, so they invite you to volunteer with your child and contribute to science. For additional information, you can visit their website [childdevelopmentlabs.org](http://childdevelopmentlabs.org).

**JABA**, Charlottesville, 7/24/18-10/31/18, The Jefferson Area Board for Aging, also known as JABA, could not have the impact it does without the work of volunteers. Their insurance counselors help people navigate Medicare during open enrollment. Their Volunteer Ombudsmen serve to ensure residents' rights in nursing or assisted living facilities and help residents with problems they are unable to resolve alone. JABA's neighbor-to-neighbor volunteers help seniors live safely and successfully in their home by providing socialization, transportation or shopping assistance. Dementia visiting volunteers engage with a person with dementia in their home while providing respite for the family caregiver. For more information about these or other volunteer opportunities with JABA, you can go to their website [jabacares.org](http://jabacares.org) or call 434-817-5222.

**Second Street Gallery**, Charlottesville, 8/1/18-11/1/18, Second Street Gallery's mission is to enliven Virginia through access to contemporary art — and to inspire new ways of thinking, seeing, and doing. Second Street Gallery promotes contemporary artists by presenting their work in a professional gallery and encourages an appreciation of contemporary art and culture through public education. They invite you to join them for one of their exhibitions, lectures, workshops, classes or tours! They are located at 115 Second Street Southeast on the ground floor of the LiveArts Building on the downtown mall in Charlottesville. For information about upcoming exhibitions and events, you can visit [secondstreetgallery.org](http://secondstreetgallery.org).

**The Alyssa House**, Charlottesville, 8/8/18-11/9/18, The Alyssa House provides free housing and care to children receiving medical treatment at UVA Children's Hospital. Under a joint plan of work with Virginia Organizing, The Alyssa House offers a private home in Charlottesville that is suited for families with immunocompromised children undergoing chemotherapy and

recovering from major organ transplants. They rely on community support to keep their doors open and their services free. Volunteers help care for families and maintain the facility. You can learn more at [TheAlyssaHouse.org](http://TheAlyssaHouse.org)

**The Bridge Line, Charlottesville, 8/9/18-10/6/18,** The Bridge Line is hosting their second annual dance event, BridgeLine Boogie, on Saturday October 6th, from 6-10 p.m. at the Carver Rec Center in Charlottesville. They'll have live music from Erin and the Wildfire, 180 and ACME Swing Manufacturing Company, a silent auction and more. Proceeds from this event go to their direct services for people with brain injuries. [Bridgeline.org](http://Bridgeline.org) for more information.

**Embrace Richmond, Richmond, 8/15/18-11/15/18,** Embrace Richmond is offering asset-based community development trainings around the Greater Richmond region this fall and winter. They welcome you to learn about the gifts, talents and abilities of neighborhood residents in a way that leads to lasting community-driven transformation. They believe that community-based organizations, youth development organizations, congregations and government agencies all play an role in community transformation. They have customized their trainings for each of these stakeholders and seek to bring about multi-sector collaboration through their efforts. Their aim is to assist participants by providing information on how to grow healthy, vibrant communities from the inside out. For more information and to view their full training calendar, you can visit [embracerichmond.org](http://embracerichmond.org) or contact [heather@embracerichmond.org](mailto:heather@embracerichmond.org).

**Health Brigade, Richmond, 8/15/18-11/15/18,** For close to 50 years, Fan Free Clinic provided health care to those in need in the Richmond area. As an extension of that legacy, Fan Free Clinic became Health Brigade in 2016. They are still here serving the Richmond community. Health is what they do. Brigade — like the bucket brigades of old — is how they do it; One team working together for the common good. You can find out more about Health Brigade by visiting their website, [healthbrigade.org](http://healthbrigade.org).

**Borgen Project, Richmond, 8/22/18-11/22/18,** The Borgen Project is a nonprofit that aims to fight global poverty. If you are interested in getting involved with a local, telecommute role to end extreme poverty across the globe, you can learn more at [borgenproject.org](http://borgenproject.org).

**Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College, Lynchburg, 9/7/18-12/13/18** The Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College in Lynchburg is presenting their 107th Annual Exhibition of Contemporary Art, *Zeitgeist: The Art Scene of Teenage Basquiat* on view through December 14th. *Zeitgeist* is a group exhibition focusing on the artists and scene around Jean-Michel Basquiat's teenage, pre-fame years. The exhibition tells the story of Basquiat's early work, peers, and creative community during the early '80s in New York's Lower East Side. The Maier Museum of Art is open Tuesday through Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. at [1 Quinlan](http://1Quinlan)

Street on Randolph College campus. More information about the exhibition and related events can be found at [MaierMuseum.org](http://MaierMuseum.org).

**Virginia Repertory Theater**, Richmond, 8/31/18-10/13/18, The Virginia Repertory Theatre in Richmond is presenting *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* at their Broadway-style theatre downtown. This Tony award-winning play runs from Sept 21st – Oct 14th. Based on the best-selling novel by Mark Haddon, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* traces the adventure of 15-year-old Christopher who goes on a fantastical journey to discover what happened to his neighbor's dog. For more information, you can visit [virginiarep.org](http://virginiarep.org) or call the Box Office at 804-282-2620 and ask about group rates.

**Charlottesville Derby Dames**, Charlottesville, 9/1/18-10/20/18 On October 20th, the Charlottesville Derby Dames present a roller derby bout between Charlottesville's own Belmont Bruisers as they take on the Greenbrier River Rollers from West Virginia at their Xanadu Warehouse. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. and the bout starts at 4:30 p.m. You can get your tickets in advance at Brown Paper Tickets, Cocoa and Spice or from your favorite Dame. Limited seating available. Proceeds from the event benefits Shelter for Help in Emergency. For more information, visit [CharlottesvilleDerbyDames.com](http://CharlottesvilleDerbyDames.com).

**Boys Home of Virginia**, Covington, 9/12/18-10/20/18, The Boys Home of Virginia is a nonprofit organization in Covington that provides housing, education, and a supportive living environment to boys ages 6-17 whose lives have been negatively impacted by poverty or family instability. On Saturday, October 20th, they invite you and your family to join them for the Boys Home Howl-O-Ween Hustle 5K and Kids Fun Run, starting and finishing at the Intervale Trailhead of the Jackson River Scenic Trail, in Covington. The kids fun run starts at 9:30 a.m., and the 5K starts at 10:00. In addition, they'll have face painting, games, prizes, sweet treats, and costume contests. For more information, you can visit [www.runforboyshome.com](http://www.runforboyshome.com), or call (540) 965-7703.

**Project GROWS**, Augusta County, 9/12/18-10/4/18, The Boys Home of Virginia is a nonprofit organization in Covington that provides housing, education, and a supportive living environment to boys ages 6-17 whose lives have been negatively impacted by poverty or family instability. On Saturday, October 20th, they invite you and your family to join them for the Boys Home Howl-O-Ween Hustle 5K and Kids Fun Run, starting and finishing at the Intervale Trailhead of the Jackson River Scenic Trail, in Covington. The kids fun run starts at 9:30 a.m., and the 5K starts at 10:00. In addition, they'll have face painting, games, prizes, sweet treats, and costume contests. For more information, you can visit [www.runforboyshome.com](http://www.runforboyshome.com), or call (540) 965-7703.

**The Virginia Center for the Creative Arts**, Amherst County, 9/11/18-10/13/18, The Virginia Center for the Creative Arts is one of the world's leading artist residency programs located in Amherst, Virginia. They advance the arts by providing creative space in which national and international artists produce their finest works of literature, visual art, and music. They are hosting a day of Open Studios on Sunday, October 14th, from 4-6 p.m. They welcome you to visit with VCCA Fellows to see their work and learn more about their creative process, or take a self-guided tour of the VCCA outdoor sculpture collection and enjoy the autumn views of the Blue Ridge foothills. For more information, you can visit [vcca.com](http://vcca.com)

**The Nelson County Future Farmers of America**, Lovingston, 9/11/18-10/12/18, The Nelson County Future Farmers of America is hosting the Nelson FFA Bluegrass Benefit on Saturday, October 13th from 4 – 9 p.m. at Nelson Middle School Auditorium located at 6925 Thomas Nelson Hwy in Lovingston. They welcome you to enjoy a live auction, raffles, a bake sale, and concessions including Brunswick stew, BBQ, chili, hot dogs and drinks There will be music from Deep Blue Express, Little Mountain Boys, In the Tradition, and Monroe Station. Doors open at 3 PM and all proceeds will be used to offset expenses for the Nelson FFA Students' trip to the National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the end of October. For more information, you can call 434-263-4801.

**Charlottesville Municipal Band**, Charlottesville, 9/11/18- 10/14/18, The Charlottesville Municipal Band is presenting their 96th Season Fall Concert on Sunday, October 14th, at 3:30 p.m. at the Dickinson Main Stage Theater on the campus of Piedmont Virginia Community College. Their guest artists are the Martin Luther King Community Ensemble. The program will include selections from the classics to contemporary, Broadway, Television, and a Sousa march. You can find more information [cvilleband.org](http://cvilleband.org)

**Piedmont Housing Alliance**, Charlottesville, 9/12/18 - 10/02/18, Piedmont Housing Alliance creates housing opportunities and builds community through education, lending and development. They believe everyone should have a place to call home. If you are thinking about buying your first home, they invite you to join their VHDA Homebuyer Classes this August at their office at [682 Berkmar Circle](http://682BerkmarCircle.com) in Charlottesville. They have a two-part evening class on October 2nd and 9th. Their class will teach you how to get started and what steps to take on your path to homeownership. For more information or to register, you can visit [piedmonthousingalliance.org](http://piedmonthousingalliance.org) or you may call their office at 434-817-2436.

**Cameron K Gallagher Foundation**, Richmond, 9/14/18 - 12/18/18, The Cameron K. Gallagher Foundation helps raise awareness of teenage depression and anxiety all across the nation. Proceeds from this race fund their programming for teens and help us fulfill our mission to end the stigma associated with teen depression and anxiety. For more information, you can visit [speakup5k.com/Richmond](http://speakup5k.com/Richmond).

