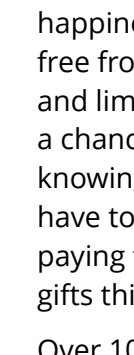




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Store News

Santa's Workshop

Each year at Women Giving Back Santa's Workshop, volunteers and homeless families come together to celebrate the joyous and magical spirit of the holidays.

The philosophy behind Santa's Workshop allows mothers the option to choose gifts and bicycles, empowering them and allowing them to contribute to their children's happiness and quality of life, free from financial concerns and limitations. It gives moms a chance to be Santa. We love knowing that they will not have to choose between paying for basic necessities or gifts this year.

Over 100 volunteer "elves" braved the first snow of the season. Carolers from Capital Harmonica Club greeted families with holiday melodies as they made their way in.

Children got to meet Santa and make crafts that they can give to parents, teachers, friends and other loved ones. Meanwhile, moms got to "shop" from thousands of new toys, bikes and other gifts collected from generous donors throughout the region.

Northern Virginia is known for its high household incomes, but the level of poverty is increasing with almost 140,000 people across the region living in poverty. Families experiencing homelessness or extreme poverty often do not have the chance to spend time with their children outside of the stress of their everyday lives and are not able to give their children the same experiences as their peers. These families need support systems and that is why we continue to do what we do.

Each year Santa's Workshop serves over 600 children through referrals from shelters, transitional housing and human services programs, medical facilities, schools, government agencies.

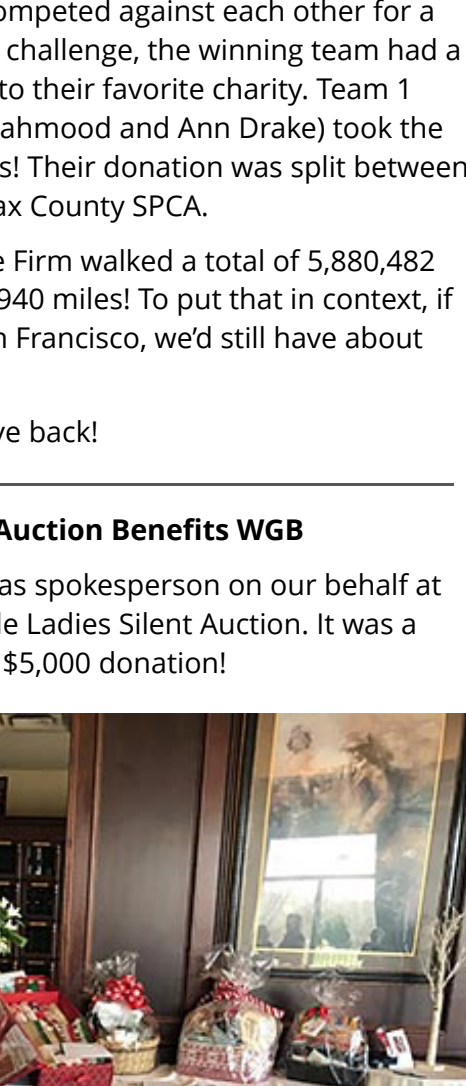
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WGB Helps Sterling Fire Victims

WGB volunteers loaded up two car loads of clothes for 17 Sterling residents that were displaced due to a house fire on Sunday. WGB also provided holiday toys for the 7 children.

[Loudoun Times-Mirror story](#)



