



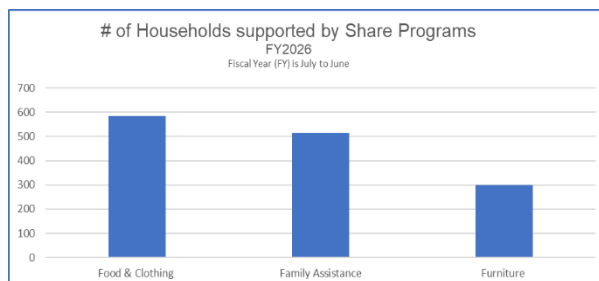
Partnering with Share of McLean: Opportunities for Businesses and Community Organizations to Make a Difference

Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in supporting Share of McLean! Local businesses and community organizations play a vital role in strengthening our community, and we appreciate their commitment to supporting 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. Local businesses and community organizations can make a meaningful difference by engaging members and employees in volunteer activities, organizing donation drives, coordinating team service projects, and providing financial contributions.

Ways Your Organization Can Support Share

There is no single way to partner with Share. We encourage local businesses and community organizations to choose opportunities that align with their interests, resources, and goals, whether through a one-time service project or ongoing involvement throughout the year. Together, we can make a lasting difference for local individuals and families.

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

- Winter Coats: September through December
- 2. **Plan an annual service project.** <https://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. **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.
- 5. **Provide financial support** to help sustain Share’s programs and respond to changing community needs. <https://www.shareofmclean.org/donate>

Learn More About Share

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

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

Local businesses and community organizations can make a meaningful difference in supporting Share of McLean’s mission through volunteer service, donation drives, and other community partnerships throughout the year. Choose the opportunities that best fit your organization’s interests, resources, and goals. We are grateful for your partnership and commitment to strengthening our community. Together, we can make a lasting difference in the lives of our neighbors.

Examples of Business and Community Organization

Support for Share

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

J. McLaughlin at Chesterbrook Shopping Center

hosted a Sip & Shop event featuring refreshments and its new fall collection. The event also benefited Share, with 10% of sales during the event donated to support our programs.



Vinson Hall Retirement Community residents assemble holiday gift bags each year for Share's senior clients, filling them with handmade scarves and toiletries to make the season extra special. VHRC also partners with nearby Chesterbrook Elementary School to collect additional items from Share's Most Needed List.



McLean Community Center and the Fairfax County Police Department places summer food collection boxes in their lobbies to help replenish Share's pantry during the summer months, when donations tend to slow down and shelves need restocking.



Lewinsville Senior Center Knitting Club generously donates colorful, handmade hats to help keep Share's clients warm during the winter months.



McLean Little League Softball Teams shop for items on Share's Most Needed List each summer, helping replenish pantry shelves during a time when donations are especially needed.



Clearwater Analytics has supported Share's Back-to-School program for several years by assembling kits such as pencil cases and highlighters to help students start the new year ready to learn.



The Potomac School holds a campus-wide food drive each spring, with each class assigned a few items from Share's Most Needed List to purchase. The friendly competition makes giving back fun for students while helping stock Share's pantry.



The Rotary Club of McLean works closely with Share to identify its most pressing needs each year. In previous years, the Club has provided a new freezer and other essential equipment for the Food & Clothing Pantry.



Deloitte assembles no-sew blankets to help keep Share's clients warm during the cold winter months.



Capital One teams support Share in various ways: by hosting food collections, assembling kits and school supplies, combining a meaningful community service project with a fun team-building experience.



Salesforce teams purchase and assemble kits based on Share's most pressing needs, such as dental kits, school supplies, or food packs. These hands-on projects offer a meaningful way to give back while building teamwork and camaraderie.



Girl Scout troops of all ages throughout McLean support Share through a variety of service projects, including collecting coats and nonperishable food items and assembling feminine hygiene and dental kits to help meet essential community needs.