**Jefferson Madison Regional Library**, Charlottesville, 9/28/18 - 10/16/18, In conjunction with Virginia Careerworks Charlottesville, part of the Piedmont Workforce Network, Northside Library welcomes you to their job fair on Wednesday, October 17th from 2-5 p.m. at the Northside Library at 705 West Rio Road in Charlottesville. If you're looking for a new job or new career, you can sit down with more than 15 representatives from a variety of local employers. Bringing your resume is encouraged but not required. Plus, they invite you to come early at 1 p.m. for a "Job Interviewing Techniques Workshop." This event is for ages 16 and up and no registration required.

**Virginia Institute for Autism**, Charlottesville, 9/28/18 - 10/19/18, The Virginia Institute of Autism is hosting their 22nd Anniversary Gala at Castle Hill Cider in Keswick on Saturday, October 20th. The black tie optional event includes a silent auction, dinner and dancing. This year's theme is "Saving the Day Every Day." They're celebrating all of the heroes who make every day easier for children, young adults, and families struggling to overcome the challenges of autism. All proceeds support life-changing programs of the Virginia Institute of Autism. To purchase tickets or make a donation, you can visit [viaschool.org](http://viaschool.org).

**Building Goodness Foundation**, Charlottesville, 9/28/18 - 10/15/18, The Building Goodness Foundation, a Charlottesville-based nonprofit providing construction services in Central Virginia, is hosting their annual Volunteer Celebration on Tuesday, October 16th, from 4-7 PM at the Lewis and Clark Exploratory Center in Darden Towe Park in Charlottesville. They will have live music from Rockfish Gap, a cornhole tournament, moonbounce, catering from A Taste of Home Southern Cuisine, and outdoor/indoor space for the whole family. They invite you to join them on Tuesday, October 16th, as they celebrate the non-profit construction work BGF volunteers are doing in Haiti, Central America and in Charlottesville.

**Montpelier**, Orange, 9/28/18 - 10/10/18, During the month of October, James Madison's Montpelier welcomes you to get outdoors on their eight miles of walking trails, or take any of their guided walking tours, such as the Historic Landscape Tour, the Property Walk, and the Woods Walks through the 200-acre Landmark Forest. On October 11th, Tom Mayes of the National Trust for Historic Preservation will be on site to discuss his book, *Why Old Places Matter*. Reservations are required. If you're interested in digging up with past with their archaeologists, there are two opportunities to participate in a week-long public expedition. No experience necessary. They are also offering guided architecture and archaeology tours. Experience history at their house in the Virginia foothills. You can learn about all you can do at Montpelier [here](#), where you'll also find their podcast about challenging the status quo, *American Dissent*.

**EVACE International**, Augusta, 9/28/18 - 10/20/18, EVACE International is a nonprofit based in Augusta County dedicated to fighting poverty with long-term solutions in nutrition, health, and

education. They welcome you to celebrate the opening of their innovative, portable, web-based, rural technology education center at Basic City Beer Co. in Waynesboro, on Sunday, October 21st, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. There will be music from The Judy Chops, Filipino food from Hops Kitchen and brews from Basic City. Proceeds from the event will go towards the building of a free clinic on an impoverished island in the Philippines. You can learn more [evace.org](http://evace.org)

**Blue Ridge Irish Music School**, Charlottesville, 10/1/18 - 10/28/18, The Blue Ridge Irish Music School in Charlottesville is presenting a Family Ceili on Sunday, October 28th, from noon-2:00 p.m. at the Front Porch in downtown Charlottesville. A ceili is a participatory dance party for all ages. No experience is needed for this family-friendly event. All dances are taught and called to live music. For more information, you can visit [brimstunes.org](http://brimstunes.org).

**Local Energy Alliance Program**, Charlottesville, 10/1/18 - 12/30/18, The Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP) empowers central Virginia home and business owners with energy efficiency solutions. LEAP has partnered with the City of Charlottesville to help reduce your energy costs, upgrade your facility, and improve the environmental quality of our community through the Charlottesville Clean Energy Commercial Loan Program. City business owners are eligible for a rate reduction program up as low as 0% APR on approved energy upgrades such as LED lighting, insulation, air sealing, solar energy systems and more. For more information, it's [cvillegreenbiz.org](http://cvillegreenbiz.org).

**Mountaintop Montessori**, Charlottesville, 10/1/18 - 10/21/18, Mountaintop Montessori is a nonprofit independent school in Charlottesville that offers a Montessori education from 18 months through 8th grade. They are hosting their annual Fall Festival at their Pantops campus on Sunday, October 22nd from 1 p.m. – 5:00 pm. This event is open to the community and will feature seasonal games and crafts for kids, live music, local food and drink, a petting zoo, used book swap, and much more. For more information, you can visit [mountaintopmontessori.org](http://mountaintopmontessori.org).

**Cville Timebank**, Charlottesville, 10/1/18 - 10/26/18, The Cville TimeBank is holding a Repair Café on Saturday, October 27th, from noon to 4 p.m. at The Habitat Store on Harris Street in Charlottesville. Things like chairs, fans, and lamps usually end up in a landfill when they break. But volunteers at the Repair Café can fix broken stuff and make it useful again. They welcome the whole community to bring household items like clothing, toys, bikes, small appliances, furniture and jewelry. Their volunteers will be happy to fix your stuff and even show you how it's done. You can find more information, [ctbrepaircafe.wordpress.com](http://ctbrepaircafe.wordpress.com)

**Virginia Discovery Museum**, Charlottesville 10/4/18 - 10/25/18, The Virginia Discovery Museum invites you to get in the Halloween spirit on Friday, Oct. 26th, at Boo Bash, the family-friendly party that's too cute to spook. This event is recommended for ages 2 to 8 with an adult, and families are welcome to come any time from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. You can enjoy carnival

games, activities, face painting, and crafts, including electrifying experiments from the Mad Scientists, cookie decorating, potion-making with the wacky witch, the Monster Mash bubble-wrap stomp, the Spider-Web Tangle, the Little Shop of Prizes, and more. You can learn more about Boo Bash and get tickets online at [vadm.org](http://vadm.org).

**Wayne Theater**, Waynesboro, 10/4/18 - 11/11/18, Wayne Theatre & Ross Performing Arts Center are producing Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street, a musical thriller directed by Hank Fitzgerald, November 8th-11th and the 15th-18th. The show is at 7PM on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays with 3PM Sunday matinees. For more information on their Broadway music series, which also includes Hairspray and Bridges of Madison County, you can visit [waynetheater.org](http://waynetheater.org).

**Common Ground**, Charlottesville, 10/4/18 - 11/2/18, Common Ground Healing Arts is Charlottesville's nonprofit community wellness center. This fall, they will be conducting their fully certified 200 hour yoga teacher training at the Fluvanna Correctional Center women's facility. This is the first yoga teacher training program at any prison in Virginia. They have a community-oriented, family-friendly way to support this program at ARTCHO, an annual festival with affordable art, music, food trucks, beer and wine taking place on Saturday, November 3rd from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at IX Art Park. All donations and proceeds from ARTCHO go towards Common Ground and the yoga teacher training at the Fluvanna Women's prison. For more information, you can visit [artcho.org](http://artcho.org). This festival is open to the public.

**Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation**, Richmond, 10/4/18 - 10/31/18, The Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation (VBCF) is not a traditional grant-making foundation. They're a statewide, Richmond-based nonprofit providing Virginians with knowledge and a voice in the fight against breast cancer. October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. They invite you to learn more about their mission to Educate, Advocate, and Eradicate at [www.vbcf.org](http://www.vbcf.org). You can find help for yourself or a loved one, request breast health basics brochures for women and men to share in your local community, and explore ways to get involved with their work.

**Autism Society of Central VA**, Richmond, 10/4/18 - 10/24/18, The Autism Society in Central Virginia is presenting their first annual ASCV Golf tournament on Thursday, October 25th. They welcome you to bring your favorite golfing buddies out to the Brandermill Country Club and enjoy a day on the green. Lunch will be provided by Brick House Diner and an awards dinner will follow the tournament. Proceeds from the fundraiser go towards improving the lives of all affected by autism. You can learn more at [ascv.org/golf](http://ascv.org/golf).

**Blue Sky Fund**, Richmond, 10/4/18 - 10/26/18, Blue Sky Fund is a non profit in Richmond that provides transformational experiences for urban youth through outdoor education. They provide access to experiential science investigations and outdoor adventure programs such as

hiking, paddling, and rock climbing for students who attend Richmond Public Schools. They are hosting their 7th Annual Hike for Kids event on Saturday, October 27th. Participants can choose to hike 3, 8, or 14 miles through the James River Park System in downtown Richmond. After hiking, participants can enjoy food, beer, and live music at their host site overlooking the river. Proceeds from the event will provide more opportunities for the children from the city's most vulnerable communities to experience the outdoors in a meaningful way. For more information, you can go to their website, [blueskyfund.org](http://blueskyfund.org).

**Childsavers, Richmond, 10/4/18 - 10/19/18**, ChildSavers is a nonprofit organization in Richmond that believes all children deserve access to mental health services and quality child care. They are hosting BoarOysterous on October 20th from 1-5PM. This family friendly event features barbeque, oysters, local beer, live bluegrass music, and games on their back lawn in Church Hill overlooking the city. All proceeds reinforce the overall health of the community's children through our combination of nurturing early childhood care and trauma-informed mental health care. Your support goes toward ensuring that children have the access, resources, and care they need to be safe, happy, healthy, and ready to learn. You can learn more about their mission, ways to get involved, and BoarOysterous by visiting [ChildSavers.org](http://ChildSavers.org) or following them on Facebook.

**Collins Center, Harrisonburg, 10/4/18 - 11/8/18**, The Collins Center & Child Advocacy Center is a nonprofit in Harrisonburg whose mission is to end sexual violence and its impact in our community. In celebration of their 30th anniversary, they are hosting our fall fundraiser, the Autumn Soiree. They welcome you to join them on Friday, November 9th, at The Barn at Kline's Mill for an evening of celebration and gratitude for their community of allied partners and supporters. This year, their event features a photo booth by The Rosy Co., silent and live auctions, outdoor games, dance party with DJ Barkley, and more! Proceeds from this event support the Collins Center's core services. You can learn more online at [thecollinscenter.org](http://thecollinscenter.org).

