



Hands Engaged In Local Public Service

SPOTLIGHT ON HELPS DONATION RECIPIENT: HOUSE OF MERCY

By Communication and Engagement Specialist Jenny Shaskan

On Feb. 28, [House of Mercy](#) invited NOVEC HELPS members for a tour of its Manassas facilities to gain insight into its programs. Founded in 2005, House of Mercy is a nonprofit organization addressing poverty in the Prince William community. Services provided include a food pantry, adult education, a community thrift store, and resources for other essentials.

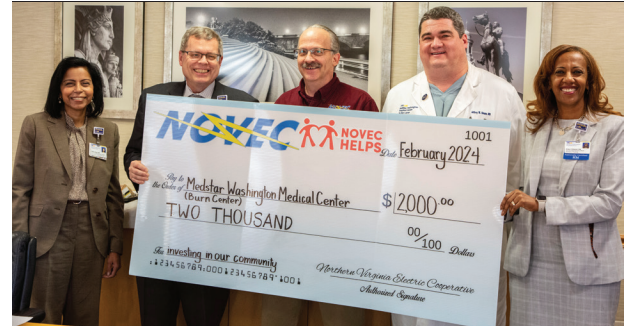
Through the efforts of over 500 volunteers, House of Mercy assisted more than 50,000 people with food insecurity in 2023. That number is expected to grow this year as the community's needs grow. This assistance is made possible by the support of donors throughout the community, including NOVEC HELPS. NOVEC HELPS has donated \$1,500 to House of Mercy.

During the tour, House of Mercy Outreach Coordinator Rebecca Wire led NOVEC HELPS members Nan Musick, Duane Royal, Rhy Wiethe, Brigitte Adkins, and Jenny Shaskan through the organization's three key areas. Starting in the food donation center, Wire informed the group about soaring demand, the need for expanding storage space, and the distribution process. Clients can "shop" for groceries from the donated items according to their family's needs.

Then Wire escorted the group to the donation center for the thrift store located at 8170 Flannery Ct. in Manassas. From clothing to furniture to household items, the warehouse was filled with items currently being sorted on their way to the store floor.

The tour concluded in the thrift store. House of Mercy clients may shop at the thrift store free of charge and members of the community are welcome to purchase items as well. All proceeds go to House of Mercy. An altar sits in the back where they hold Catholic Mass weekly, but also where many visit for personal moments of reflection, peace, and enlightenment.

Customer Care Manager and NOVEC HELPS member Duane Royal reflected on the visit, stating "It is a great feeling to be able to give back to the community that you serve," he said. "During our tour of the House of Mercy, we were able to see how they provide emotionally, spiritually, and physically to the needs of their clients, our neighbors."



Pictured from left, Saira Aslam, Medstar senior vice president and chief operating officer; Dr. Gregory Argyros, Medstar president; Shawn Davis, NOVEC manager of risk management, safety, and security; Dr. Jeffrey Shupp, chief of burn surgery and medical director of Medstar's Burn Center; and Ariam Yibarek, RN, Medstar's chief nursing officer.

NOVEC AND NOVEC HELPS DONATE TO MEDSTAR WASHINGTON MEDICAL BURN CENTER

By Senior Communications Specialist Robin Earl

In recognition of Burn Awareness Week, observed in February, NOVEC and NOVEC HELPS teamed up to donate \$2,000 to [MedStar Washington Hospital Center's Burn Center](#). MedStar is the only adult burn treatment center in the Washington Metropolitan area, serving the District of Columbia, southern Maryland, Northern Virginia, and eastern West Virginia.

The NOVEC and NOVEC HELPS contributions of \$1,000 apiece will go toward construction currently underway at the MedStar Burn Center, which includes renovations in the hospital's Burn Intensive Care Unit.

"We hope that our employees will never have to use the burn center but, if any of NOVEC's lineworkers are hurt in an electrical accident, this is where they would go for help," explained NOVEC's Manager of Risk Management, Safety, and Security Shawn Davis.

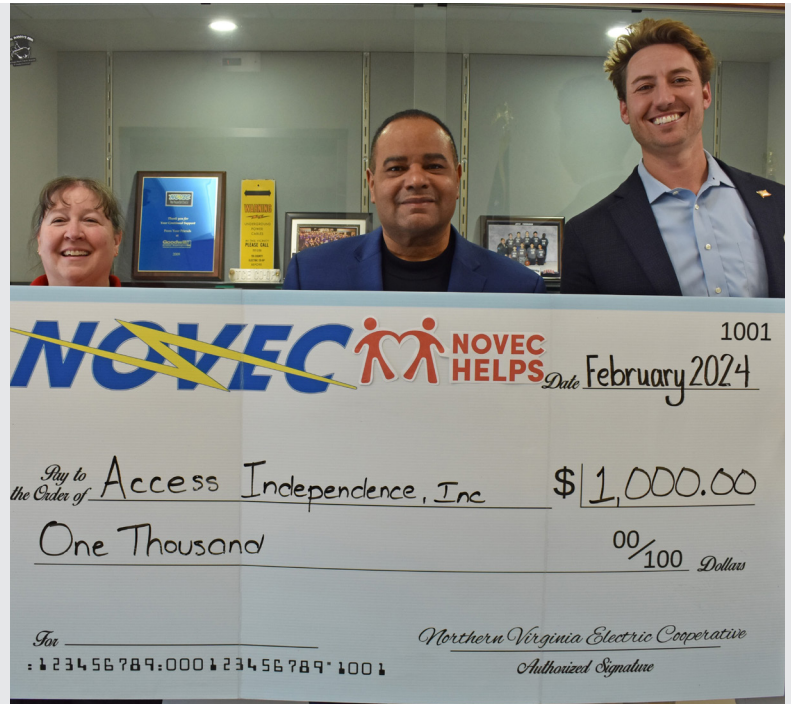
ACCESS INDEPENDENCE INC. DONATION

By Communication and Engagement Specialist Jenny Shaskan

In February, NOVEC HELPS donated \$1,000 to [Access Independence Inc.](#) in Winchester.

