



Unboxed

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*We empower kids with seasonal wardrobes
packed with love and compassion.*

AS THE SEASONS CHANGE

I can hardly believe I'm writing this and it's already October! This year has been record-breaking for Boxes of Basics, and we're just now entering our busiest season. As you read through this issue of Unboxed, it's clear that we're helping more children than ever before. We're engaging more volunteers to make this happen, and something incredible is unfolding—our community is stepping up in ways I could have never imagined to support our mission.

As the seasons change and the weather grows colder, we know the demand for our services will only increase. This is the time of year when clothing insecurity becomes most visible—children show up to school without a warm coat, wearing shorts in freezing temperatures, or clothes they've clearly outgrown. This is when these children are most vulnerable, not only to the harsh elements but also to the teasing and exclusion from their peers.

At Boxes of Basics, we don't slow down when the cold hits—we work harder. We are dedicated to ensuring that every child who needs us receives a seasonal wardrobe in a dignified and compassionate way. As the seasons change, there are more ways you can help, too. Consider hosting a winter coat drive, participating in Giving Shoesday by purchasing shoes for a local child on Giving Tuesday, organizing an Angel Tree at your church or business, or shopping for a child during the holidays.

I am in awe of the response we've received from our community of supporters. As the seasons change, I am humbled to be able to help more children. The gift of clothing provides warmth on a cold day, but more importantly, it shows these kids—who face unimaginable challenges—that they are important, that they matter, and that they are loved.



With Gratitude,
Sarah Tyndall, Founder and Executive Director

EACH BOX OF BASICS CONTAINS A SEASONAL WARDROBE, BUT THE REAL IMPACT IS TO THESE KIDS' SELF CONFIDENCE AND SHOWING THEM THAT SOMEONE CARES.

"I picked up my order of boxes from Boxes of Basics yesterday--7 in total! I wanted to send you a quick note to let you know how much the parents and children appreciated the boxes and also let you know how much I also appreciated the extra effort it must have taken to put a box together for a 16 year old....he REALLY appreciated all the contents but specifically commented on how much he liked receiving socks because he did not have any....socks! It was a joyful event for the entire family to open the many wrapped outfits. There was excitement over the books, the new toothbrushes, new shoes, the pjs etc. The kids were careful opening their boxes because they intended to reuse them to store their belongings and then with the crayons that were enclosed in one of the boxes the children decorated their boxes. Thank you! Your organization is amazing and greatly appreciated!"

"This child received Boxes of Basics help last year and this year she approached her teacher on her own and asked if she could get another box of clothing this year."

"We just received our Box of Basics and had so much fun unpacking it! So many oooooohhhhs and aaaaawwwws! Thanks so much for arranging for us to get it. The winter coat and shoes and everything is amazing! He loved folding and putting the clothes in his dresser. He's all set for the winter months ahead. Thank you, thank you, thank you!"



VOLUNTEERS

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2024 BY THE NUMBERS

1,600+
BOXES

1,100+
VOLUNTEERS

2,930+
HOURS

100+
PARTNERS

75+
SCHOOLS



We absolutely cherish our volunteers at Boxes of Basics; they are the heartbeat of our organization. Whether it's sorting clothing, packing boxes, or making deliveries, our volunteers are unparalleled in their dedication and support. If you're eager to deepen your involvement with Boxes of Basics, we'd love to have you join us!

We are looking for **Weekend Shift Leaders**: We're in need of volunteers to lead weekend shifts, as we have many eager volunteers but not enough leaders for these days. If you're interested in leading volunteers and can commit to a weekend shift once a month or once a quarter, we'd love to hear from you! Contact ashley@boxesofbasics.org to learn more and join our incredible shift lead team!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

NOVEMBER 2
Tranquility Day
Spa Event to
Support Boxes of
Basics

DECEMBER 3
Giving Shoesday

DECEMBER 14
Volunteer
Appreciation Event

DECEMBER 20
Adopt a Box
donations due

MARCH 8, 2025
Duelling Keys for a
Cause Gala



SHOP WITH A PURPOSE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!



Spread holiday cheer with Boxes of Basics! This season, you can make a local child's holiday brighter by "adopting" a Box of Basics! You buy all of the items a child needs and we'll make sure they get to a child in need!

Step 1: Sign Up to adopt a Box of Basics!

Step 2: Use our shopping list to buy items to fill a Box of Basics!