**Montpelier, Orange, 10/11/18 - 11/2/18** James Madison's Montpelier welcomes you to experience history at their house in the Virginia foothills. They have daily tours, eight miles of walking trails, barbecue, and a locally-sourced menu at the Exchange Cafe, and their award-winning exhibition, "The Mere Distinction of Colour." On November 3rd, Montpelier will host the 84th running of the Montpelier Steeplechase. During Veterans Day Weekend, November 9th - 11th, they say a special thank you to U.S. military veterans with offers on tours and in the museum shop. On November 11th, the Reverend Will Billow, best known for his services in Washington, DC, at St. Albans School and the National Cathedral, will be onsite to discuss his book Hatch, Match, and Dispatch. Reservations are required. You can learn about all you can do at Montpelier [here](#), where you'll also find their podcast about challenging the status quo, American Dissent.

**Piedmont Housing Alliance**, Charlottesville, 10/11/18 - 1/11/19, Piedmont Housing Alliance creates housing opportunities and builds community through education, lending and development. They believe everyone should have a place to call home. Did you know that they have a Down Payment and Closing Cost loan program? If you are thinking about buying your first home in the City of Charlottesville, or the surrounding counties of Albemarle, Louisa, Fluvanna, Greene or Nelson, they might be able to help you with your down payment or closing costs. Saving for a down payment can be difficult and their counselors can help you understand the home buying process and help you apply for this program. You can visit [piedmonthousingalliance.org](http://piedmonthousingalliance.org) for more information or you can call their office at 434-817-2436.

**American Heart Association**, Charlottesville, 10/10/18 - 11/3/18.

The American Heart Association welcomes you to take the first step towards a healthier lifestyle at the Charlottesville Heart and Stroke Walk on Sunday, November 4th at Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital Amphitheater. You can enjoy a one or three-mile walk, Hands-Only CPR demonstrations, and a wellness fair, which is stroller and pet friendly. You can find more information <http://www2.heart.org/site/PageServer?pagename=AHALandingPage>

**Mental Health America – Augusta**, Staunton, 10/10/18 - 11/7/18, located in Staunton, Mental Health America – Augusta is part of the nation's oldest and largest community-based Network dedicated to helping people live mentally healthier lives. They actively work towards stigma reduction, mental health education, advocacy, information, and referral. They're hosting a workshop, "Breaking the Silence; examining the impact of sexual assault and domestic violence," on Thursday, November 8th from 6 to 9 p.m. at Mary Baldwin's Francis Auditorium. This event will feature multiple speakers who will discuss the lifelong effects of sexual assault and domestic violence. They welcome you to join them on Thursday, November 8th at 227 East Frederick Street in Staunton. You can find more information at [mha-augusta.org](http://mha-augusta.org)

**Vector Space**, Lynchburg, 10/10/18 - 11/3/18. Vector Space is a makerspace and community workshop in Lynchburg. They are hosting a robot combat event at Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg on Sunday, November 4th from 1-4 p.m. Registered one and three-pound robots will wage battle in their enclosed arena to see who is the champion robot of Central Virginia. This event will take place in the Barksdale Gymnasium on V.E.S. campus and is open to the public. Donations and proceeds from this event will benefit Vector Space's community outreach and educational programming. To register your bot, you can visit the events page at [vector-space.org](http://vector-space.org).

**The Haven**, Charlottesville, 10/15/18 - 11/9/18, The Haven is a multi-resource day shelter for people facing homelessness in downtown Charlottesville. People experiencing homelessness in our community know how it feels to get a warm welcome and a good meal at The Haven. Now,

every Wednesday from noon – 1:30pm, those same folk serve a meal with a side of Haven Hospitality to the general public in their weekly pop-up cafe. You can expect a different 3-course meal including dessert and a fresh beverage every week, with vegetarian options, all for a suggested donation of \$10.00 to benefit The Haven. All are welcome. For more information, you can visit [thehaven.org](http://thehaven.org).

**Jefferson Madison Regional Library**, Charlottesville, 10/17/18 - 10/30/18, In conjunction with Virginia Careerworks Charlottesville, part of the Piedmont Workforce Network, Northside Library welcomes you to their job fair on Wednesday, November 14th from 2-5 p.m. at the Northside Library at 705 West Rio Road in Charlottesville.

If you're looking for a new job or new career, you can sit down with more than 15 representatives from a variety of local employers. Bringing your resume is encouraged but not required. Plus, they invite you to come early at 1 p.m. for a "Job Interviewing Techniques Workshop." This event is for ages 16 and up and no registration required.

**Charlottesville Municipal Band**, Charlottesville, 10/19/18 - 12/8/18, The Charlottesville Municipal Band is presenting their 96th Season Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 9th, at 3:30 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Performing Arts Center at Charlottesville High School. The program will include Holiday classics and contemporary seasonal music, and a sing-a-long with a 100% chance of snow. You can find more information <https://cvilleband.org/wp/>

**The Whistle Stop Theatre Company**, Ashland, 10/24/18 - 12/15/18, The Whistle Stop Theater Company is presenting The Little Match Girl from December 1st – December 15th at the Hanover Arts and Activities Center. They welcome you to celebrate the season with Hans Christian Anderson's classic work, as well as stories from Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. For more information, you can visit [WhistleStopTheatre.weebly.com](http://WhistleStopTheatre.weebly.com).

**Virginia Repertory Theater**, Richmond, 10/24/18 – 1/5/19, The Virginia Repertory Theatre is a nonprofit theatre company in Richmond and they believe there is nothing like the power of live theatre. They are presenting the musical Sister Act from November 16th through January 6th at their Broadway-style theatre downtown. Based on the 1992 hit movie starring Whoopi Goldberg, this musical stars Felicia Curry as a fallen showgirl who unexpectedly finds sisterhood and redemption when she is forced to take refuge in a convent. They welcome you to join them in the Arts District for lunch or dinner, and a show. You can find more information on this event and group packages at [virginiarep.org](http://virginiarep.org) or by calling the Box Office at 804-282-2620.

**Elk Hill**, Goochland County, 10/24/18 – 11/1/18, Elk Hill is a nonprofit in Goochland whose mission is to help children and families transform overwhelming challenges into successful futures. Through their specialized education, community-based services, and residential treatment programs, children and families can discover the academic, vocational, behavioral,

and relationship skills and stability they need to be successful. For more information, you can visit [elkhill.org](http://elkhill.org).

**Charlottesville Women in Tech**, Charlottesville, 10/24/18 – 11/8/18, Charlottesville Women in Tech is presenting the first annual Supporting Women in Tech in Charlottesville Summit (SWITCH ON) on Friday, November 9th. Their summit aims to ignite your tech network. The morning session, open to all community members, will focus on the status, needs, and accomplishments of women in the Charlottesville tech community. The afternoon will be dedicated to hands-on activities for augmenting your professional network and finding new opportunities. Meals and a networking reception are included for full-day attendees. You can learn more at [switchonsummit.com](http://switchonsummit.com).

**Wild Virginia**, Charlottesville, 10/25/18 – 11/17/18, Wild Virginia is a nonprofit in Charlottesville dedicated to preserving wild forest ecosystems in Virginia's National Forests. They welcome you to join them for a hike to Crabtree Falls on Sunday, November 18th. Crabtree Falls is one of the tallest sets of waterfalls east of the Mississippi River, right here in the George Washington National Forest. The falls feature a series of five major cascades and a number of smaller ones. They will hike up the 2-mile trail to the scenic overlook at the top and return by the same route. This hike is steep almost the entire way up and often slippery in sections with an elevation gain of 1,380 ft. Specific instructions on when and where to meet at the trail head and for carpools will be sent after registration. You can find more information and register at [wildvirginia.org](http://wildvirginia.org)

**Blue Ridge Irish Music School**, Charlottesville, 10/29/18 - 11/15/18, The Blue Ridge Irish Music School (BRIMS) is presenting a concert of Irish music performed by Nuala Kennedy and Gerry O'Connor on Friday, November 16th at Cville Coffee. Irish fiddle legend Gerry O'Connor and singer and flute player Nuala Kennedy are both from Dundalk, Co. Louth and have played music together for many years, performing music from the ancient kingdom of Oriel in the North East of Ireland. This is a rare duo appearance in the states by two top players at the peak of their musical powers. For tickets and information, you can visit [brimstunes.org](http://brimstunes.org).

**Maxine Platzer Lynn Women's Center at UVA**, Charlottesville, 10/30/18 - 11/11/18, In coordination with local law firm Goodman, Allen, and Donnelly and the UVA School of Law, the Maxine Platzer Lynn Women's Center at UVA is hosting our annual Veterans Benefits Legal Clinic on Monday, November 12th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the UVA School of Law. This legal clinic gives veterans in the Charlottesville community the opportunity to meet with an attorney to discuss questions about disability benefits from the Department of Veteran Affairs. Registration is required to attend. If you are a veteran interested in making a half-hour appointment, you can call (804) 565-5961 or e-mail [eralston@goodmanallen.com](mailto:eralston@goodmanallen.com).

**Jefferson Madison Regional Library**, Charlottesville, 10/31/18 - 11/14/18, In conjunction with Virginia Careerworks Charlottesville, part of the Piedmont Workforce Network, Northside Library welcomes you to their job fair on Wednesday, November 14th from 2-5 p.m. at the Northside Library at 705 West Rio Road in Charlottesville. If you're looking for a new job or new career, you can sit down with more than 15 representatives from a variety of local employers. Bringing your resume is encouraged but not required. Plus, they invite you to come early at 1 p.m. for a "Job Interviewing Techniques Workshop." This event is for ages 16 and up and no registration required.

**Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation**, Richmond, 11/1/18 - 12/31/18, The Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation (VBCF) is not a traditional grant-making foundation. They're a statewide, Richmond-based nonprofit providing Virginians with knowledge and a voice in the fight against breast cancer. October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. They invite you to learn more about their mission to Educate, Advocate, and Eradicate at [www.vbcf.org](http://www.vbcf.org). You can find help for yourself or a loved one, request breast health basics brochures for women and men to share in your local community, and explore ways to get involved with their work.

