

Words of thanks:

I would like to take a moment to thank you for the endless time and love you put into feeding the community. I think about you every time I eat, or my family eats what you all packed in bags with your hands for us. It means so much to me to be able to go to my refrigerator to be able to open it and have something to eat. Or into my cupboards and there's peanut butter for my child to have a simple treat of pb and jelly.

Why we help:

I volunteer because Christ said, "when you do it unto the least of these you do it unto me". But I also do it to honor my dad, his service, and the mission of the church (Belmont UMC) he and my mom helped establish.

It has been a delight to help the many clients coming through our food distribution, and it has been wonderful to meet and make friends with the volunteers from all over the Richmond area. I am blessed to be able to help at BCRS.

Many thanks to our partners:

- Belmont United Methodist Church
 - Bon Air United Methodist Church
 - Feed More
 - Food Lion, Fresh Market, Kroger
 - Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church
 - Richmond District UMC
 - Shalom Farms
 - St. Lukes United Methodist Church
 - The City of Richmond
 - The Community Foundation
 - The Virginia United Methodist Foundation
 - Virginia Conference UMC
 - Westover Hills United Methodist Church
 - Woodlake United Methodist Church
- And the many group and individual donors and volunteers

BCRS is a 501(c)3 organization and operating under the umbrella of Feed More, the Central Virginia Food Bank.

For more information and to volunteer and/or donate, visit us at

www.bcrsrva.org

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**Belmont Community
Resource Services**



Our nonprofit food pantry has helped address food insecurity in Southside Richmond since 2004. As some food pantries closed due to COVID-19 complications, we successfully changed our operation to become a drive-thru pantry serving 320 families a week.

BCRS Food Pantry by the Numbers

- ✓ 1,300 families served monthly
- ✓ Over 22,000 pounds of food distributed monthly
- ✓ 550+ volunteer hours logged monthly
- ✓ Over 1,000 masks distributed monthly
- ✓ Leftover perishable food delivered to homeless shelters and outreach programs
- ✓ Free clothing available



BCRS' Vision:

Belmont Community Resource Services (BCRS) seeks to join with the residents of the community in mobilizing resources to reduce poverty and build a vital community.



BCRS' plans for 2021:

Maintain our drive thru pantry throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Strengthen our relationships with partner churches and offer them opportunities to sponsor the food pantry on a rotating basis.

Increase our food storage capacity and outreach to the Southside Richmond homeless population.

An individual success story:

One of our long-time clients shared with us that he was homeless, and someone had burned down his tent. He said he was sleeping under a tarp. We assisted him with temporary shelter.

He began working hard to help us with the pantry and to take care of the building. Eventually, we secured funding to be able to pay him part-time. He now has his vehicle fixed and is saving for his own apartment.