FitBit Challenge

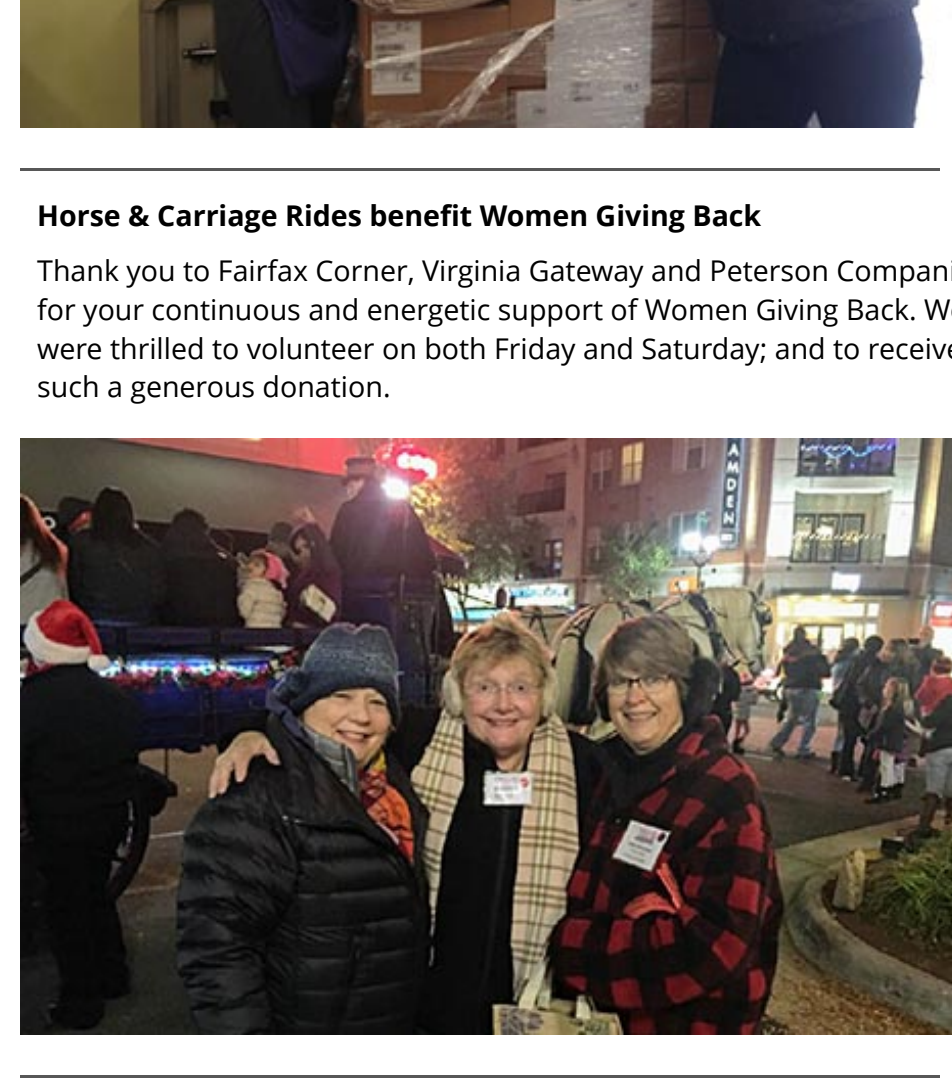
On October 1st, [ShounBach Law Firm](#) started an interoffice FitBit challenge. In teams of five, they competed against each other for a total of 4 weeks. At the end of the challenge, the winning team had a contribution made from the Firm to their favorite charity. Team 1 (Dan Schy, Patricia Palmer, Hira Mahmood and Ann Drake) took the lead with a total of 1,525,139 steps! Their donation was split between Women Giving Back and the Fairfax County SPCA.

By the end of the competition, the Firm walked a total of 5,880,482 steps which roughly equates to 2,940 miles! To put that in context, if they walked from our office to San Francisco, we'd still have about 150 miles to spare.

What a cool idea to stay fit and give back!

Westwood 9-Hole Ladies Silent Auction Benefits WGB

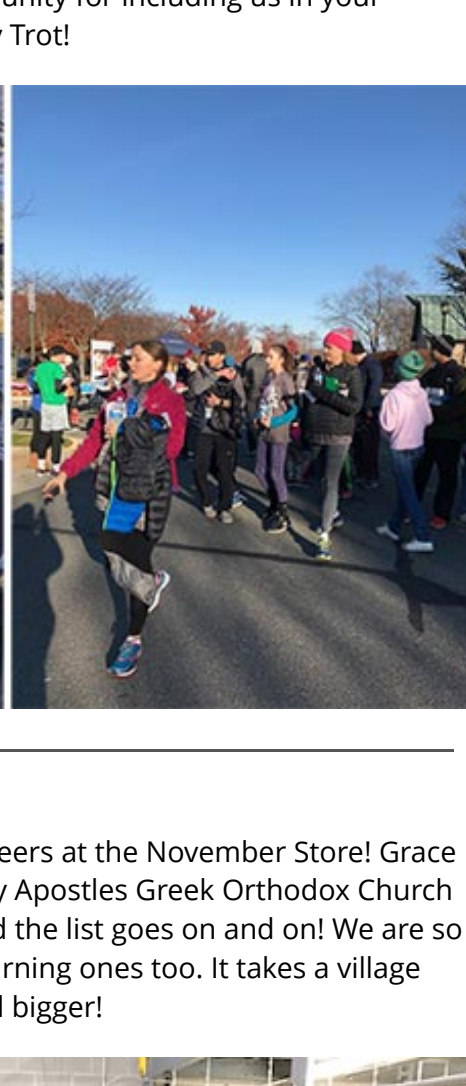
WGB's own Diane Du Bois served as spokesperson on our behalf at the Westwood Country Club 9-Hole Ladies Silent Auction. It was a huge success. Thank you for your \$5,000 donation!



