

Unboxed

SPRING 2024 News

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

HERE WE GROW AGAIN!

It's incredible to reflect on the journey of Boxes of Basics, from its humble beginnings in my basement to where we are today. Since our launch in 2018, we've come a long way. That first Fall, we helped 43 children. Today, we're packing about 40 Boxes of Basics each week, making a tangible difference in the lives of local children facing clothing insecurity.

In 2024 alone, we've reached new milestones. We have already distributed over 850 Boxes of Basics, a record-breaking achievement for us. Our inaugural fundraising gala, Dueling Keys for a Cause, held on March 8th at Stonewall Country Club, was a resounding success, selling out six weeks in advance and raising substantial funds to further our mission. This month, we've welcomed three new part-time staff members to our team, bolstering our efforts in community partnership development, volunteer coordination, and warehouse operations.

While I get a lot of the credit for the work we're doing, I want to emphasize that Boxes of Basics is much more than just my idea—it's the result of the commitment and passion of countless volunteers, supporters, and our dedicated staff. I'm continually humbled by the outpouring of support we receive, and with every new request that comes in, I'm reminded that we're making a real difference in the lives of children.

I invite you to read this issue of "Unboxed" as we celebrate the many wonderful things that lie ahead. I often say that we provide clothing to kids who need it the most, and while our mission may seem simple, the impact it has on the lives of children is profound.



With Gratitude,
Sarah Tyndall, Founder and Executive Director



EVENTS

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GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Join us for an unforgettable experience at our inaugural Summertime Charity Classic, presented in partnership with Dominion Valley Country Club. Over one action packed week, we're bringing you a variety of exciting events that promise fun, camaraderie, and the chance to make a difference.



2024 Summer Charity Classic

July 20th - July 26th, 2024

Dominion Valley Country Club Haymarket, VA

PICKLEBALL ~ Saturday July 20th 9am

A fun round-robin style tournament. Registration includes two drink tickets, snacks, a delicious cookout lunch and more!

\$50 Per Person/\$100 Per Team

GOLF TOURNAMENT ~ Monday July 22nd 10am

A memorable day of golf at the esteemed private Arnold Palmer course Dominion Valley Country Club followed by a cookout celebration.

\$150 Per Person/ \$600 Per Team

GOLF CLINIC ~ Monday July 22nd 12noon

Want to golf for a cause but not quite ready for a tournament? This clinic is perfect for anyone looking to learn the basics of the game. Clinic is followed by a cookout celebration.

\$70 Per Person

BEACH PARTY ~ Friday July 26th 6pm


Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with tropical vibes, dinner, drinks live music and fun surprises along the way!

\$100 Per Person



**TICKETS & SPONSORSHIPS
ON SALE NOW!**

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

Boxes of Basics' inaugural fundraising event, "Dueling Keys for a Cause" was a resounding success! With tickets selling out over six weeks in advance, 160 attendees reveled in a magnificent evening of dinner, drinks, and celebration, all in support of Boxes of Basics. The highlight of the night was the exceptional performance by two incredibly talented pianists, who delighted the audience with a diverse repertoire ranging from Frank Sinatra to Jimmy Buffett to Dr. Dre. Thousands raised through sponsorships, silent auction, piano tips, and the dozens of new Boxes of Basics GEMS  who enrolled to Give Every Month. All of the funds raised will help support the mission of Boxes of Basics. Special thanks to all of our event sponsors, silent auction donors, and everyone in attendance. We are already planning to do it all again next year and hope you can make it!



Dueling Keys

— FOR A CAUSE —

Benefitting Boxes of Basics



2024 BY THE NUMBERS

800+
BOXES

700+
VOLUNTEERS

2,300+
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! Here are some areas where we could use your help:

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!

Social Media Management: Social media is our primary communication channel with supporters, and we're seeking someone passionate about creating engaging content, including behind-the-scenes videos and interviews. If you have a flair for social media and can bring creativity to our outreach efforts, we'd love to hear from you.

Outreach Volunteers: We often receive invitations to attend events, farmers' markets, and community gatherings. We're seeking volunteers who can represent Boxes of Basics at these events and help identify new opportunities for community engagement.

Teen Board Leadership: Our Teen Advisory Board consists of local high school students, and we're looking for individuals to lead this group, organize monthly meetings, and oversee special projects.

Special Events Committee: If you enjoy event planning, consider joining our Special Events Committee. We meet virtually on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm.

The possibilities are endless, and we welcome your ideas and contributions. Please let us know how you'd like to get involved, and we'll work together to make a difference. Reach out to us at info@boxesofbasics.org to learn more and join our incredible team!

BOXES OF BASICS SUMMER HOURS!

