



Hands Engaged In Local Public Service

DONATION RECIPIENT: FACETS FAIRFAX

By Communication and Engagement Specialist Jenny Shaskan

On June 22, the Fairfax Area Christian Emergency Transition Services (FACETS) Board of Directors invited NOVEC Hands Engaged in Local Public Service (HELPS) members to an evening celebrating its 35 years of service to Fairfax County. FACETS works collaboratively with more than 35 faith communities and thousands of volunteers to expand safe, affordable housing and address all areas of hunger, homelessness, and poverty.

During the last two weeks of July, NOVEC HELPS held a school supply drive collecting donations from all NOVEC locations for FACETS. Through these generous donations, NOVEC HELPS provided ten 17-gallon tubs filled with school supplies.

In 2023, FACETS helped more than 4,000 people across all of its programs. This included providing over 1,000 people with safe, stable housing, preventing more than 150 evictions, and serving more than 49,000 meals. These programs are made possible by the commitment of 5,300 volunteers.

FACETS will hold a Thanksgiving food drive in November collecting nonperishable food items and grocery store gift cards. Using those items, FACETS will create bundles for recipients, with everything needed for a Thanksgiving meal. In December, the organization will hold a Holiday Gift Drive, collecting gifts for children of all ages to local shelters and community centers.

[For more information about FACETS, please visit its website here.](#)



Pictured from left, FACETS Development Summer Intern Maddie Khan accepts school supply donation from NOVEC HELPS volunteer Jessica Torres Cervetto.



Pictured from left, SPARC Volunteer John Francomacaro and Marirott Chef "Chocolate Chip" Charlie Zacharay Loomis flip pancakes at the third annual breakfast for SPARC.

NOVEC HELPS SPONSORS SPARC PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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On June 15, [Specially Adapted Resource Centers \(SPARC\)](#) hosted its third annual pancake breakfast, honoring supporters in Vienna. Alicia Lamb-Moody and Jessica Torres Cervetto attended the event. NOVEC HELPS was recognized for its contributions to SPARC throughout the years and as an event sponsor.

The event sold out with 200 people attending. The event raised almost \$12,000 that will go toward scholarships for participants of SPARC programs.

"The support from the community means the world to everyone who relies on SPARC," said SPARC Executive Director Debi Alexander. "It's very heartwarming to experience the acceptance and love at SPARC. The volunteers are so caring and go out of their way to ensure every participant at the centers has an inclusive experience."

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Record \$50K raised for the community

By Communication and Engagement Specialist Jenny Shaskan

On May 16, NOVEC Hands Engaged in Local Public Service (HELPS) hosted 116 golfers at Bull Run Golf Club in Haymarket. Player entries and generous sponsor donations generated \$50,524, shattering previous years' fundraising records by more than \$10,000. Proceeds from this event support NOVEC HELPS contributions and events throughout the year. In 2023, donations went to 67 area charitable, health, shelter, youth, and veterans' organizations.

NOVEC HELPS thanks all of the sponsors and 59 NOVEC employees who made this year's event successful. Platinum sponsors included: Bradley Electro Sales Corp., Burns & McDonnell, Lee Electrical Construction Inc., Stack Infrastructure, Yondr, Elliot, Amazon Web Services, and The Okonite Company.

Event organizer Pam Rochon was honored by fellow NOVEC HELPS board members with a plaque commemorating her hard work and dedication to making this event possible each year.

"Pam's organizational skills could give Marie Kondo a run for her money," said NOVEC HELPS Chair Nan Musick. "Like a good hostess, Pam makes all of the planning that goes into making the event run smoothly look easy. We know it took multiple Excel spreadsheets, phone calls, emails, trips to Costco, loading and unloading her car, and dropping off and delivering items, to make the day the huge success it was. Thank you, Pam, for all that you do. We appreciate you."



Top pictured from left, back row: Rhy Wiethe, Nan Musick, Kim Case-Timberlake, Jenny Shaskan, Jessica Torres Cervetto, Aleda Rojas, Brigitte Adkins, and Renee Barr. Front row: Ally Shi and Pam Rochon



Bottom: Pam Rochon (left) accepts plaque from NOVEC HELPS Chair Nan Musick for her dedication to NOVEC HELPS.

NOVEC FLEET SERVICES DONATES TO NOVEC HELPS

Garage sale raised more than \$24k to help community

By NOVEC HELPS Communications Chair Kim Case-Timberlake

In June, the Fleet Services Department held its third garage sale; all proceeds went to support NOVEC Hands Engaged in Local Public Service (HELPS). The event raised an astounding total of \$24,350. "Donating the auction proceeds to NOVEC HELPS was a joint decision between NOVEC President and CEO Dave Schleicher, NOVEC Senior Vice President of Finance and Accounting Wilbur Rollins, and me" explained Fleet Manager Jimmy Strawser. "Personally, I feel ecstatic being able to give NOVEC HELPS these donations." NOVEC HELPS is thankful to Fleet Services for its continued support and collaboration.

