

A Note from our Executive Director

Dear WGB Friends,

Our last food pantry drive thru was on June 27th and the clients we served have been referred on to other food banks and most have secured needed food benefits to get them through the times ahead. Thank you to all of our community partners and individual donors who supported this large effort. Because of YOUR help we distributed 117,000 pounds of food since March.

We miss our volunteers and for many of them, working at WGB was an important source of social interaction and meaning in their lives. WGB staff and lead volunteers are now focusing on large projects to prepare for reopening while still continuing to manage our Bag-to-Go and Community Distribution Partner programs and our new Diaper Pantry. As restrictions are loosening in our area, we remain diligent in our safety measures to keep our volunteers, clients, and staff safe. We will keep you up to date on our progress.

We also have a big surprise in the works! We have been working on a brand evolution and our reopening is a perfect time to reveal it. We cannot wait for you to see our "new normal" of operating and "new look".

Thank you all for your support, love and belief in all we work to accomplish. Stay well.

Nicole Morris



Congratulations "Leading for Success" Graduates

Congratulations to our Executive Director, Nicole Morris for her Leading for Success graduation with Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties.

All participants completed a year-long program that builds leadership skills of non-profit executives through executive coaching. Participants engaged in both individual and group coaching sessions with Leigh Shields of Leigh Shields & Associates. Congrats Nicole! You're a born leader.



WGB Diaper Pantry

We learned A LOT while operating our food pantry/drive-thru, one of those being the alarming need for diapers. Our diaper initiative has distributed over 82,000 diapers! Clients in need of diapers for their baby (under 3 years old) can apply online for monthly assistance from our new Diaper Pantry. Please visit this link to learn more: bit.ly/wgbbaby.

We thank our diaper partners NOVA Diapers and Fairfax Diapers for their continued support to this program.

Also, a BIG thank you this month to IAC Care, The Chinnmaya Mission and HomesByFrench.com (photos below) who collected and dropped off large diaper donations.

Diaper and wipes donations can be shipped directly to us at 20 Export Drive in Sterling or dropped off on Tuesday or Thursday from 9am-3pm at our contact-less bin.

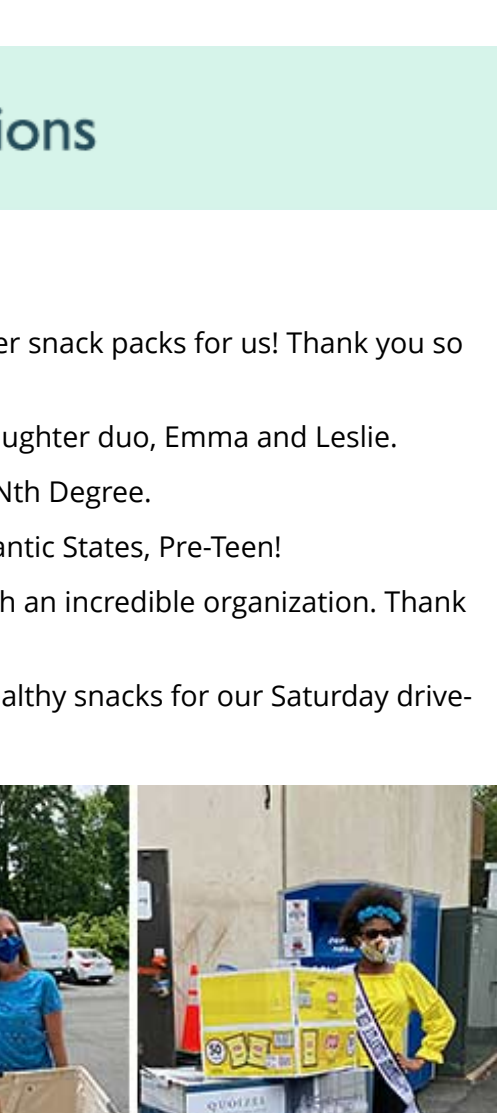


In Loving Memory of Bill Dubois

It is with deep sadness that we inform our friends of the passing of one of our dear long-time volunteers, William "Bill" DuBois. Bill's extraordinary contributions and indelible "giving back" spirit leaves a tremendous and lasting impact on Women Giving Back and the community.