Step 3: Drop off your unwrapped purchases at one of our convenient donation locations by December 20th.

Your generosity can make a world of difference for kids in need this holiday season; donations will be used to help fulfill the needs of many local children. Shop with purpose this holiday season!

SIGN UP TODAY!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0844A4AE2FA1FC1-52000402-shop>





Dueling Keys

— FOR A CAUSE —
Benefitting Boxes of Basics

An Unforgettable Night of Giving & Music to Benefit Boxes of Basics!

March 8, 2025

6pm - 11pm

Magnoliya Grand Manor
7001 Infantry Ridge Road
Manassas, VA 20109

Join us for the 2nd annual Dueling Keys for a Cause fundraising gala! Experience the thrill of dueling pianos, indulge in delectable hors d'oeuvres, a 3-course sit down dinner, silent auction and more! It's an evening of entertainment and elegance you won't want to miss! Tickets are only \$150 each!

Don't miss out, last year's event sold out 6 weeks early, purchase your tickets now !

6pm-7pm: Cocktail Hour

7pm-8pm: Dinner & Program

8pm-10pm: Dueling Pianos

10pm-11pm: Late Night DJ



**TICKETS & SPONSORSHIPS
ON SALE NOW!**

WWW.BOXESOFBASICS.ORG/EVENTS

☀ Make your company a part of the fun! Join us as a sponsor and invite your staff, clients, and partners. Our 'Dueling Keys for a Cause' event offers various sponsorship opportunities!

100+
HOURS

THANK YOU GOLD VOLUNTEERS!

Service Source ❤️
Diane Church ❤️
Kim Lemoine ❤️

50+
HOURS

THANK YOU SILVER VOLUNTEERS!

Maureen Balderston ❤️
Sereen Hammad ❤️
Nawal Hammad ❤️
Priscilla Priestman ❤️
Sonja Tomayo ❤️
Mary Shatzer ❤️

25+
HOURS

THANK YOU BRONZE VOLUNTEERS!

The Wolfe Family ❤️
Rachel Harley ❤️
Patricia Valle ❤️
Dorothy Hettman
Mike Hettman ❤️
Marian Patey ❤️
Peggy Howell-Jones ❤️
Marilyn Dickman ❤️
Ardell Butler ❤️
Terri Davis ❤️
Diane Melton ❤️
Mary Beth Schaal ❤️



GEMS ~ GIVE EVERY MONTH

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Boxes of Basics 💎 GEMs Give Every Month! They make it possible for us to plan, budget and make the best decisions based on our available resources. Our GEMs are the backbone of everything we do at Boxes of Basics.

Want to become a GEM? For as little as \$12.50 per month, you can give a local child the gift of a seasonal wardrobe. We are looking for 500 GEMs in 2024 to allow us to reach our goal of serving 2,000 clothing insecure kids this year! Sign up here: [I want to be a GEM!](#)

💎 Lynne Adams
💎 Patricia Albrite
💎 Monica Alves
💎 Jane Amesse
💎 Tanvi Arora
💎 Kathleen Austgen-Quimby
💎 Deborah Avis
💎 Kate Balderston
💎 Matt & Julie Balderston
💎 Michael Balderston
💎 Maureen & Philip Balderston
💎 Jan Banasik
💎 Lori Biller
💎 Deborah & David Bodsford
💎 Susan Bonner
💎 Maureen Brady
💎 Claire & Russ Brasser
💎 Roxana Brown
💎 Betsy Burkart
💎 Julie Burke
💎 Mike & Kathleen Burnett
💎 Danielle Capezzuto
💎 Meg Carroll
💎 Diane Church
💎 Tara & Will Conroy
💎 Nancy Converse
💎 Julie Coolbaugh
💎 Danica Copp
💎 Terri Davis
💎 Alene & Riley Devereaux
💎 Kaloyan Dimitrov
💎 Walter Dutton
💎 Debbie Eversole