Donations like these support NOVEC HELPS in providing aid to nonprofit organizations throughout the community. So far in 2024, The organization has supported 57 organizations through donations and volunteer efforts.

RACING FOR CAUSE AT THE ANNUAL CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA IN RESTON

By Communication and Engagement Specialist Jenny Shaskan

On Saturday, Aug. 10, NOVEC HELPS joined crews from across Northern Virginia for the sixth annual Reston Museum Cardboard Boat Regatta. Approximately 40 homemade vessels participated in the races held on Lake Anne, with plenty of people there to cheer them on. All proceeds from this event support the Historic Reston Museum in its mission to protect, preserve, and interpret the history of Reston.

NOVEC engineers created the sea-worthy “Powerful” out of liquid nails, cardboard, and plenty of duct tape. NOVEC Engineer Ian Hobson boarded the boat with confidence and competition in his eyes. He won his heat with a time of two minutes and seven seconds.

NOVEC HELPS extends a thank you to those who made participation in this event possible:

- Hobson for stepping up as vessel captain.
- NOVEC Materials Management Administrative Assistant Robin Young for donating the use of her kayak paddle and life vest.
- Pam Rochon, NOVEC HELPS board member, for leading the project and organizing participation in the event.
- NOVEC Engineers Ian Hobson, Ryan Adrian, SungMin Kim, Cullin Anastasia, Aleyda Rojas, GIS Analyst Henry Stepanus, and GIS Technician TC Chawla for building the boat.

This was NOVEC HELPS' second year competing in the event and organizers are already planning the boat design for next year's race.



NOVEC Engineer Ian Hobson paddles across Lake Anne in Reston representing NOVEC HELPS in the cardboard vessel “Powerful.”



Boat construction with NOVEC engineers, from left SungMin Kim, Tajinder (TC) Chawla, Ian Hobson, and Henry Stepanus



From left, NOVEC HELPS Volunteers Brigette Adkins and Alicia Lamb-Moody watch the competition while distributing information to the public about NOVEC HELPS.

Organizations supported by NOVEC HELPS April- August 8

TOTAL DONATED: \$28,200

Organization Assisted	Type of Organization
Specially Adapted Resources	Youth
Reston Historical Trust	Community
Project Big Heart	Community
Heal Foundation	Veterans
VETPAR Inc. Veterans Parade	Veterans
Divine Inspirations	Youth
Dream Project	Youth
National Fire Fighters Foundation	Community
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Veterans
ASPCA	Community
Pathway Homes	Community
Prince William Community Foundation	Youth
Good Shepard of Northern Virginia	Social Welfare
Sweet Julia Grace Foundation	Social Welfare
Willing Warriors	Veterans
Saved Hands Foundation	Community
Next Up Northern Virginia	Youth
Synder Bucks Sport Academy	Youth
Virginia Women and Family Support	Social Welfare
Volunteers of America Chesapeake	Social Welfare
House of Mercy	Community
Art of Life Charities	Social Welfare



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NOVEC HELPS, Hands Engaged in Local Public Service, is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization of NOVEC employees who volunteer their time to help others and engage other employees in community service projects. The NOVEC HELPS board of directors votes on programs and events to support, whether with financial donations or with feet on the ground.

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JOIN NOVEC HELPS



Pictured from left, back row: Bill Bevers, Duane Royal, Zel Phillips, Tina Moser, Pam Rochon, Jessica Torres Cervetto, Alicia Lamb-Moody, John Nguyen, Rhy Wiethe, and Jenny Shaskan. Front row: Brigette Adkins, Nan Musick, and Kim Case-Timberlake.

Are you looking to give back to your community while having some fun? Join NOVEC HELPS! We are seeking new board members who want to donate their time and creativity at upcoming meetings and future volunteer activities.

NOVEC HELPS is entirely run by NOVEC employees and we want to make sure every division is represented. Join us today and make an immediate positive impact in your community. Visit novechelps.org or speak with a board member to find out more information about what we do.

Applicants qualify to participate in NOVEC HELPS following six months of employment with NOVEC. You must have supervisor approval when applying. Once on the board, members commit to regular meeting attendance and participation.

If you would like to apply, complete the [application here](#) and submit it to novec-helps@novec.com.

DONATE TO NOVEC HELPS

A few dollars a month can do a lot of good in our community. You can give as little as \$2 per paycheck or make a one-time donation through payroll deduction for NOVEC HELPS.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download the Payroll Deduction Form.