Christmas Came Early for WGB

Sue Bills, TJ Maxx District Manager presented WGB with a Foundation Grant check for \$9,000 on behalf of the TJX Foundation.

A huge thank you to Sue, Rashanna Jackson and Aisha Yasin for making this happen for us. They believe deeply in our mission and in what we do to help those most in need in our community so they can be safe, secure and thrive.

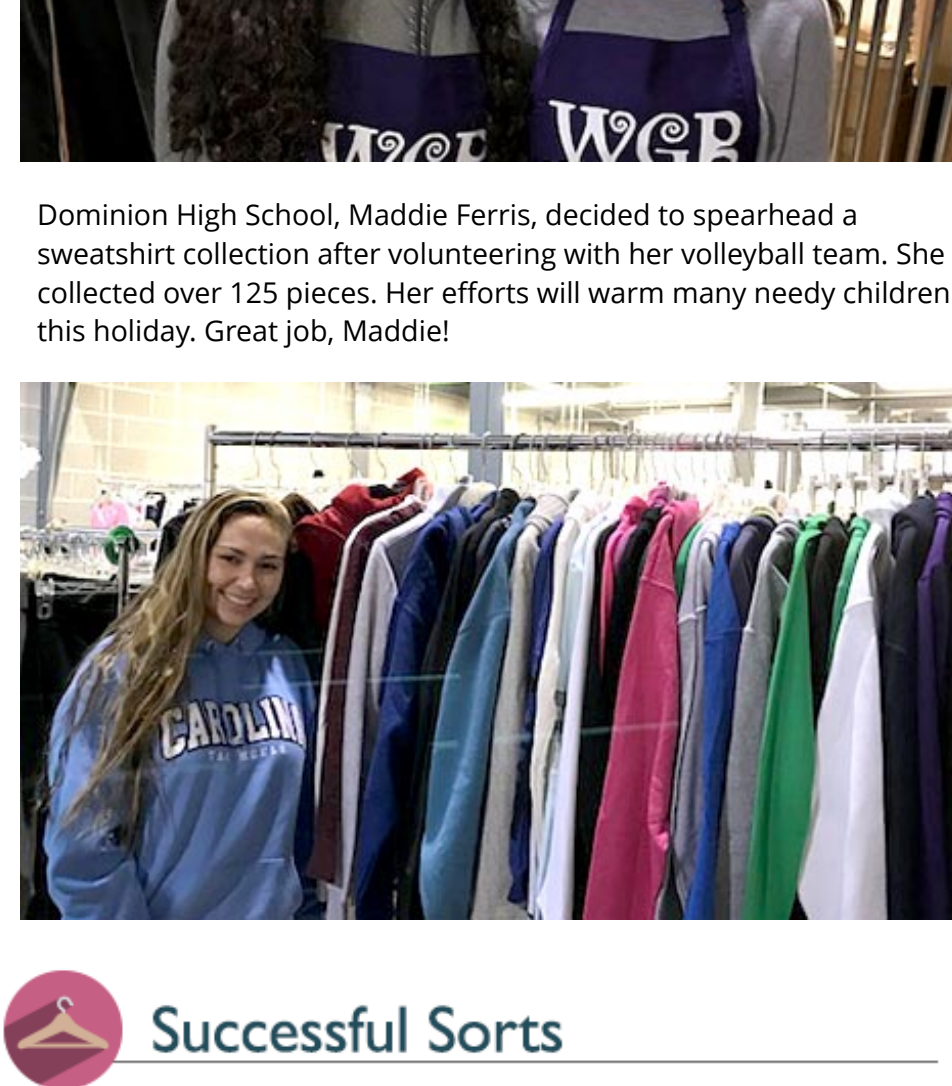


Ingrid & Isabel, a maternity clothing designer whose line can be found at Target shipped us 33 boxes of maternity clothes, including nursing bras and Bellabands. We will be able to serve so many expecting mothers in crisis at our boutique and through one of our partners Birthright of Loudoun.