Founded in 1985, this organization promotes independent living by providing services and resources that enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities living in the northern Shenandoah Valley area.

“We have over 600 clients and through fundraising efforts and generous donors like NOVEC HELPS, we are able to provide clients with free wheelchairs, walkers, shower handles, canes, knee scooters, bedside toilets, shower chairs, and in some cases, ramps,” said Access Independence Executive Director Charles Harbaugh IV. “Thank you to NOVEC HELPS for helping us achieve this dream!”



Pictured from left, Engineer Pam Rochon, Customer Care Manager Duane Royal, and Access Independence Executive Director Charles Harbaugh IV.

SAVE THE DATE FOR ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

By Communication and Engagement Specialist Jenny Shaskan

NOVEC HELPS is hosting its annual Charity Fundraiser Golf Tournament on **Thursday, May 16**. This year, the tournament will be at **Bull Run Golf Club, 1500 Bull Run Estates Dr. in Haymarket**. A lunch buffet with awards and prizes will take place after the tournament.

- Volunteers must arrive at the club by **7 a.m.**
- Registration begins at **7:30 a.m.**
- The tournament begins with a shotgun start at **8:30 a.m.**

“The annual charity golf tournament is our biggest fundraiser,” says NOVEC HELPS Chair Nan Musick. “Money contributed by sponsors and golfers helps us support dozens of community and charitable organizations throughout the year.”

If you are interested in playing in this year’s tournament, please reach out to Pam Rochon at prochon@novec.com for more details.

NOVEC HELPS will donate proceeds from the tournament to charitable organizations throughout the community.



Golfers putting on the green at the 2023 NOVEC HELPS Golf Tournament.

NOVEC HELPS SPONSORS INAUGURAL DUELING KEYS FOR A CAUSE GALA

Raised Over \$50,000 for Boxes of Basics

By NOVEC HELPS Communications Chair Kim Case- Timberlake

On March 8, NOVEC HELPS was a primary sponsor for the inaugural fundraising gala, Dueling Keys for a Cause. This event raised over \$50,000 for [Boxes of Basics](#), which provides clothing to children in need in our community..

This organization works with school counselors, social workers, faith leaders, and human services agencies to provide children in need with stylish, quality clothing. To date, Boxes of Basics has helped more than 3,000 local children gain access to seasonable, quality clothing. Each Box of Basics contains school outfits, play clothes, pajamas, new socks, shoes, underwear, a winter coat, and more. The goal is to not only have kids properly clothed, but also have children gain confidence so they can thrive in their daily lives.



Pictured from left, Attendee Kelly Haneklau, NOVEC Customer Service Representative Jessica Torres Cervetto, and Attendee Karen Propherer



Pictured from left, Boxes of Basics Volunteers Brynn Crockett and Boxes of Basics Program Manager Sally Crockett.

"Participating at the fundraiser gala was an amazing way to give back to a worthy organization," said NOVEC HELPS member, Jessica Torres Cervetto. "It was a rewarding experience to get together with like-minded people in an effort to raise money to help our community."

"We are incredibly grateful for the unwavering support of our sponsor, NOVEC HELPS," said Boxes of Basics Executive Director Sarah Tyndall. "We understand that support from our sponsors is paramount and NOVEC HELPS has exemplified this belief by coming alongside us in our mission to address clothing insecurity within our community," she said.

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. Return to Tracy Gibson at tgibson@novec.com



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NOVEC HELPS (Hands Engaged in Local Public Service) is a non-profit, 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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Organizations Supported by NOVEC HELPS January-April 8

Organization Assisted	Type of Organization
Special Olympics	Community
Summer Grace Foundation	Community
Young Kings Movement	Youth
Medstar Washington Hospital Center	Health
Ohana Services	Youth
Pinebrook Elementary Parent Teacher Association STEAM Event	Youth
American Heart Association	Community
Mercy Home for Boys and Girls	Community
House of Mercy	Community
Virginia Shooting Sports Association Crush'n Clays	Community
Northern Virginia Family Service	Community
Battlefield Fellowship of Christian Athletes Bass Fishing Tournament	Community
Gainesville High School Parent Teacher Organization Cardinal 5K	Youth
Shriner's Children's Hospital	Social Welfare
Prince William County League of Women Voters	Community
Fallen Linemen Foundation	Community
Virginia Women and Family Support Breaking the Cycle Conference	Social Welfare
The Arc of Loudoun	Youth
Prince William County Police Association	Community
Yorkshire Volunteer Fire Department Car Show Fundraiser	Youth
Christ Church Cares Food Pantry	Social Welfare
FACETS Cares Food Pantry	Social Welfare
Fauquier Livestock Sale	Community
Children's National Hospital Foundation	Social Welfare
Retired Police Canine Foundation	Community
Bedford Boys Tribute Center	Community
Food for the Poor	Social Welfare

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Joshua's Hands	Community
Semper K9 Assistance Dogs	Community
Upside Down Moments	Social Welfare
Boys and Girls Club Fauquier	Social Welfare
Gracing Spaces	Social Welfare
Britepaths	Social Welfare
TOTAL DONATED: \$24,950	

JOIN NOVEC HELPS TODAY



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. Pictured are from left 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.