Exciting news! Boxes of Basics will be hosting summer drop-in hours for volunteers 18 and older. In response to the overwhelming interest from our dedicated volunteers, we've decided to keep our doors open throughout the summer months. Starting this summer, join us on Mondays anytime between 9 am to 1 pm for drop-in volunteer sessions. No need to officially sign up, swing by whenever you can to lend a hand or simply say hello. We'll be focusing on sorting and organizing our warehouse, ensuring that we're ready to meet the needs of local children facing clothing insecurity. We're incredibly grateful for our passionate volunteers and can't wait to keep the momentum going this summer!

Last Day of School: June 7th

Monday Drop-In Dates

Time: 9am - 1pm

June 17th & 24th

July 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th

August 5th & 12th

First Day of School: August 19th



YOUTH SUMMER PROJECTS

We love when young people want to help and believe in teaching children the importance of giving back. We have designed a variety of volunteer projects specifically for our younger supporters.

Although we don't have any opportunities in the warehouse for kids this summer, we believe they can make a difference and we would love to get them involved at home!

- **Boxes of Basics @ Home**
- **Host a Donation Drive**
- **Cards 4 Kids**
- **Talk to Your Dentist!**

Learn More!



100+
HOURS

THANK YOU GOLD VOLUNTEERS!

Service Source ❤️
Diane Church ❤️

50+
HOURS

THANK YOU SILVER VOLUNTEERS!

Amy Secrist ❤️
Kim Lemoine ❤️
Maureen Balderston ❤️
Sereen Hammad ❤️
Nawal Hammad ❤️

25+
HOURS

THANK YOU BRONZE VOLUNTEERS!

Priscilla Priestman ❤️
Sonja Tomayo ❤️
Francesca Tilden ❤️
The Wolfe Family ❤️
Rachel Harley ❤️
Patricia Valle ❤️
Mary Shatzer ❤️
Dorothy Hettman ❤️
Marian Patey ❤️



Introducing the dedicated team behind Boxes of Basics! As our organization continues to grow, we're thrilled to welcome three new team members. While our staff works tirelessly behind the scenes, all of them part-time, we're excited to give you a glimpse into the faces driving our mission forward.



Sarah Tyndall - Founder & Executive Director

Whether she's engaging with community groups, crafting grant proposals, enhancing our online presence, orchestrating events, or lending a hand in the warehouse, Sarah's dedication knows no bounds. Outside of her role, she enjoys soaking up the outdoors, hiking, and traveling with her husband Stephen and their two boys, Paxton and Maxwell.

Sally Crockett - Program Manager



If you've stepped into the Boxes of Basics warehouse, chances are you've crossed paths with Sally Crockett, our dedicated Program Manager. From coordinating schedules and managing inventory to overseeing communications and ensuring every box is processed, packed and delivered, Sally is the driving force behind our day-to-day operations. Beyond her role at BOB, she's a devoted mother to her four daughters and finds joy in exploring new destinations and hiking adventures.



Deb Jewell - Community Partnership Director

In her own words, "I've had a lifelong career connecting devices, but I have made a life connecting people. I am thrilled to bring my passion for the community to the new role of Director of Community Partnerships at Boxes of Basics!" Look out for her at community events as she spreads the word about Boxes of Basics. If your business or organization is interested in partnering with us to make a difference, Deb can help you!

Suzanne Galloway - Warehouse Coordinator




A volunteer since 2021, Suzanne was instrumental in the relocation of our warehouse last year. Excited to take on the Warehouse Coordinator role, Suzanne will manage warehouse operations and coordinate box deliveries and pick-ups with our partners. A mother of three, Suzanne's eldest has joined the US Marines and she loves cheering for her daughter, Charley, at softball games and her son, Jackson, at volleyball matches.

Ashley Rodman - Volunteer Coordinator

Ashley Rodman has been volunteering at Boxes of Basics since the Fall of 2021, most recently as a shift lead in the warehouse as well as the volunteer liaison.

With her extensive administrative background, Ashley is excited to jump into her new role as the Volunteer & Admin Coordinator! Ashley will manage the monthly volunteer schedule and volunteer communications. In her spare time, you can find Ashley at the baseball field cheering on her son or spending time with her family & 2 dogs.



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!

