



The Hampton Roads chapter of our organization showcased community spirit and commitment last month, as members and volunteers came together for the Welcome Home Basket drop-off event. This initiative was organized for the 2nd year in a row to support the efforts of Moms on a Mission, an organization deeply devoted to aiding those in southeast VA who are either currently experiencing homelessness or transitioning to permanent housing after such a challenging phase in their lives.

In a heartwarming display of generosity, 63 of our member communities stepped up to collect donations at their communities, including essential items that many of us often take for granted: cleaning supplies, linens, various household goods, and crucial hygiene products. The collective power of community was evident, with both management company employees and residents chipping in to contribute.



The event itself was graciously hosted by Pembroke Realty Group, whose contribution was instrumental in making the day a success. Ensuring our hardworking volunteers were well-fed and energized, Cox generously provided lunch for approximately 70 volunteers. These dedicated individuals worked tirelessly, receiving, sorting, and packing the countless donations to ensure they were ready for delivery by donated box trucks from First Atlantic Restoration and First Onsite Property Restoration.

A combined \$6,250 in monetary donations were made by Capital Square Living, The Dragas Companies, Drucker + Falk, First Onsite, The Franklin Johnston Group, Harrison & Lear and S.L. Nusbaum Realty Co. In addition, more than 5,100 essential items were collected, bringing the overall financial impact of the event to \$16,600. This directly impacts 372 families in need in the Hampton Roads area.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to every individual and organization that played a role in turning this initiative into a resonating success. It's steps like these that bring us closer to VAMA's overarching vision of ensuring quality housing for everyone. Together, we can make a difference.