**Camp Kum-Ba-Yah**, Lynchburg, 11/2/18 - 2/2/19. For the last 70 years, Camp Kum-Ba-Yah at Cosby Woods has been serving our community through a nature-based summer day camp on 44 acres in the heart of Lynchburg. They're excited to share their expanding, year-round programs on their newly-named campus, Cosby Woods. They invite you to come to the same great place to experience Young Buds, an interactive nature exploration program for ages 2-5; Families In Lynchburg Adventuring, a family nature club; Environmental education programs designed for area schools; and KinderWoods, a nature explore space to connect children's hearts, minds and bodies to nature through playful exploration in the woods. They're the same great place, with a new name and expanding programs. They hope you join them in community outside. You can find more information at [campkumbayah.org](http://campkumbayah.org)

**Montpelier**, Orange, 11/3/18 - 12/1/18, As we head into winter, James Madison's Montpelier welcomes you to experience history at their house in the Virginia foothills. They have daily tours, eight miles of walking trails, barbecue and a locally-sourced menu at the Exchange Cafe, and their award-winning exhibition, "The Mere Distinction of Colour." Across Route 20 are the Gilmore Cabin and 1910 Train Depot. On December 1st, Montpelier says thank you to their neighbors and friends at their annual holiday open house, where you can enjoy tours, visits with Santa, hands-on-history activities, cookies and cider, and a buffet lunch by the Barbeque Exchange. The house will be decorated according to 19th-century customs. From December 26th-January 1st, families will have the opportunity to take the hands-on tour, "Discovering Montpelier: A Family-Friendly Tour." You can learn about all you can do at Montpelier [here](#), where you'll also find their podcast about challenging the status quo, American Dissent.

**The White Pig Sanctuary, Schuyler, 11/5/18 – 11/16/18,** The White Pig Animal Sanctuary, located 23 miles South of Charlottesville in Schuyler, is an animal rescue providing life long homes to abandoned, abused and neglected animals with a special focus on pigs and horses as well as providing educational outreach to the community. They will be opening their doors for their 1st annual open house on Saturday, November 17th from noon to 8 p.m. They welcome you to enjoy the walking trails, a tour of the animal sanctuary and farm, animal-free food and drinks and live music by Butterfly Vendetta and The Unholy Four. Donations will be accepted to help support the expansion of their educational outreach programs and their sanctuary. You can learn more [thewhitepig.com](http://thewhitepig.com)

**Charlottesville Climate Collaborative, Charlottesville, 11/5/18 – 11/28/18,** The Charlottesville Climate Collaborative is hosting an event for area businesses, schools, and nonprofits called Light up the Savings on Thursday, November 29th at CitySpace from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. They'll address smart ways to save energy on lighting, the latest technologies in lighting and lighting controls like LEDs, motion and occupancy sensing and dimmers. You can find more information and RSVP <https://www.cvilleclimate.org/>

**PACEM, Charlottesville, 11/5/18 – 2/5/19,** PACEM is a local emergency shelter for our homeless neighbors in Charlottesville. Their Secure Seniors Program is a new initiative offering housing assistance to homeless guests ages 55 and older. Through this program, they recently helped a 71-year-old grandmother who slept in Washington Park move into safe and stable housing. The Secure Seniors Program can only succeed with support from the greater Charlottesville community. You can find more information <http://pacemshelter.org/>

**Service Dogs of Virginia, Charlottesville, 11/7/18 – 12/14/18,** Service Dogs of Virginia is a non-profit organization based in Charlottesville. For 18 years, they have trained dogs to assist individuals with disabilities, providing newfound freedom and greater independence. They welcome you to their annual graduation ceremony on Saturday, December 15th at 1 p.m. at the Dickinson Fine and performing Arts Center at PVCC. Graduation is a celebration of the human and canine partnerships made this year, and an opportunity for clients to say thank you to all those who made it possible for them to have a service dog. This is a family-friendly event with light refreshments served after the ceremony. For more information, you can visit [servicedogsva.org](http://servicedogsva.org).

**CASA of Central Virginia, Lynchburg, 11/7/18 – 2/7/19,** CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates and they provide a voice for children who have experienced abuse or neglect. CASA of Central Virginia helps children in Lynchburg, Amherst, Bedford, Campbell, Nelson and Appomattox establish a safe and permanent home. They conduct information sessions multiple times each month all over Central Virginia to inform communities about how they are able to help. You can learn more about CASA at [CVCASA.org](http://CVCASA.org).

**Charlottesville Women in Tech**, Charlottesville, 11/9/18 – 2/9/19, Charlottesville Women in Tech is a non-profit for emerging and established professionals that provides human connections and resources for women and girls interested in or associated with technology. Their vision is to bridge the gender gap in tech by providing a safe and welcoming environment for women and girls to connect, learn and collaborate in Charlottesville. They host monthly meetings that include speakers on tech topics and allow for networking with other local women. Events are open to all women in our community. You can learn more at [cvillewomen.tech](http://cvillewomen.tech).

**The Motherhood Collective**, Lynchburg, 11/10/18 - 12/7/18. The Motherhood Collective is a nonprofit in Lynchburg that equips and empowers women from preconception through postpartum with evidence-based education and social support programs. They're hosting their Fall Labor Comfort Measures Workshop on Thursday, November 8th, at the Centra Simulation Center in Lynchburg. They welcome expectant couples to join them for an evening of personalized comfort techniques for their labor experience with compassionate and appropriate labor comfort skills. In addition to an interactive lecture, couples will rotate through birth simulation stations, starting at home and moving to labor and delivery. Participants can choose from one of two sessions at 4:30 PM or 6:15 PM. You can find more information and register online at [themothhoodcollective.org](http://themothhoodcollective.org).

**Wayne Theater**, Waynesboro, 11/12/18 - 12/16/18, The Wayne Theatre & Ross Performing Arts Center in Waynesboro is hosting Celtic Angels Christmas with the Celtic Knight Dancers and The Trinity Band Ensemble of Dublin on Monday, December 17th and 7 pm. The performance fuses Christmas themes with vocal and instrumental seasonal and Irish tunes paired with Irish dancing and more. For more information on the Ensemble and Wayne Theatre events, you can visit [waynetheatre.org](http://waynetheatre.org).

**Studio Two Three**, Richmond, 11/14/18 – 12/8/18, Studio Two Three is a nonprofit in Richmond that gives people the space, tools, and classes to find that thing they love and make it. They're presenting The Winter Print Fair on Saturday, December 8th and Sunday, December 9th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 3300 West Clay in Scott's Addition. They'll have art from scores of local makers, a grilled cheese and tomato soup bar, portraits with a vintage camera and holiday cheer. You can find more information <https://studiotwothree.org/>

**Autism Society of Central Virginia**, Richmond, 11/14/18 – 3/14/19, The Autism Society Central Virginia is a voice and resource of the Greater Richmond autism community in education, advocacy, services, and support. They're dedicated to improving the lives of all affected by autism, at any age and any stage. They host a variety of programs, including family outings, educational workshops, support groups, social groups, and more. You can find more information <https://ascv.org/>

**Jefferson Madison Regional Library, Charlottesville, 11/14/18 – 12/4/18,** In conjunction with Virginia Careerworks Charlottesville, part of the Piedmont Workforce Network, the Northside Library welcomes you to attend their job fair on Wednesday, December 5th from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Northside Library at 705 West Rio Road in Charlottesville. If you're looking for a new job or new career, you can sit down with more than 15 representatives from a variety of local employers. Bringing your resume is encouraged but not required. Plus, they welcome you to come early at 1 p.m. for a "Job Interviewing Techniques Workshop." This event is for ages 16 and up and no registration required.

**Elk Hill, Goochland County, 11/15/18 – 12/5/18,** Elk Hill is a local are nonprofit whose mission is to help children and families transform overwhelming challenges to successful futures. They present their first annual showcase and jam session in partnership with MIMA Music on Thursday, Dec 6th at the Music Resource Center in Charlottesville. They welcome you to enjoy an evening of music from their students and local musicians, food and local craft beer. Proceeds from this fundraiser go towards ensuring music education for some of Charlottesville's most vulnerable students. You can find more information at [elkhill.org](http://elkhill.org).

**Blue Ridge Irish Music School, Charlottesville, 11/16/18 - 12/15/18,** The Blue Ridge Irish Music School (BRIMS) presents a Holiday Showcase of Irish music, song and dance on Sunday, December 16th at 2 p.m. at the Haven in downtown Charlottesville. Performers include BRIMS students and instructors, ages 5 through adult. You can find more information at [brimstunes.org](http://brimstunes.org)

**Zephyrus, Charlottesville, 11/19/18-12/6/18,** and performance of music from the Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque eras. They welcome you to attend their upcoming concert, An English Renaissance Christmas. In Renaissance England, Christmas music was richly diverse, with chants and polyphony for use in church as well as carols and songs for the home or tavern. Their program includes motets by Byrd, Tallis, Taverner, and Parsons; Sheppard's Magnificat and Nunc dimittis for eight-part choir; as well as traditional carols. Performances will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, December 7th, at St. Paul's Memorial Church at 1701 University Avenue in Charlottesville, and at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 8th, at Emmanuel Episcopal Church at 7599 Rockfish Gap Turnpike in Greenwood. You can find complete concert information at [zephyrus-va.org](http://zephyrus-va.org), [on Facebook](#), or by calling 434-963-4690. Both concert venues are wheelchair accessible.

**Virginia Discovery Museum, Charlottesville, 11/19/18 – 12/8/18,** Santa Claus is coming to town this holiday season and his sleigh is making a special stop at the Virginia Discovery Museum in Charlottesville on Sunday, Dec. 9th, for their Santa Pancake Breakfast. They welcome the whole family to join them for a merry meal and to meet the jolly old elf face-to-face – right at your table! Seats are available at their 9:00, 9:20, 11:30, and 11:45 a.m. seating times, but space is

limited and fills up quickly. Proceeds support VDM's Sponsored Admission Program. You can learn more about Santa Pancake Breakfast and get tickets online <https://vadm.org/>

**Piedmont Virginia Community College**, Charlottesville, 11/19/18 – 12/6/18, Piedmont Virginia Community College is presenting the 12th Annual Let There Be Light, a one-night outdoor exhibit featuring 17 light-centered artworks and performances on Friday, December 7th from 6-9 p.m. on the grounds surrounding the V. Earl Dickinson Building at PVCC. You can walk through a swarm of luminescent jellyfish and stroll through a 30-foot kaleidoscopic light tunnel. A special feature this year will be the Charlottesville debut of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Artmobile with its inaugural exhibition, How Far Can Creativity Take You? They'll have hot chocolate, apple cider and tasty treats. This event is open to the public and they welcome you to bring a flashlight or come as an "enlightened being" dressed in light. You can find more information online at [LetThereBeLightPVCC.com](http://LetThereBeLightPVCC.com).

