

A Letter to Our Neighbors

A Word from Our Director

Our community is RESILIENT. We counted the days and we are almost 3 months into the new reality that COVID-19 has created. We see face masks and gloves everywhere we go, but here in North Richmond we also see strength and neighborly love on every corner. We see strength in the single mom who opens her home to relatives financially affected by COVID and needing a place to live. We see strength as volunteers choose to show up every day to lift heavy boxes and serve on our food distribution line. We see neighborly love as residents of an apartment complex go door to door to ensure their elderly neighbors have enough food. We see neighborly love as the children in our You Can Academy grin from ear to ear at each other on the weekly zoom call. We see the reliance and beauty of our community each and every day, and we are honored to love and support our neighbors and friends through this season.

In this newsletter, you will read stories of neighbors loving neighbors - of heroes in our community that load up their cars with 15 meals to distribute to elderly neighbors; heroes who provide transportation to families with no vehicle to pick up food through our distribution line; heroes who pray over our community members expressing loneliness and anxiety in quarantine.

I pray you are encouraged by the strength and love of our neighbors as you continue to read the pages below.

Thank you for your prayers and support as we continue to live into our mission of strengthening the North Richmond. We cannot do this without you.

Grace and peace.

Elise Caire

Director of Friends of North Richmond



Celebrating our Students

This season of facing a global pandemic has put an extra strain on our kids. The students in our after school program, You Can Academy had a strange end to the school year. During the final weeks of school, our You Can Academy leaders, Susan Jackson and Anita Winfield, hosted a weekly zoom call with the kids to touch base and help them stay on track with their studies.

Determined to stay connected, these ladies, as well as our volunteers, made sure each student was celebrated well as they completed school. Each one of our students were invited to come through our parking lot to receive their certificates of achievement, a hot lunch provided by Raising Cane's, as well as other gifts and goodies. Kids that had birthdays during quarantine were given gifts and balloons.

Mrs. Susan and Mrs. Anita have done an excellent job of staying in touch with their students and families, doing regular phone calls and providing valuable information, care, and resources to the parents. On a few occasions, parents have brought their students by in their cars, just so they could wave hello and share what they've been doing at home.

We also want to give a big shout out to our 5th graders and say a special congratulations on all their hard work to complete elementary school, and their final year of You Can Academy!

Our You Can Academy students are so special to us, and we look forward to staying connected during our online summer program!



De'lda and her family decorated their car and came by to celebrate her completion of 5th grade with us.

Volunteers Rock!



Our volunteers have been a huge blessing to help us run our food distribution center on Mondays and Wednesdays. Not only have they spent countless hours packing, loading, stapling, stuffing, and disinfecting, but they have done it with love! We love and appreciate each one of you that have supported us through volunteering.

For the moment, we closing down our signup and keeping our volunteer numbers very limited. Due to the new elevated level of risk with rising COVID-19 cases in our area, we are putting your safety first.

To sign up to receive updates on when we reopen our signups, please text @fnrvol to 81010. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date.

Please email our volunteer coordinator, Sarah Beth Baca, with any questions: sarahbeth@attackpoverty.org

9th Annual Run to Attack Poverty!

Run Around the World to Attack Poverty
August 29 - September 5



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Run with your community, engage with other runners, hear words of encouragement, and listen to awesome music to keep your legs pumping. This is not mandatory but is highly encouraged!

August 29 • 8 a.m.
Run with Friends of Uganda to Attack Poverty

September 5 • 8 a.m.
Run with Friends of East Asia to Attack Poverty

Register Online at: RuntoAttackPoverty.itsyourrace.com

Every mile ran and dollar raised helps further our mission to strengthen under resourced communities through spiritual growth, education, revitalization, and basic needs. By running your race, YOU are empowering people to attack poverty in their own life and community. Click [HERE](#) to register.



Stay up to date on the latest news and opportunities on our Facebook and Instagram!

Giving Back



Since the declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have loaded food into cars, shopping carts, wagons, and strollers of over 4,500 households at our North Richmond location alone.

This food goes a long way to support families who are dealing with job loss, health problems, lack of childcare, and many other stressful issues.

Your giving helps us continue the work and reach even more families.

Click [HERE](#) to make a contribution.

Items to Donate

So many of you have been so amazing to show up with donations as we need them. Here are some supplies we are currently in need of:

- Dog and Cat Food
- Clorox Wipes
- Baby Wipes
- Size 5 or 6 Diapers
- Extra large Ziplock Bags
- Gallon Ziplock Bags
- Kids' Activities and Craft Supplies
- Bottled Water

Donations can be dropped off at 1305 Clay St. between 9am-5pm Monday-Thursday.