Horse & Carriage Rides benefit Women Giving Back

Thank you to Fairfax Corner, Virginia Gateway and Peterson Companies for your continuous and energetic support of Women Giving Back. We were thrilled to volunteer on both Friday and Saturday; and to receive such a generous donation.



5K Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot benefits Women Giving Back

Thanks to the Landsdowne community for including us in your efforts to host a successful Turkey Trot!



November Store

Thanks to our many, many volunteers at the November Store! Grace Covenant Church, first timers Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church and Christ Star Church of God and the list goes on and on! We are so grateful to see new faces and returning ones too. It takes a village and ours keeps getting bigger and bigger!

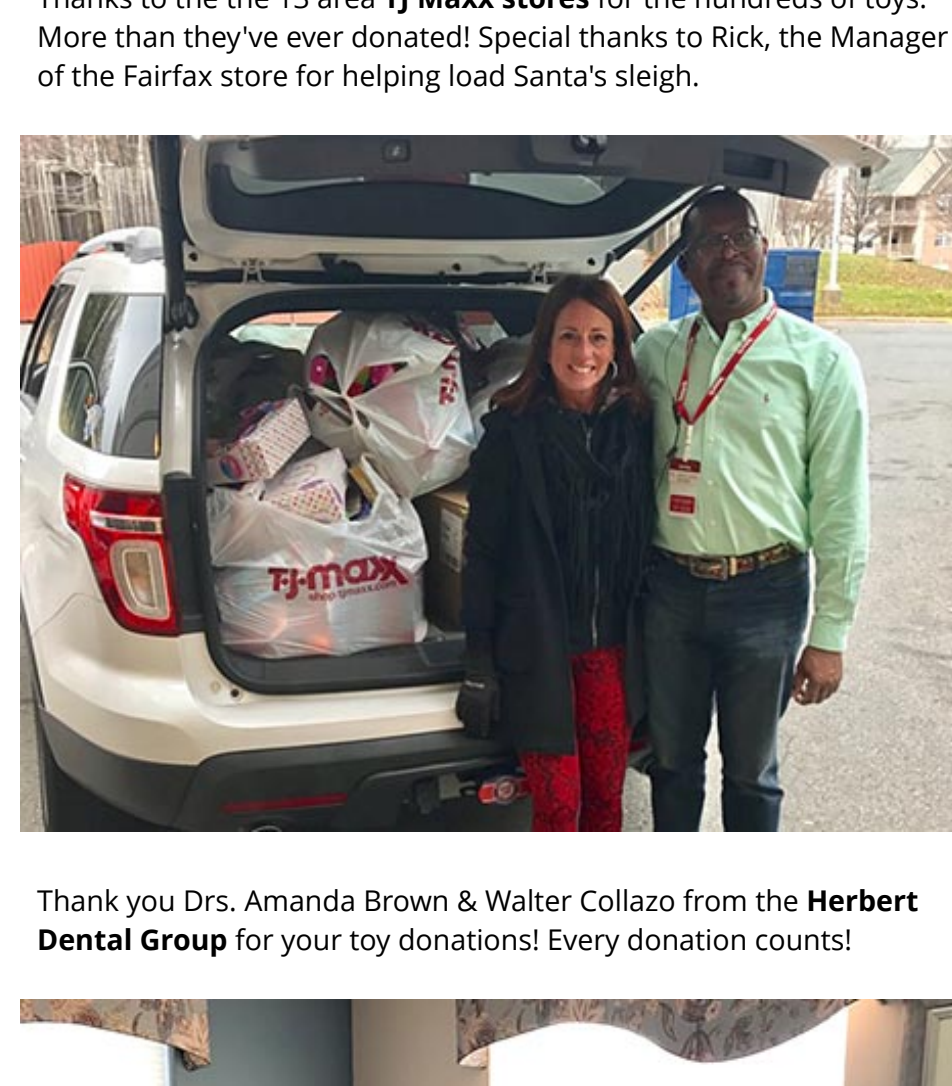


Dominion High School, Maddie Ferris, decided to spearhead a sweatshirt collection after volunteering with her volleyball team. She collected over 125 pieces. Her efforts will warm many needy children this holiday. Great job, Maddie!

