



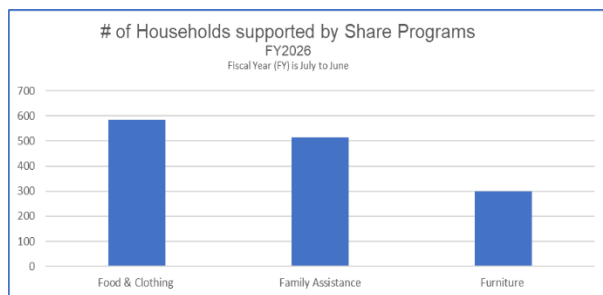
Partnering with Share of McLean: Opportunities for Faith Communities to make a difference

Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in partnering with Share of McLean. Faith communities have played an important role in Share's mission since our founding in 1969, and we are grateful for the many ways congregations support our neighbors in need.

Share is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit and an all-volunteer organization serving low- and moderate-income neighbors in McLean and the surrounding areas. Our programs provide food, clothing, furniture, emergency financial assistance, school supplies, and holiday support to individuals and families facing financial hardship.

Each year, Share serves approximately 1,400 households, representing more than 3,500 individuals across all our programs. Clients are referred to us by local faith communities, county social workers, school counselors, and other nonprofit organizations.



Because Share has no paid staff, our programs depend entirely on volunteers. More than 1,200 volunteer hours are needed each month to keep our programs running. Faith communities can make a meaningful difference through volunteer service, donation drives, service projects, holiday support, community outreach, and financial contributions.

Ways Your Faith Community Can Help

There is no single way to support Share. We encourage faith communities to choose opportunities that best fit their congregation and consider ways to stay engaged throughout the year.

1. **Organize a donation drive:** www.shareofmclean.org/group-opportunities
 - Food: Preferably January through September
 - Clothing, especially new socks and underwear for all ages: All year
 - School Supplies: April through July

- Winter Coats: September through December
- 2. **Plan an annual group service project:** www.shareofmclean.org/group-opportunities
 - Assemble kits such as dental, toiletry, hygiene, etc.
 - “Adopt a shelf” in the Food Pantry by restocking needed items.
 - Support the Share New Beginnings Program by providing volunteers and household items for clients transitioning from shelters into apartments.
- 3. **Volunteer** in the Food & Clothing Pantry or with the Furniture Program:
 - SignUp Genius: www.shareofmclean.org/adult-volunteers
 - Volunteer Handbook: www.shareofmclean.org/howtovolunteer
- 4. **Support the Holiday Program in December:** www.shareofmclean.org/holiday-program
 - Volunteer at a holiday event.
 - Collect gifts or gift cards, preferably in increments of \$25 from Giant, Lidl, Safeway or Walmart.
 - Encourage congregation members to participate in the holiday tree program at the McLean Giant.
- 5. **Help spread the word** about Share and opportunities to serve our community:
 - Share has decals and flyers that you can post on your bulletin boards. Send an email to info@shareofmclean.org and we’ll make sure you have what you need.
- 6. **Provide financial support** to help sustain Share’s programs and respond to changing community needs: www.shareofmclean.org/donate

➤ **A Simple Way to Get Started: One drive + one service project + ongoing volunteer opportunities = a strong year of partnership with Share of McLean!**

Learn More About Share

The following resources can help your congregation get acquainted with Share and find ways to get involved:

- **Share Website:** www.shareofmclean.org
- **Facebook:** - www.facebook.com/ShareOfMclean/

Faith communities can make a meaningful difference in supporting Share of McLean’s mission by providing consistent, practical support throughout the year. You don’t have to do everything. Choose the opportunities that best fit your congregation’s interests and resources. We are grateful for your interest in Share and for your commitment to strengthening our community. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors.

Examples of Faith Community Partnerships

For more information or help in getting started, please send an email to info@shareofmclean.org

Chesterbrook United Methodist Church hosts an annual Easter Egg Hunt and encourages attendees to bring an item from Share's Most Needed list. In 2026, the church also held a "Christmas in July" event that raised donations for Share and other local nonprofits. Chesterbrook also provides space to store Share's furniture donations.



Immanuel Presbyterian Church hosts a fall Food Truck Friday featuring food, live music, and games, with food donations benefiting Share. In December, the congregation holds a gift card drive for Share, collecting cards from Giant, Lidl, Safeway, and Walmart. IPC also has a volunteer team that regularly helps bag fresh produce for Share clients.



Lewinsville Presbyterian Church hosts an annual "Souper Bowl" food drive each February to help replenish Share's pantry after the holidays. In 2026, they also held a "Christmas in July" drive to collect much-needed back-to-school supplies.



McLean Baptist Church has generously provided a home for Share's Food and Clothing Pantry since 1969. The congregation has also been a longtime partner in Share's mission, supporting holiday and back-to-school programs, hosting food and clothing drives, and helping address facility needs that keep Share's programs running.



McLean Presbyterian Church hosts an annual summer food drive to help replenish Share's pantry during a time when donations typically slow down, while the need for food assistance remains high.



St. John's Episcopal Church hosts various events such as a Paper Goods Drive that stocks Share's pantry with much-needed items, including paper towels and toilet paper. The congregation also helped reorganize and prepare the storage area for Share's back-to-school event.



St. Luke's Catholic Church hosted a Winter Coat Drive that collected more than 450 items in 2025. In 2026, the congregation hosted a **Housewarming Drive** to collect household items for Share's New Beginnings Furniture Program. The church also provides parking space for Share's furniture trucks and, throughout the year, provides Birthday Cake Kits to help Share clients celebrate their special days.



Temple Rodef Shalom has hosted an annual Yom Kippur food drive for more than 20 years, collecting enough items from Share's Most Needed List to fill two Share trucks. In addition, 4-5 volunteers from the congregation help in Share's Food and Clothing Pantry each month, assisting with stocking, organizing, and serving clients.



Trinity United Methodist Church hosts several events throughout the year to collect food staples, assemble dental kits, and provide holiday gifts for teens. The congregation also supports Share's New Beginnings Program by working with the Furniture team to purchase household items for families transitioning from shelters to apartments.