**Urban Mountain Adventures**, Lynchburg, 11/26/18 – 3/1/19, Urban Mountain Adventures is a non-profit in Lynchburg that serves at-risk youth through intentional relationships, weekly mentoring, and wilderness adventure trips such as climbing, white water rafting, and backpacking. They offer these trips to the public as well and all proceeds go to their youth ministry. They're excited to announce that they've recently expanded into two new areas of Lynchburg: They're now serving Daniels Hill, College Hill, and James Crossing (formerly Greenfield), effectively doubling the number of youth they served this time last year. They're looking for monthly partners to help them continue their work You can learn more <http://www.urbanmountainadventures.org/>

**The Front Porch**, Charlottesville, 11/29/18 – 1/5/19, Registration is now open for The Front Porch Roots Music School's Winter 2019 semester, which begins on January 7th and runs through the last week of March. They have over 72 course offerings for you to choose from! You'll see many of your old favorites and lots of new classes including "The Dreamtime Project for Kids," "Girl Band," "Bob Marley Tunes," "The Roots of Rock," and more. You can find complete information about their course catalog at [frontporchville.org](http://frontporchville.org) If you're interested in taking private lessons, they offer instruction on a variety of instruments. If you don't see something offered, just ask -- they'll do their best to match you with an instructor for the instrument of your choosing. You can email [info@frontporchville.org](mailto:info@frontporchville.org) or call 434-806-7062 to discuss placement and availability. They encourage you to register for private lessons by Sunday, January 6th for special tuition rates.

**Charlottesville Ballet**, Charlottesville, 11/29/18 – 12/15/18, The Charlottesville Ballet invites you to their holiday season presentation of The Nutcracker to take a journey through Lands of Sweets and Snowflakes. This year's production features their 30 professional dancers plus 120 students and community guests from across Central Virginia. The Nutcracker will be held in

Lynchburg on December 15th at the Academy Center of the Arts and in Charlottesville at Piedmont Virginia Community College with eight performances December 20th-23rd. You can find more information including tickets online <https://www.charlottesvilleballet.org/>

**Oakland School, Troy, 12/3/18 – 1/20/19,** The Oakland School in Troy is hosting an open house event for parents and families interesting in learning more about their specialized program that focuses on assisting students with possible learning differences, organizational needs, or for students who just thrive in a smaller learning environment. They welcome you to bring your family to their school on Monday, January 21, 2019, from 10 a.m. - noon to learn all you'd like to know about an Oakland education. You can find more information [oaklandschool.net](http://oaklandschool.net)

**Jefferson Madison Regional Library, Charlottesville, 12/6/18 – 1/15/19,** In conjunction with Virginia Careerworks Charlottesville, part of the Piedmont Workforce Network, the Northside Library welcomes you to attend their job fair on Wednesday, January 16th from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Northside Library at 705 West Rio Road in Charlottesville. If you're looking for a new job or new career, you can sit down with more than 15 representatives from a variety of local employers. Bringing your resume is encouraged but not required. Plus, they welcome you to come early at 1 p.m. for a "Job Interviewing Techniques Workshop." This event is for ages 16 and up and no registration required.

**Greater Richmond Alzheimer's Association, Richmond, 12/7/18 – 3/8/19,** Over 30,000 individuals in the Greater Richmond area are living with Alzheimer's or another dementia. The Greater Richmond Alzheimer's Association provides care and support services to all those affected by Alzheimer's and fund research in search of prevention and treatment. You can call them 24 hours a day/7 days a week at 800-272-3900 or find them online at [alz.org/care](http://alz.org/care).

**Elk Hill, Goochland, 12/12/18 – 2/14/19,** Elk Hill is a nonprofit in Goochland whose mission is to help children and families transform overwhelming challenges into successful futures. Through their specialized education, community-based services, and residential treatment programs, children and families can discover the academic, vocational, behavioral, and relationship skills and stability they need to be successful. For more information, you can visit [elkhill.org](http://elkhill.org).

**Project GROWS, Augusta, 12/13/18 – 3/1/19,** Project GROWS is a nonprofit, educational farm for youth located on 10 acres in the rolling hills of the Central Shenandoah Valley. Our mission is to improve the health of children and youth in Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County. Kids who have a hand in growing their own vegetables in the garden love to eat them. They know that bringing fresh local produce into our local school system combined with nutrition education is helping to grow a new generation of engaged and healthy youth. You can learn more about their events and programming at [www.facebook.com/ProjectGrows/](http://www.facebook.com/ProjectGrows/)

**Charlottesville Waldorf School**, Charlottesville, 12/13/18 – 1/11/19, Charlottesville Waldorf School, located near Pen Park, is proud to be part of a 100-year tradition of Waldorf education worldwide, serving students from Early Childhood up through 8th grade. They have been cultivating creative, critical, and ethical thinking since 1982. They're hosting their annual Open House on January 12th from 9:30 – noon. They welcome you to explore Waldorf education by attending this interactive open house with teacher demonstrations in their elementary and middle school classrooms. Teachers and current parents will be available to answer questions, and children are welcome to attend. For more information, you can go to [cwaldorf.org/openhouse](http://cwaldorf.org/openhouse).

**Charlottesville Ballet**, Charlottesville, 12/16/18 – 2/15/19, Charlottesville Ballet welcomes you to join them "up front" in their intimate studio theater for an Evening of Romance on February 16th at 4 and 7 pm. The performance by Charlottesville Ballet's professional company includes classical ballet plus new commissioned works made just for Charlottesville audiences. They welcome you to bring your valentine to enjoy wine by [Loving Cup Vineyard & Winery](#) and hors d'oeuvres from [The Shebeen Pub & Braai](#). You can find more information including tickets <https://www.charlottesvilleballet.org/>

**Special Olympics**, Charlottesville, 12/19/18 - 1/11/19, Special Olympics Virginia is a nonprofit that provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. They're hosting the Special Olympics Tennis Invitational at Boars Head Sports Club January 10th - 12th. They invite you to watch some of the top Special Olympics tennis athletes in the country compete during three days of round-robin tournament play, a UVA tennis clinic and a community doubles night. For more information, you can visit [specialolympicsva.org](http://specialolympicsva.org).

**The Virginia Center for the Creative Arts**, Amherst, 12/19/18 – 1/17/19, The Virginia Center for the Creative Arts is one of the world's leading artist residency programs located in Amherst. They advance the arts by providing creative space in which national and international artists produce works of visual art, music, and literature. They welcome you to join them on Thursday, January 17th at 7:30 p.m. for a reading by two military veteran poets, Karen Skolfield and T.J. Anderson, III at Riverviews Artspace in Lynchburg. You can find information about their NEA-funded residencies for veterans or more about this event at [vcca.com](http://vcca.com).

**Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College**, Lynchburg, 12/19/18 – 1/25/19, The Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College in Lynchburg is presenting two Spring exhibitions opening on Friday, January 25th. The exhibition One Place, Two Views: John Walker and Kayla Mohammadi features abstract paintings by two artists inspired by a shared sense of place. It will be on view through April 14th. The exhibition Developed and Disturbed: Visions of the American Landscape was curated by three Randolph College students and explores how landscape art reveals the

increasing tension between nature and industry in the U.S. It is on view through August 25th. The Maier Museum of Art is open Tuesday through Sunday from 1 to 5PM at [1 Quinlan Street](#). More information about the exhibition and related events can be found at [MaierMuseum.org](#).

**The Foothills Child Advocacy Center**, Charlottesville, 12/17/18 – 1/15/19, The Foothills Child Advocacy Center in Charlottesville helps children who are victims of child abuse in Charlottesville, Albemarle, and surrounding counties. They invite you to learn how to keep the kids you love safe. They are offering the nationally-recognized Stewards of Children training on the prevention of child sexual abuse on two Saturdays in January: in Spanish on Saturday, January 5th, and in English on Saturday, January 19th. The training will take place both Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Central Downtown Library. You can find more information [foothillscac.org](#)

## Culture Connections Q4 2018

Beryl Solla, Chairperson of Piedmont Virginia Community College's Art Department delivers the weekly arts review on WNRN's Culture Connection.

For the week of October 1st to October 7th.

In Charlottesville, several exhibitions are opening this Friday, including:

The Feminist Union of C'ville Creatives, a network of female or queer artists is hosting a group show at City Space. The opening reception will be held this Friday, 5:30-8 pm. The work ranges in media and style. Local performance artists will be performing during the opening.

The Bridge PAI gallery is opening the Gallery of Curiosities. This community-curated Wunderkammer showcases a wide and surreal range of media, personal collections, and so much more. This exhibition is a deep-dive into the most peculiar parts our community's collective wonder. It features an interesting group of participants including Emma Terry, Cynthia Burke, Terri Long, Zach Worrell, Allyson Mellberg Taylor, Jeremy Taylor, and many more. The reception is 5:30 - 9:30pm.

The McGuffey Art Center is opening several shows including Aaron Farrington's This Strange World in the Sarah B. Smith Gallery. The work features wet plate collodion pictures of fairy tales, monsters, and retaining walls, as well as wet plate portraits from the ongoing film project People of Charlottesville/ Know Your Neighbor.

Also showing is Will Kerner & Rochelle Sumner's exhibit, The Bonnet Maker, which explores the transition of an Old German Baptist Brethren woman (based on Rochelle's great grandmother) and her process of leaving the old order plain culture.

