



HANDS TOGETHER

HISTORIC TRIANGLE

Touching the Lives
of Neighbors in Need



History

- LEAD Historic Triangle's Class of 2013 created Hands Together Historic Triangle, a one-day event to gather necessary services in one place
- The Historic Triangle is home to hundreds of area families who are “precariously housed” or homeless and need help accessing necessities such as shelter, food and medical care
- Now in its 5th year , it is a collaboration with local businesses, non-profit groups, faith-based organizations and government agencies along with community volunteers of all kinds



*No new services
are created – just
combining
existing resources
for better access!*



The Event

- Hands Together Historic Triangle brings together needed resources under one roof to offer expanded access to people who need them, but would ordinarily have challenges getting to all of them on their own. Event is specifically scheduled to be at the end of the winter to help people as they run out of resources before tourist season begins, and on a Monday (the most common day off in the service industry)
- 2017's event was scheduled to coincide with the end of the Community of Faith Mission's Winter Shelter



Services

- Each year, additional services have been added to serve the needs of people who need a hand up, including:
 - Veterans' administration
 - Legal services
 - AIDS testing
 - Bike repair
 - Haircuts
 - Car repair
 - Notary services
 - Photographs
 - DMV to Go



Providers

- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Avalon
- Child Family Connection
- Child Development Resources
- Colonial Behavioral Health
- FISH
- JCC Social Services
- JC Lions Club
- JCC Housing Department
- Lackey Free Clinic
- Literacy for Life
- Meals on Wheels
- Olde Towne Medical Clinic
- Sentara Medical Group
- Salvation Army Social Services and Transitional Housing
- City of Williamsburg social services
- WJCC school district
- Community Action Agency
- York-Poquoson Social services
- Williamsburg Farmers Market
- Williamsburg Regional Library
- Veterans Homeless Outreach
- Thomas Nelson Dental students
- VEC
- YMCA
- WATA



Guests

- This event is not open to the public, per se – it’s advertised directly through the social services networks including the United Way
- Postcards are given to all social service agencies to share with their clients, as determined by the case worker
- No person in need will be turned away
- The intake process is managed by trained United Way staffers
- Not just the stereotypical “homeless” but also people living in temporary housing or who are paycheck to paycheck



Responding to Needs

- Lunch is provided during the event and guests and navigators share their meal at the same time
- Each guest is able to select items from the “store” at no charge, including toiletries, gift cards, clothing, hygiene products and food
- Child care is provided for the day of the event so adults can focus on their navigation to necessary booths
- Guests Save the Date postcards serve as their bus tickets for the day to attend the event, thanks to a partnership with WATA



Navigators

- One of the most important roles is the navigators who are paired with our guests to help them find the booths of the services they need
 - We have recruited more than 300 volunteers for each event
- Navigators receive training prior to the event
- Navigators feel that they are doing something useful to help the homeless, replacing a sense of futility
- The benefit is not just for the guests though, navigators often report feeling a sense of empathy that they didn't have before
- We are always looking for navigators with foreign language skills



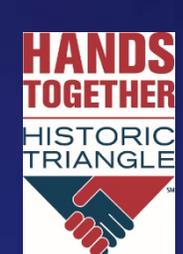
How to Help

- Volunteer to help plan the event
- Volunteer the day of the event
- Donate money
- Donate non-perishable food
- Bring your organization to volunteer together
- Connect us with services that are needed by this population
- Raise awareness of homelessness in the greater Williamsburg area

**THANKS FOR
YOUR DONATION**



The 2017 event is
March 20th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
at
Quarterpath Recreation Center off Page
Street / Route 60.



*We thank you for what
your hands
bring to share with our
neighbors in need.*

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