

Earlier this year, VAMA's Hampton Roads Events and Education Committee formed a partnership with a local nonprofit called Moms on a Mission. The organization's mission is "to harness the incredible strength of mothers to serve our local community in a tangible way." They do this in several ways, one of which is providing "welcome home baskets" to individuals and families transitioning from homelessness to permanent accommodations.



- 7,750** Dollars donated
- 90+** Communities that participated
- 50+** Volunteers to sort & pack donations
- 1** Box truck full of supplies

On July 15, over 50 volunteers came together in a vacant parking lot at Pembroke Mall in Virginia Beach. Many brought their community's or company's donations with them, and the rest of the donations that had been collected were dropped off by members throughout the day. Volunteers spent hours sorting and organizing the donated items, then packing them into a box truck. A select few traveled to Moms on a Mission's storage units to help unload the (very full) truck.

In May, VAMA began recruiting members to sign up to host a basket supply drive at their community. Over 90 communities signed up to participate. In June, communities began advertising the welcome home basket supply drives to their residents via social media, email and posted flyers. As the donations began rolling in, the Events & Education Committee started organizing a time and place to collect and deliver everything at once to Moms on a Mission.



In addition to the item donations, the Events & Education Committee secured a monetary donation from several member companies of \$7,750 for Moms on a Mission. So many management companies and supplier partners donated items, money and their time to make this possible and we are so proud of these VAMA members!