Last but not least, Chroma Projects is opening Embodying a New Narrative: A Visual Discussion between June Collmer and Aidyn Mills. Addressing the issues of the male gaze and women's capacity to alter their own narrative, model, Aidyn Mills and photographer, June Collmer collaborated in this body of thoughtful work documenting the human body.

In Staunton, this Friday, the Beverly Street Studio School Gallery opens The Evolving Landscape: JOAN ELLIOTT. The opening begins at 5:30 with an Artist's Talk at 6:00 pm. Elliot's paintings feature linear complexity and a deep love for the physicality of oil paint.

In Richmond, this Friday, Page Bond Gallery is opening the exhibit DRAGANA CRNJAK & TEXT ME.

For the week of October 8th to October 14th.

This Saturday, the McGuffey Art Center in Charlottesville is sponsoring a community workshop using the mushroom mycelium as an art medium featuring McGuffey artist Cri Kars-Marshall and mycologist Mark Jones. The workshop will be held at Sharondale Mushroom Farm in Keswick, VA. 9am-noon.

This is the final week for the Jenni Kemarre Martiniello residency at the Kluge Ruhe Aboriginal Museum in Charlottesville. Martiniello will continue her residency through October 15th and her exhibit, Freshwater Saltwater Weave, featuring works in hot blown glass, coldworked glass and canes, will continue through January. Her forms are inspired by Aboriginal woven objects, such as dilly bags, eel traps and fish scoops. Two of Martiniello's works will be on view at the Charles L. Brown Science and Engineering Library at UVA this fall.

In Waynesboro, the Shenandoah Valley Art Center is presenting their annual Fall Foliage Art Show this Saturday 10-5, and Sunday 12-5. The streets of downtown Waynesboro will feature 150 fine artists and artisans showcasing their works ranging from painting to pottery. The festival will also feature gourmet food trucks, craft beer, and great local music.

In Staunton, the Beverly Street Studio School continues its series featuring local artists to discuss and share their work. The talks are held on Mondays from 12:30-1:30pm in the BSSS Gallery. This week's guest artist is painter John Hancock.

In Amherst, this Sunday, the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts is presenting Open Studios between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. The VCCA is one of the world's leading working artist retreats. They will open its doors for a rare look into the studios of writers, visual artists, and composers. Light refreshments will be served and visitors will be welcome to take a self-guided tour of the grounds

For the week of October 15th to October 21st.

The RR Smith Center For History and Art, in Staunton, is continuing their exhibition, Vive la France!, featuring 17th Century Maps of France.

In Richmond, this is the final week for the 1708 exhibit Yo Bruce: Gerald Donato + Bruce Wilhelm. This exhibition celebrates the gallery's 40th season with a show curated by Bruce Wilhelm. Yo Bruce features drawings, sketches, and works on paper by Gerald Donato, one of 1708's founding artists. This exhibition glimpses Donato's irreverence, humor and pathos, as well as the iconography, for which he was known. The roguish characteristics of these works are reminiscent of the defiant spirit that inspired these artists to form 1708 Gallery.

Also in Richmond, Artworks is exhibiting Yemen artist, Asiya Al-Sharabi's Trumperie and the Immigrant. This social commentary is a unique perspective to the current political climate between the U.S and the Middle East. The exhibit continues through this Saturday.

McGuffey Art Center continues Dominique Anderson's A Retrospective on the Escape Operas in the Downstairs South Hall Gallery. Dominique Anderson painted two separate sets of murals for the local restaurant, Escape, which closed in February, 2018. The murals featured various local patrons and employees of the restaurant as well as a number of well-known local musicians. The panels have all been assembled for this final showing of this work of art in its original mural arrangement.

For the week of October 22nd to October 28th.

In Waynesboro, The Shenandoah Valley Art Center continues exhibiting sixteen members of the BozART collective. The exhibit features oils, watercolor, acrylics, photography and mixed media. The exhibition closes this Sunday.

The Taubman Museum of Art, in Roanoke is showing *Speed of Light: Concealed/Revealed*.

In this exhibition, photographer Peter Harholdt looks beyond the sleek outer chrome of race cars to expose the graphic mechanics underneath. Harholdt has family ties to Roanoke but enjoys an international reputation as a photographer. Through Harholdt's masterful photographic techniques, he reveals the science and beauty of the vehicles we ordinarily regard as transport.

This Tuesday, In Harrisonburg, The Duke Hall Gallery of Fine Arts at James Madison University will be opening *Record Keepers*, a group show featuring Alix Lambert, Allan McCollum, Aurora De Armedi, Azikiwe Mohammed, Elizabeth Moran, Emma Nishimura and Jo Baer.

For the week of October 29th to Nov. 4th.

In Charlottesville, this Saturday from 10am-6pm, join ARTCHO, an annual festival that brings people together for art, music, and food. This relaxed, family-friendly festival is free and open to the public and will be held at IX Art Park. Expect a wide range of arts and crafts, food trucks, music, beer and wine. Some of the profits will be donated to support Yoga Teacher training at Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women.

Also, in Charlottesville, opening this Friday, from 5-7pm, Chroma Projects, on Water Street, presents two new exhibitions. In the Front Gallery is *Ruminant*, featuring Charlottesville artist, Tim Michel. Michel, best known for his printmaking, is exploring personal observations on the changing nature of time.

In the Mezzanine Gallery, award winning artist, Lara Call Gastinger is exhibiting an overview of her highly discerning, articulated botanical watercolors in *Documenting Fall and Winter*. This survey of Gastinger's exquisite renderings presents paintings selected from the past decade of field work.

Page Bond Gallery in Richmond is opening *Voyage: Paintings By Robin Braun* and *Nocturne: New Paintings by B Millner* this Friday. The reception will be from 6pm to 8pm. In his newest body of work, Millner plays with shadows, light and reflection in night scenes that showcase architectural features often missed in daylight. Maryland native and Charlottesvillean, painter, Robin Braun grew up by the water, and is always thinking about the ocean with a particular investment in the "moods of the sea." Braun continues her visual exploration in this latest body of work.

For the week of November 5th to Nov. 11th.

The 24th annual Artisans Studio Tour is this Saturday and Sunday. This is an annual opportunity to visit working artisans' studios, meet them and see their work. The work is available to purchase. Visit their [website](#) for a [listing of studios](#) and the artists who will be in each.

In Charlottesville, this Wednesday is the last day for Lisa Beane's exhibition, Karma: The Art of Racism and Home of the Brave, featuring work by Mary Michaela Murray, Edward Miller, Lydia Moyer, Yolanda Cole Jones, James Yates, Lyle Solla-Yates, at Piedmont Virginia Community College.

The Maier Gallery at Randolph College in Lynchburg, continues the exhibit, Zeitgeist: The Art Scene of Teenage Basquiat, a group exhibition focusing on the artists and scene around Jean-Michel Basquiat's teen-aged, pre-fame years.

The Institute for Contemporary Art in Richmond is continuing: Hedges, Edges, Dirt, an exhibition that considers how we relate to our surroundings and to each other, whether we are rooted in place or in transition. An international group of artists—many of whom live outside their culture of origin—deploy play, beauty, and poetry to complicate and reimagine interrelationships among nature and culture, bodies and spaces.

The Artist's Palate Dinner, a casual community fundraiser to benefit the Beverley Street Studio School will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2018 from 5-8pm. This year the guest speaker is award winning Richmond based artist SALLY BOWRING. Visit their website for more info.

For the week of November 12th to Nov. 18th.

In Charlottesville, check out the exhibits at McGuffey Art Center including Manuel Sanchez in the Sarah B. Smith Gallery, Lisa Macchi in the Lower Hall North Gallery, Carol Grant, Lower Hall South Gallery and the UVA Student Show in the Upper Hall Galleries.

In Charlottesville, this Tuesday, At UVA's Campbell Hall, room 153, artist Wendy Red Star will deliver an artists talk at 6:30pm. Ms. Red Star is currently exhibiting work in UVA's Fralin Museum in the Reflections: Native Artists Across Generations exhibition.

In Harrisonburg, The Virginia Quilt Museum is exhibiting "English Flower Garden", featuring quilts that explore the visual wealth of the famed English Flower Gardens.

In Richmond, The 1708 Gallery continues the exhibition by Massa Lemu: He Who Gave Us Teeth Should Give You Art to See: A Patois Bourgeois P.arty Manifesto. It is election season in Lemu's home country, Malawi. This is the time when the elites, whom Lemu calls the patois bourgeoisie, finally descend from their ivory towers and get busy in the dirt to campaign for the people's votes. This exhibition will simulate a postcolonial election campaign platform for the Patois Bourgeois P.arty. The installation is comprised of the requisite, preposterous, and necessary accoutrements of the political promotional performance. 1708 also presents their annual exhibit InLight Richmond, this Friday and Saturday on the grounds of the VMFA.

For the week of November 19th to Nov. 25th.

In Richmond, this is the final week for the Howardena Pindell exhibition, "What Remains To Be Seen", at the Virginia Museum of Fine Art. Ms. Pindell, a multidisciplinary artist for nearly five decades, explores the intersection of art and activism. This exhibition looks at the arc of this artist's career through the presentation of early and recent paintings, video art, as well as works on paper that celebrate her singular vision and its imprint on contemporary art since the 1960s.

The Fralin Museum of Art at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville continues its exhibition, Excavations: The Prints of Julie Mehretu. This impressive collection of Mehretu's work in the medium of printmaking. Best known for her large-scale paintings and drawings, Mehretu layers maps, urban planning grids and architectural renderings with whorls of abstract markings and bright, colorful shapes.

In Harrisonburg, the Duke Hall Gallery of Fine Art at James Madison University continues the group exhibition, Record Keepers. Curated by Artist and Master-printer, Anna Hoberman from New York City and John Ros, Duke Hall Gallery of Fine Art Director and Chief Curator, the exhibit focuses on artists who strive to preserve current events and historical ones within our social landscape by-way-of the edition and working with multiples.

Featured artists include: Alix Lambert, Allan McCollum, Aurora De Armendi, Azikiwe Mohammed, Elizabeth Moran, Emma Nishimura and Jo Baer. Artwork by Francisco Goya and Robert Rauschenberg will also be on view to help provide historical context for this contemporary exhibit.