💎 Katie Finley
💎 Carmen Flores
💎 Mike Garcia Construction
💎 Robin Garcia
💎 Georgetown South
Community Council
Foundation
💎 Valerie Gibson
💎 Rozlyn Giddens
💎 Laura Gwynn
💎 Jane Hargest
💎 Michael Harvey
💎 Kim Herrewig
💎 Peggy Howell-Jones
💎 Debbie Jewell
💎 Cynthia Kacer
💎 Allison Kane
💎 Vanessa Keitelman
💎 Karen King
💎 Natalie King
💎 Taylor Lambert
💎 Kim & Gene Lemoine
💎 Susie Lunsford
💎 Tara McMann
💎 Valerie Meale
💎 Michelle Morrison
💎 Sarah Perlman
💎 Gina Peters
💎 Arely Ramos Silva
💎 PJ Raynor
💎 Jacqueline Reese
💎 Anna Marie Robinson

💎 Theresa Roozen
💎 Candee Roth
💎 Haley Sedino
💎 Samuel Rouse
💎 Paul & Brenda Sellers
💎 Ed Setliff
💎 Adelle Settle
💎 Mary Shatzer
💎 Olivia Shultz
💎 Bradley Staton
💎 Linda Tabourn
💎 April Thomas
💎 Harmony Thomas
💎 Dinah J Thompson
💎 Deb & Greg Trnka
💎 Harvey Tyndall
💎 Daniel Valentine
💎 Patricia Valle
💎 Amy Verner
💎 Sheri Winesett
💎 Kendall & Justin Worriow
💎 Carol Zepko



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OF
BASICS
GEMS
GIVE EVERY MONTH

ANNUAL SPONSORS

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Shining a Spotlight on Our Annual Sponsors

We are incredibly grateful for the generous businesses that have made a year-long commitment to support Boxes of Basics. Our annual sponsors are true partners in giving, ensuring that we can continue to provide clothing to children in need, year-round. Their dedication not only fuels our mission but also sets a powerful example of community-driven compassion.

Silver Sponsor
THANK YOU!



www.ride66express.com



Supporter Sponsor
THANK YOU!

www.nwfcu.org



NW
NORTHWEST
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

If your business is looking for a meaningful way to give back, consider joining us as an annual sponsor. It's a great opportunity to support local kids, foster goodwill, and make a lasting impact on families in our community.

Contact Deb Jewell @ deb@boxesofbasics.org

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

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TEACHABLES
Your Educational Supply Store

BRISTOW

Teachables Educational Supply Store

10302 Bristow Center Drive
Bristow, VA 20136
M-F 10am -6pm; Sat 10am - 4pm



GAINESVILLE

Gainesville Pharmacy

7963 Heritage Village Plaza
Gainesville, VA 20155
M-F 9am -6pm; Sat 10am -2pm



HAYMARKET

Haymarket Police Department

15000 Washington Street,
Suite 110
Haymarket, VA 20169
7 Days A Week, 9am - 9pm



RXR3 Recovery Lounge

6441 James Madison Highway
Haymarket VA 20169
Mon & Wed: 7am - 8pm
Tues & Thurs: 8am - 8pm
Fri: 7am - 6pm; Sat: 9am - 5pm
Sunday Closed



LAKE RIDGE

Pediatric Achievements

2239 Tackett's Mill Drive, Suite K
Woodbridge, VA 22192
Mon- Thurs: 8am- 5:30pm
Closed Tues from 12:45- 1:45pm
Friday 8am- 2pm- 6pm; Sun 12pm - 4pm



MANASSAS

Fillagreen

9029 Center St
Manassas, Virginia 20110
Tues - Sat: 10:00am - 6:00pm
Sun 12:00pm - 4:00pm



Potomac River Orthodontics

12701 Galveston Court
Manassas, VA 20112
Mon 9am - 5:30pm
Wed 10am - 4pm
Thurs 10am - 4pm



Boxes of Basics

9239 Mike Garcia Drive
Manassas, VA 20109
MWF 9am - 12noon

** We follow the Prince William County School Calendar. We are not open when school is closed.



WOODBIDGE

Ohana Services

1549 Old Bridge Rd
Woodbridge, VA 22192
<https://www.ohanaservices.org/>
Mon - Sat: 8am -5pm



WAYS TO GIVE

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Ways to Give!



VOLUNTEER

Sort clothes or pack a box for a local child in need.



DONATE - BECOME A GEM!

GEMS Give Every Month
Every penny counts!



HOST A CLOTHING DRIVE!

We have tools to help you collect clothing.



SHOP OUR AMAZON WISHLIST

Includes our urgent needs.



HELP US SPREAD THE WORD! Follow, share, comment, and like!



GIVING SHOESDAY!

Purchase a new pair of shoes for a local child!