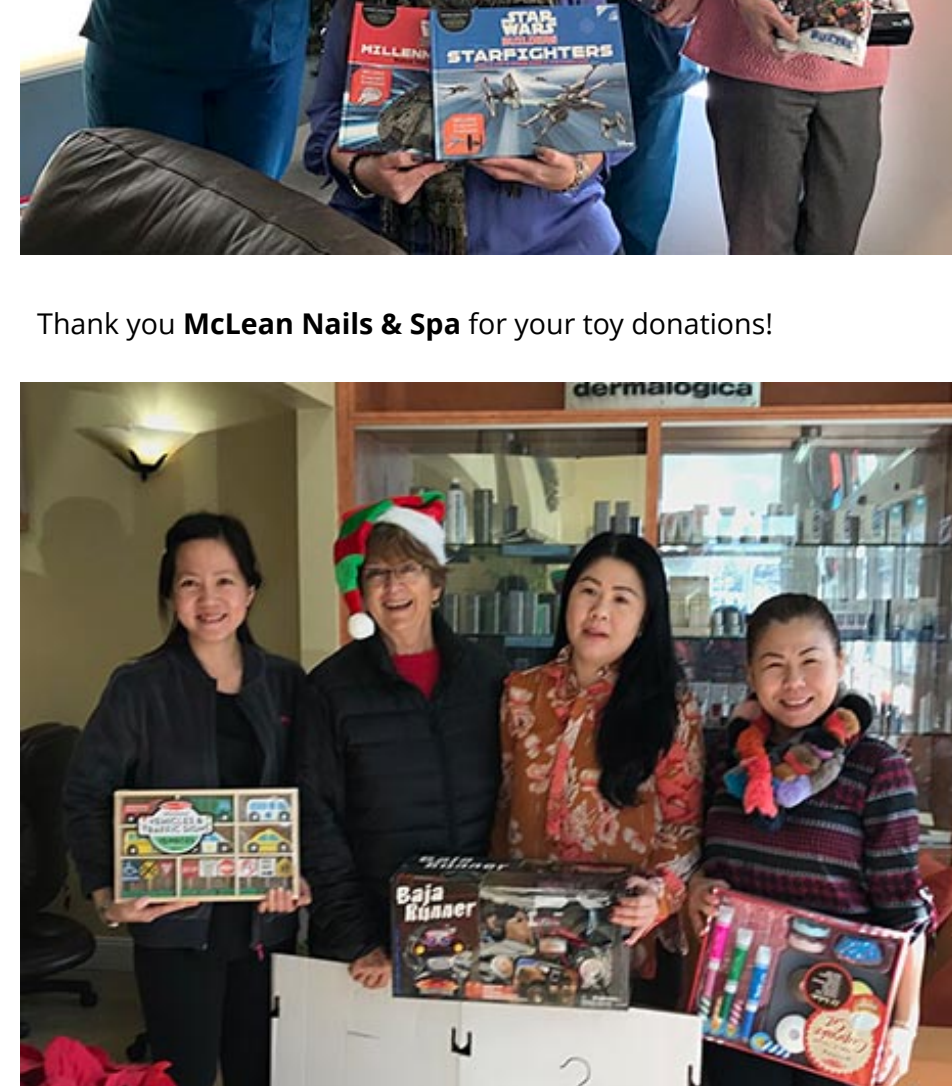


Successful Sorts

These ladies from **Capital Home Professionals Networking** stayed late with us Friday night helping get the store ready for shoppers.



We had employees from **Sprint** helping us setup our Santa's Workshop and sort through donations. They brought 600 pairs of new socks with them to be distributed.



Volunteers from the **American College of Radiology** helped us sort donations in the warehouse.



These adorable **Girls Scouts** collected, sorted and dropped off a truck load of children's clothing because they heard WGB was in need.

Look at all the smiling faces in the **Great Falls Soccer Club**. They helped us sort and hang clothes in the warehouse and has a blast. Thanks to the moms and coaches that also came to volunteer.

What a great day sorting, organizing and styling the boutique with loads of help from employees of **Oracle**.