For the week of November 26th to December 2nd.

This Friday, in Charlottesville, Piedmont Virginia Community College opens two new exhibits in the Dickinson Gallery. The north gallery features a group show featuring art work by the Art Department faculty, including Aaron Miller, Fenella Belle, Rick Weaver, William May, Edward Miller, Lou Haney and many more. The South Gallery will feature potter, Tom Clarkson, in a one-person exhibition, Possibilities. Expect to see Clarkson's exquisite forms and surface mastery in a variety of functional pieces.

In Winchester, The Museum of the Shenandoah Valley continues its exhibition Maxfield Parrish: Paintings and Prints from the National Museum of American Illustration. The exhibit will present nearly 100 works from the 1890s through the 1940s, including original paintings and vintage prints. Parrish is considered to be one of the twentieth century's most popular American painters and illustrators.

In Roanoke, The Taubman Museum of Art continues the exhibition, Hear My Voice: Native American Art of the Past and Present, a statewide Virginia Museum of Fine Arts exhibition that explores conversations between Native American artists and their art across centuries, a continent, and 35 indigenous cultures. The exhibition features 56 works spanning from 400 A.D. to the present day that

illustrate the ways in which Native American art speaks of a shared knowledge and shared history

For the week of December 3rd to December 9th

In Charlottesville, this Friday, Piedmont Virginia Community College's twelfth annual Let There Be Light celebrates the approach of winter solstice and the longest night of the year with light-based art installations created by a selection of some of the most imaginative local and regional artists. The exhibition illuminates and transforms the darkened grounds surrounding the V. Earl Dickinson Building for one night only. Let There Be Light is curated by local artist James Yates, whose primary aim is to "re-enchant our experience of the world." Visitors to the exhibition are encouraged to bring a flashlight and come dressed as "enlightened beings," decorating themselves with light to add to the festivities. Hot chocolate, warm cider, and other refreshments will be provided.

The ArtWorks Gallery in Richmond is featuring handmade gift items by local artists—small things that bring comfort, joy and celebrate the season. They are also showing an exhibit by Ola Balogun from Nigeria. Her work includes paintings full of bold, intense color and figures of joy and rhythm.

Chroma Art Projects on Water Street in Charlottesville, is opening Uncle Drosselmeyer's Other Gifts . The opening is from 5pm to 7pm.

"Uncle Drosselmeyer's Other Gifts" ,a reference to the Nutcracker ballet's mysterious uncle, is a group exhibition of six artists who make objects that propose ideas of magic, imagination and transformation. Featured in the show are fantastical "toys" by Megan Marlatt, Sean Samoheyl, Beatrix Ost, Deborah Rogers, Barbara lobst and Aggie Zed.

For the week of December 10th to December 16th

In Charlottesville, the Sarah B. Smith Gallery is presenting it's Annual Holiday Shop. The main gallery has been transformed into a wonderland of gifts handmade by their members. Expect a diverse collection of artist made gifts made by some of Charlottesville's most talented artists.

The Shenandoah Valley Art Center in Waynesboro is presenting their annual Member's art exhibition. This year's theme is: Small Works.

This is the final week for Mountain Mist Quilts - 20th Century Favorites at the Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg.

This exhibit features quilts made from some of the earliest Mountain Mist quilt patterns, which have remained favorites into the 21st century.

In Sweetbriar, This is the final week for the Barbara Minarro exhibit, La Jaula de Oro in the Pannell Gallery at Sweetbriar College. Her work is influenced by both Mexican and American cultures and includes soft sculptures, installations and paintings. This project is commissioned by Sweet Briar College as an extension of the theme "Bridging Distances," which unites sections of the arts course in

the new core curriculum..

Page Bond Gallery in Richmond opens GATHER, a group exhibition of works by established and emerging artists from Virginia, the region, and beyond. The exhibition will survey a wide range of art practices including sculpture, glass, photo based works, painting and works on paper. The exhibition opens this Friday from 6 to 8PM. GATHER features 20 artists including, Tim O’Kane, Alyssa Salomon and Sarah Boyts Yoder.

For the week of December 17th to December 23rd.

In Charlottesville, The McGuffey Art Center continues its Annual Holiday Member’s Show throughout the Hall Galleries. Look for the work of all of their members. Expect the variety of artistic style and media that represent McGuffey. This will be a cash and carry show.

Also in Charlottesville, the University of Virginia’s Fralin Museum presents Highlights from the Heywood and Cynthia Fralin Collection. In 2011, Heywood and Cynthia Fralin, major collectors of 19th- and early 20th- century American art, committed to making the largest gift of art in the University of Virginia’s history. The collection includes works by Georgia O’Keeffe, Mary Cassatt, Robert Henri, Reginald Marsh and many other notable artists of the period. This installation of highlights from The Fralin family’s collection will round out an exhibition season celebrating American art, a particular strength of the Museum.

In Roanoke, The Taubman Museum continues its exhibition, Judith Lieber: Precious Metal.

Judith Lieber created exquisitely designed couture women’s accessories that blurred the boundaries between function and art. Most known for her semiprecious adorned compact occasion cases, her creations also include day bags, belts, and pillboxes. Recognized for both her originality in design and impeccable handcrafted quality, Lieber imported materials for her bags from Europe and then constructed them in the United States. Beautifully detailed both inside and out, each tiny piece took months to hand fabricate with special attention paid to construction including the interior details and hardware.

For the week of December 24th to December 30th.

In Richmond, The 1708 Gallery continues its exhibition: Sable Elyse Smith

For Freedoms – 50 State Initiative. 1708 Gallery, in partnership with For Freedoms – 50 State Initiative, presents a billboard by Sable Elyse Smith. As part of the expansive network of institutions that is For Freedoms, 1708’s role is to amplify the social and political agency of contemporary art in the cultural landscape of Richmond. This multi-site project with Smith is part of an imperative that elaborates on Richmond’s relevance in discourses between art and politics. Additional programming will be presented at 1708 and at the billboard location.

The Kluge Ruhe Aboriginal Museum, in Charlottesville continues the exhibition: Beyond Dreamings:

## The Rise of Indigenous Australian Art in the United States.

In 1988, the exhibition *Dreamings: The Art of Aboriginal Australia* at the Asia Society in New York City catapulted Indigenous Australian art onto the world stage. Thirty years later, *Beyond Dreamings*, explores the legacies of this important exhibition, revealing the ways in which Indigenous Australian artists have forged one of the most globally significant art movements of our time. Curated by nine graduate students at UVA, *Beyond Dreamings* features key artworks from the original 1988 exhibition, alongside recent works that show the continuing diversity and dynamism of Indigenous Australian art.

Also in Charlottesville, Studio IX, at the IX Art Park, continues the exhibit "Dear Lilith, new work by Sam Gray. The exhibit features Gray's figurative paintings which combine a strong feel for color, and composition with a visual nod to the major talents and trends of modern art.

Hear Together Profiles Q4 2018:

**Enrichmond Treelab**, Richmond. 7/20-The Enrichmond Treelab is a nonprofit greenhouse that grows trees and plants in the city of Richmond. In March of 2017, they started growing 800 native trees from the State Forestry Department. Now, they're up to 1200 trees, 200 shrubs and close to 1000 perennials. Their goal is to use most of these trees to replace street trees throughout Richmond. An urban heat island effect is taking place in areas devoid of trees throughout the city, so they hope to cultivate community involvement and work with the City Forestry Department to get trees planted in those neighborhoods. Plants have to grow for 3-5 years before they can be transplanted, so in the meantime, Treelab acts as a supplier, partnering with area nonprofits to offer trees and perennials at a wholesale price. Businesses and even homeowners can purchase from them, too. Treelab applies these profits to their production, continuing efforts to cultivate mature trees for parks and street wells. WNRN spoke with Treelab Manager Aaron McFarland

**Anne Spencer Museum**, Lynchburg. 7/30-When you think about the cultural and artistic movement known as the Harlem Renaissance, the town of Lynchburg, VA, doesn't immediately come to mind. But it turns out, the Harlem Renaissance has roots in our own backyard, which are being celebrated today at the Anne Spencer House and Garden Museum. A Virginia Historic Landmark on the National Register of Historic Places, the Queen-Anne style house on Pierce St. belonged to poet, activist, and teacher Anne Spencer, who became associated with the Harlem Renaissance through NAACP Field Secretary James Weldon Johnson. He visited Spencer's home around 1918 to help establish a Lynchburg chapter, and after finding some of her poems on the dining room table, encouraged her to publish. The house became a gathering place for some of history's most important figures: Booker T. Washington, Martin Luther King Jr., and Thurgood Marshall, to name a few. Nowadays, Anne's granddaughter, Shaun Spencer Hester, is the museum's curator. She gives tours and seasonally changes room displays, staying true to Spencer and her husband, Edward. Every item in the house is theirs – from the products in the medicine cabinet to the slip covers in the living room. The structure of the house is original, too – crafted by Edward out of found objects, like the standout red leather doors in the kitchen that came from a demolished African American movie theater in town. Anne was also an avid gardener, and her backyard garden was restored in 1983 – brought to life with perennials, roses, pergolas, a pond, and the cottage where she spent time writing. Although Anne's papers are held in the Special Collections Library at the University of Virginia, WNRN interviewed with Shaun Spencer Hester.

**Embrace Richmond**, Richmond. 8/6- Embrace Richmond is a nonprofit that's been serving neighborhoods in Richmond since 2005. Their motto is "to strengthen communities from the inside out," by building on the abilities and strengths of the residents themselves. WNRN interviewed founder and director, Wendy McCaig.

**VA Women's Monument Commission**, Richmond. 8/6- The Virginia General Assembly established the Women's Monument Commission in 2010. In partnership with the Virginia Capitol Foundation, the Commission is planning a first-of-its-kind monument on Capitol Square in Richmond that honors and commemorates the accomplishments and contributions of four centuries of Virginia women to our Commonwealth and our nation's history. The architect's winning design calls for 12 ground-level statues arranged in an elliptical-shaped plaza. Sandra Treadway is the Librarian of Virginia and serves on the Commission's Executive Committee. When choosing the 12 honorees, she says, the Commission wanted to strike a geographical, chronological, and occupational balance — and to ensure that the women reflected the diversity of our population. Ultimately, they decided on 12 women who are mostly absent

from history books. It was their goal, Treadway explains, to honor women who had done important things, but who had never been publicly recognized. Ideally, the Commission would like to dedicate the monument in October of 2019, commemorating the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first large group of women to Virginia to settle the colony. WNRN interviewed Sandra Treadway.

