

## Volunteers of America Chesapeake Receives \$20,000 Grant from The Hampton Roads Community Foundation

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*Grant will support winter shelter at The Lighthouse Center in Virginia Beach, Va..*

**Volunteers of America Chesapeake** announced the receipt of a **\$20,000 grant** from **The Hampton Roads Community Foundation**. The grant will be used to support all services provided by the nonprofit at their Lighthouse Center location, including their winter shelter/hypothermia prevention programs, homeless services, case management and life skills training.

The **Hampton Roads Community Foundation's** roots extend to 1950 when Norfolk civic leaders donated \$2,350 to create The Norfolk Foundation -- the first community foundation in Virginia. In 1987 civic leaders from Virginia Beach created the Virginia Beach Foundation to provide charitable resources primarily to benefit Virginia Beach residents; together they form the Hampton Roads Community Foundation, established to inspire philanthropy and transform the quality of life in southeastern Virginia.

"This \$20,000 grant will help the Lighthouse Center adapt to changing federal funding for emergency shelters so it can continue to provide critical services that help homeless adults in our region become self-sufficient," noted **Deborah M. DiCroce**, president and CEO of the Hampton Roads Community Foundation.

"The Hampton Roads Community Foundation values partnerships, respect and community, core values shared by Volunteers of America Chesapeake," said **Russell Snyder**, President and CEO of Volunteers of America Chesapeake. "We are thankful for this generous grant that will allow us to serve more men and women in the Virginia Beach community."

Located in Virginia Beach, Virginia, Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Lighthouse Center is a day program for homeless adults. The center offers shower facilities, case management and life skills training, plus an address and telephone number for homeless individuals to receive mail and phone calls. Operating year-round since 1997, the program is available to residents of Virginia Beach and the surrounding area.

### About Volunteers of America Chesapeake

Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc. is a faith-based, non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire self-reliance, dignity and hope through health and human services in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Founded in 1896 in Baltimore, MD, Volunteers of America Chesapeake is one of the first branches of Volunteers of America -- one of the nation's largest and most comprehensive human services organizations. Through a dedicated and committed team of management, staff and volunteers and guided by our Core Values: Caring, Respect, Faith, Quality and Trust Volunteers of America Chesapeake helps more than 10,000 people each year at our 31 programs serving: the homeless, mentally ill, individuals with intellectual disabilities, the aging, those in need of affordable housing, those recovering from substance abuse and community corrections. For more information about Volunteers of America Chesapeake, visit:

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