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| Lynne Adams  | Martin Dickerson  | Candee Roth  |
| Patricia Albrite  | Walter Dutton  | Samuel Rouse  |
| Monica Alves  | Debbie Eversole  | Paul & Brenda Sellers  |
| Jane Amesse  | Katie Finley  | Ed Setliff  |
| Kathleen Austgen-Quimby  | Carmen Flores  | Adelle Settle  |
| Kate Balderston  | Michael Harvey  | Mary Shatzer  |
| Michael Balderston  | Kim Herrewig  | Olivia Shultz  |
| Philip Balderston  | Peggy Howell-Jones  | Bradley Staton  |
| Jan Banasik  | Debbie Jewell  | April Thomas  |
| Lori Biller  | Cynthia Kacer  | Dinah J Thompson  |
| Deborah Bodsford  | Allison Kane  | Greg Trnka  |
| Maureen Brady  | Inessa Keitelman  | Harvey Tyndall  |
| Claire Brassier  | Karen King  | Patricia Valle  |
| Sherri & Kevin Brennan  | Natalie King  | Sheri Winesett  |
| Roxana Brown  | Taylor Lambert  | Cindy Wolfe  |
| Julie Burke  | Susie Lunsford  | Kendall WorriLOW  |
| Mike Burnett  | Tara McMann  | Carol Zepko  |
| Meg Carroll  | Valentin Pak  | |
| Diane Church  | Gina Peters  | |
| Nancy Converse  | Marisa Raboin  | |
| Danica Copp  | Arely Ramos Silva  | |
| Daily Cotton  | Jacqueline Reese  | |
| Terri Davis  | Anna Marie Robinson  | |
| Alene Devereaux  | Theresa Roozen  | |



Every Child Has a Story...

These are only a few of the requests we have received in 2024. Each child faces unique challenges, and because of your support we can help!

- Child and his family are currently living in a hotel with limited resources to meet their basic needs.
- Child has been coming to school with the same clothing that doesn't fit. Dad currently lost his job and mom is working part-time.
- Family lost all material possessions in home fire and are in need of basic necessities.
- Impoverished family, mom and 2 daughters reside in one room fleeing domestic violence.
- Child comes to school in the same pajama pants every week. She wears one for 2 days and then switches to other pajama pants for the next 2-3 days.
- The family recently relocated and were not able to bring anything with them.
- Family is homeless
- Single mom of 4 kids. Mom is currently unemployed.
- Mother is student at a local high school.
- Dad and Mom both lost their jobs.
- Family is currently experiencing homelessness and is living with a relative temporarily.
- Single mom - with complex medical issue which stops her from working.
- Children and their mother are currently living in a hotel and struggling to meet their basic needs.
- This child has significant medical needs that cause him to fall frequently. The parent is struggling financially and barely makes ends meet.
- Boy is one of five special needs children. His parents are wonderful and do their very best. He is outgrowing all of his clothing and his jeans are unwearable.
- Girl is currently homeless and new to our school. Her teacher and mother report she is in need of clothing and basics.
- Child entered foster care with nothing.





Ways to Give!



VOLUNTEER

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



DONATE - BECOME A GEM!

Every penny counts!



HOST A CLOTHING DRIVE!

We have tools to help you collect clothing.



SHOP OUR AMAZON WISHLIST

Includes our urgent needs.



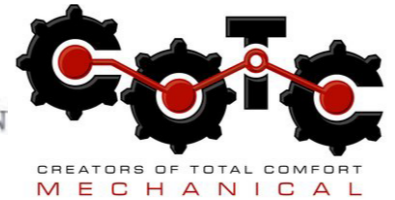
HELP US SPREAD THE WORD! Follow, share, comment, and like!



LEARN MORE ABOUT BOXES OF BASICS

Invite Sarah to speak at your next event; she loves to speak to clubs, groups, and businesses about what we do! Email info@boxesofbasics.org for more information!

HUGE THANKS TO THESE BUSINESSES FOR THEIR SUPPORT!





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DROP OFF LOCATIONS



HAYMARKET

Haymarket Police Department Lobby

15000 Washington Street, Suite 110
Haymarket, VA 20169

<https://www.townofhaymarket.org/>
7 Days A Week, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.



MANASSAS

Fillagreen

9029 Center Street
Manassas, VA 20110

www.fillagreen.com
T-S 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. SUN 12pm - 4pm



GAINESVILLE

Gainesville Pharmacy

7963 Heritage Village Plaza
Gainesville, VA 20155

www.gainesvillerx.com
M-F 9 a.m. -6 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



BRISTOW

Teachables Educational Supply Store

10302 Bristow Center Drive
Bristow, VA 20136

www.teachablesnova.com
M-F 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



MANASSAS

Boxes of Basics

9239 Mike Garcia Drive
Manassas, VA 20109

www.boxesofbasics.org
MWF 9am - 12noon

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



ARE YOU READY TO HOST A DONATION DRIVE?

Know a great place to collect items? Consider hosting a donation drive.

Download the Donation Toolkit Today!