**Miller Home for Girls, Lynchburg, 8/13-**The Miller Home for Girls is a residential home in Lynchburg that's served as a safe place for young girls to live since 1875. Their tag line is "changing lives one girl at a time" and to date, they've cared for more than 1000 girls. Licensed by the Department of Social Services, the Miller Home can house anywhere from 8-10 girls at one time, and the average age of placement is around 12 or 13 years old. Most placements come from all over the state of Virginia, although they accept out of state placements, too. We spoke with Executive Director Stacy Garrett for this Hear Together profile.

**Camp Kum-Ba-Yah, Lynchburg, 8/20-** For over 65 years, Camp Kum-Ba-Yah in Lynchburg has been engaging children, families, and the greater Lynchburg community in meaningful outdoor experiences. The day camp offers activities ranging from swimming, archery, fishing, and zip-lining to low ropes courses and arts and crafts. Outside of their day camp sessions, Executive Director Tasha Gillum says the Camp is hoping to make their 44 acres a gathering place for Lynchburg residents. In fact, the camp has a storied legacy of community-building and inclusion; their onsite pool was the first integrated pool in Lynchburg. Lynchburg resident Larry Farmer was the naturalist at Camp Kum-Ba-Yah from the mid-50s until 1985. In addition to leading nature hikes and documenting the Camp's wildlife and animal population, he recalls working at Lodge of the Fishermen, a nonprofit cafe near the camp's entrance that's now known as Common Ground. We spoke with Gillum and Farmer for this Hear Together profile.

**Building Goodness, Charlottesville, 9/8-** The Building Goodness Foundation is a nonprofit in Charlottesville that works locally and abroad, building facilities for other nonprofits so that they, in turn, can better serve their communities. BGF typically has anywhere from three to five projects running at a time, with volunteers pitch in for about 50 weekend days in Central Virginia, and making 30-40 international volunteer trips each year. They concentrate on three main areas: women's and children's health, environmental work and education. They're currently focusing on the rural Mayan village of Centro Uno in Guatemala, which has no middle or high school. BGF has partnered with another Charlottesville nonprofit, the Ixtatan Foundation, and is hoping to solve that problem by building both structures. In this Hear Together profile, Projects Director Ethan Tate outlines BGF's international efforts. We also spoke with David Baluarte, a Clinical Law Professor at Washington & Lee University School of Law in Lexington, who teaches immigration law and serves as the director for the Washington & Lee Immigrant Rights Clinic.

**Montpelier, Orange, 9/12-** , Located in Orange County, Montpelier was the home of President James Madison and his wife, Dolly. Although visitors to the sprawling estate can enjoy house tours, gardens, walking trails and exhibits, perhaps the most unique offering of Montpelier's programming is their expansive archaeology program. Since 2006, Montpelier has hosted a dozen week-long archaeology expeditions per year that are open for public registration. Participants live on the property for one week

and work alongside archaeology staff, learning excavation techniques and artifact types, and participating in digs. For this Hear Together profile, we spoke with Matt Reeves, the Director of Archaeology and Landscape Restoration. Reeves has a term for this co-creational discovery: "citizen science."

**Blue Sky Fund**, Richmond, 10/8-, Founded in 2007, the [Blue Sky Fund](#) is a nonprofit in Richmond that provides opportunities for students to spend more time outdoors. They have three core programs: Their Explorer's Program serves 2nd-5th graders in public schools in the East and South Side of the city; Through their 8 outdoor adventure clubs, middle schoolers in the East End, South Side and North Side can participate in activities like rock climbing, paddling and camping; Their outdoor leadership institute brings together high school students from across the region. We spoke with Executive Director David Kunnen for this Hear Together Profile.

**The Motherhood Collective**, Lynchburg, 10/15-, The Motherhood Collective is a nonprofit in Lynchburg that equips, educates, and empowers women from preconception to postpartum. The Motherhood Collective serves an average of 200 women/month and their flagship program is the Café, which hosts panel discussions with area care providers, mental health providers, and childhood development specialists. Afterwards, participants break into smaller support groups. They have a NICU support group, a foster care and adoption support group, a postpartum depression and anxiety support group, and a care group specifically for infertility and pregnancy loss. We spoke with founder Lauren Barnes, who drew on personal experience when she came up with the idea for The Motherhood Collective in 2011.

**The Letter Project**, Charlottesville, 10/26-, Charlottesville resident Whitney Saxon runs a lifestyle blog and a couple of years ago, she started noticing a commonality among her readers. "Women kept emailing me, telling me about their struggles and asking for advice. I started to realize, even though all of these women felt very alone, they were actually all going through similar issues and we were living so siloed that we didn't realize it," Saxon says. "I wanted to find a way for women to raise their hands and ask for help and then also, if they've been through something hard and they're in a better place, to give back to other women who are going through similar things." Here's how it works: young women ages 6-30 sign up to be letter recipients on The Letter Project's website, and when it's their turn, they receive a bundle of 20 letters in the mail written by 20 different volunteers. Saxon says it's not a pen pal service, and is more like receiving a bouquet of flowers. Saxon mails 50 letters every six weeks. A crew of volunteers in Charlottesville help her go through each letter, reading them all before they're sent out. Other local volunteers host "write nights" at their houses, where groups gather all their stationary supplies and draft letters to their designated recipients.

**Check Point One**, Hanover County, 10/29-, Located on a 33-acre working farm in Hanover County, Checkpoint One is a nonprofit that offers non-riding equine assisted therapeutic programming for veterans, any status military and the first responder community and their families. They also offer yoga and other stress management-nature-infused services. Checkpoint One's model is based on the tenant that clients have their own best solution. Each session is client-led and includes a mental health professional, an equine specialist and a horse. We took a tour of the farm with co-founder and Executive Director Andy Kaufman and Mental Health Coordinator Mary Margaret Signorelli.

**DePaul Community Resources**, Lynchburg, 11/5-, DePaul Community Resources is a nonprofit human services organization that's served Central and Southwest Virginia for 41 years. They have two divisions: a Child and Family Services Division that works with children in foster care all the way through adoption and independent living, and their Developmental Disability Services Division, which has just launched a new campaign looking for sponsored residential homes for adults and children that have intellectual and developmental disabilities. This focus comes after the mandatory closure of four of Virginia's five training centers. The Central Virginia Training Center, located in Lynchburg, is set to close in 2020. Emily Moore, the DePaul Regional Recruiter in Lynchburg helped us learn more.

**Dogs Deserve Better**, Charlottesville, 11/13-, Kimberly Hawk started the Dogs Deserve Better Blue Ridge chapter less than a year ago, and the animal rescue has already helped over 150 dogs in Central Virginia. Whether it's building a fence in someone's yard, donating a dog house, or taking care of spay and neuter costs, they work with residents to provide solutions for pets to live healthy and active lives. In the event that owners can no longer take care of their pets or animals are already abandoned, Dogs Deserve Better offer foster and adoption services.

**Virginia Legal Aid Society**, Lynchburg, 11/28-, Virginia Legal Aid Society is a nonprofit law firm based in Lynchburg that provides free legal services to the low income population in South Central Virginia. As one of nine Virginia Legal Aid programs in the state, they offer advice in person or on the phone, and provide representation in court. They help with civil legal problems, such as access to public benefits like food stamps and social security, and deal with issues like hazardous housing conditions. Cassandra Humbles used Virginia Legal Aid last year to resolve a case with her landlord, and now serves on the Board of Directors so that she can spread the word about Virginia Legal Aid to other community members. Cassandra Humbles and Executive Director David Neumeyer helped us with this profile.

**Emergency Food Network**, Charlottesville, 12/3-, Since 1973, the Emergency Food Network has provided families in Charlottesville and Albemarle County with a three-day supply of food to tide them over in times of need. Families can call in the morning to place their order, then pick up their bags of food at the distribution center that afternoon. Bags are filled with more than just an assortment of nonperishable items. Although EFN does hold food drives and partners with other area food pantries, they also make a concentrated effort (with the help of a nutritionist who serves on their board) to provide healthy, fresh options. EFN is open 5 days/week, 52 weeks a year and provides other resources outside of the three-day food supply model. They have diapers on hand for families and food packages for members new to the area. Board Chair Megan Cloud and longtime EFN volunteer Pat Henricks told us about the mission and how to get involved.

**The Leukemia and Lymphoma**, Richmond, 12/7-The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's mission is to cure blood cancer and improve the quality of life for patients and their families. While there is no prevention for blood cancer, LLS focuses on research and patient support programs. They're the second-largest cancer organization that funds research in the country; Out of the 18 new cancer drugs that were approved by the FDA last year, they helped fund 15 of them. LLS' impact can be felt on a local level, too. The Virginia Chapter has given over 1.4 million dollars in copay assistance to patients and their families

in the state alone. Ria Freyberg, the Executive Director of LLS's Virginia Chapter spoke to us for this Hear Together profile.

**Richmond Performing Arts Alliance, Richmond, 12/12-** The Richmond Performing Arts Alliance has been a resource for artists and students in the Greater Richmond area since 2009. As part of a new partnership with Wolf Trap, RPAA's early learning programs will operate as Greater Richmond Wolf Trap, and will replicate the Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts' proven model for early childhood arts integration in Richmond-area schools, childcare centers and other learning environments. RPAA's Director of Education, Jennifer Maddox talk to us for this Hear Together profile.

**Charlottesville Food Justice Network, Charlottesville, 12/17-** The Charlottesville Food Justice Network is an emerging collaborative effort among more than two dozen local organizations that work in the Charlottesville food system. From community-based garden programs to area food pantries, these nonprofits have come together to create a healthy and just food system for all. In addition to on the ground collaborative programming, the Network also tackles overarching issues and aims to enact policy change. Program Director Shantell Bingham told us about CFJN, including their Youth Justice Intern program.