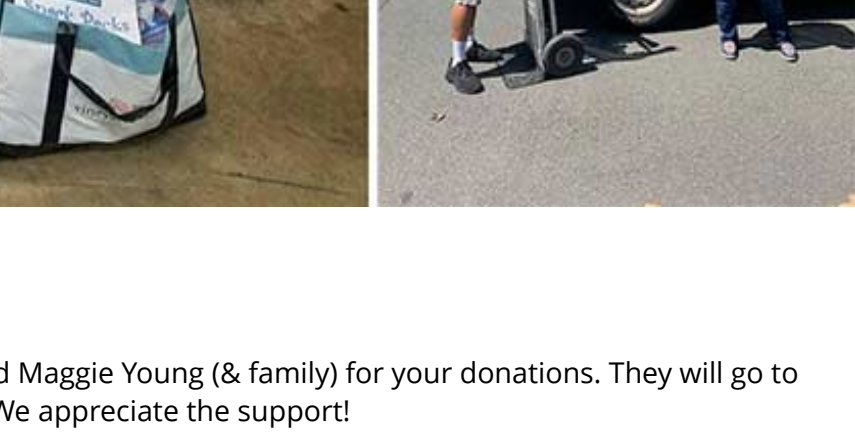
Bill never failed to look for an opportunity to be of service. He spent countless hours improving upon our shoe department and he used his professional work skills to facilitate many improvements at WGB. He was faithful to his commitment to serve and always looked for ways we could collaborate. He did so through the donations of men's clothing that he would take to The Closet in Herndon, arranging clothing to be shipped to those in need in Guatemala and overseeing boy scout building projects at WGB.

Our condolences go out to our Board Member, Diane Du Bois, Bette Rutherford and the rest of Bill's family. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers as you heal from your loss. The WGB family is very proud to have served alongside a compassionate and wonderful human being such as Bill. We love you and will miss you Bill!



HERITAGE CONTRACTING presents TOPGOLF

Wednesday, Oct 14, 2020 at Topgolf Loudoun
Sign up Today!

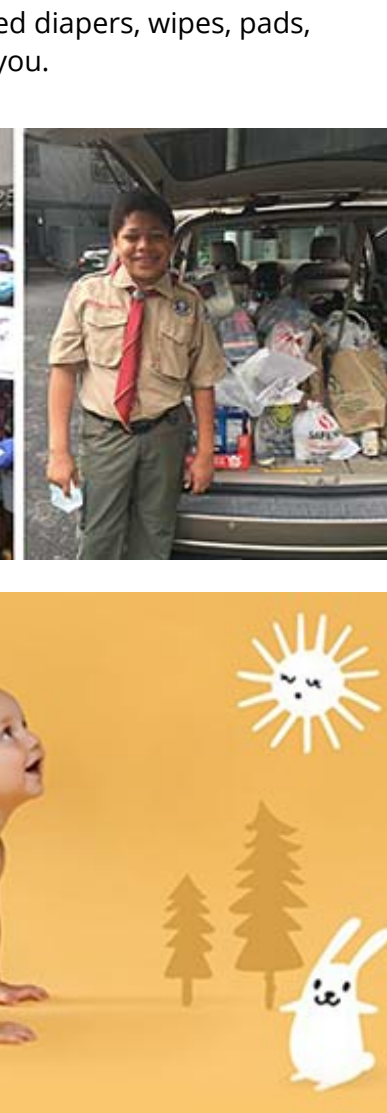


WGB Partners are Collecting Clothes

We are still not accepting clothing donations at this time. Please consider taking your donations to one of our valued community partners.

Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS)/Loudoun Citizens for Social Justice. Information can be found at: www.lcsj.org/thrift-store

Another great partner, The Closet of the Greater Herndon Area is now collecting clothing donations. Visit theclosetofgreaterherndon.org for more information.



Volunteer Drives & Donations

Snack Packs & More

Journey, the daughter of board member Shona Bell put together snack packs for us! Thank you so much!

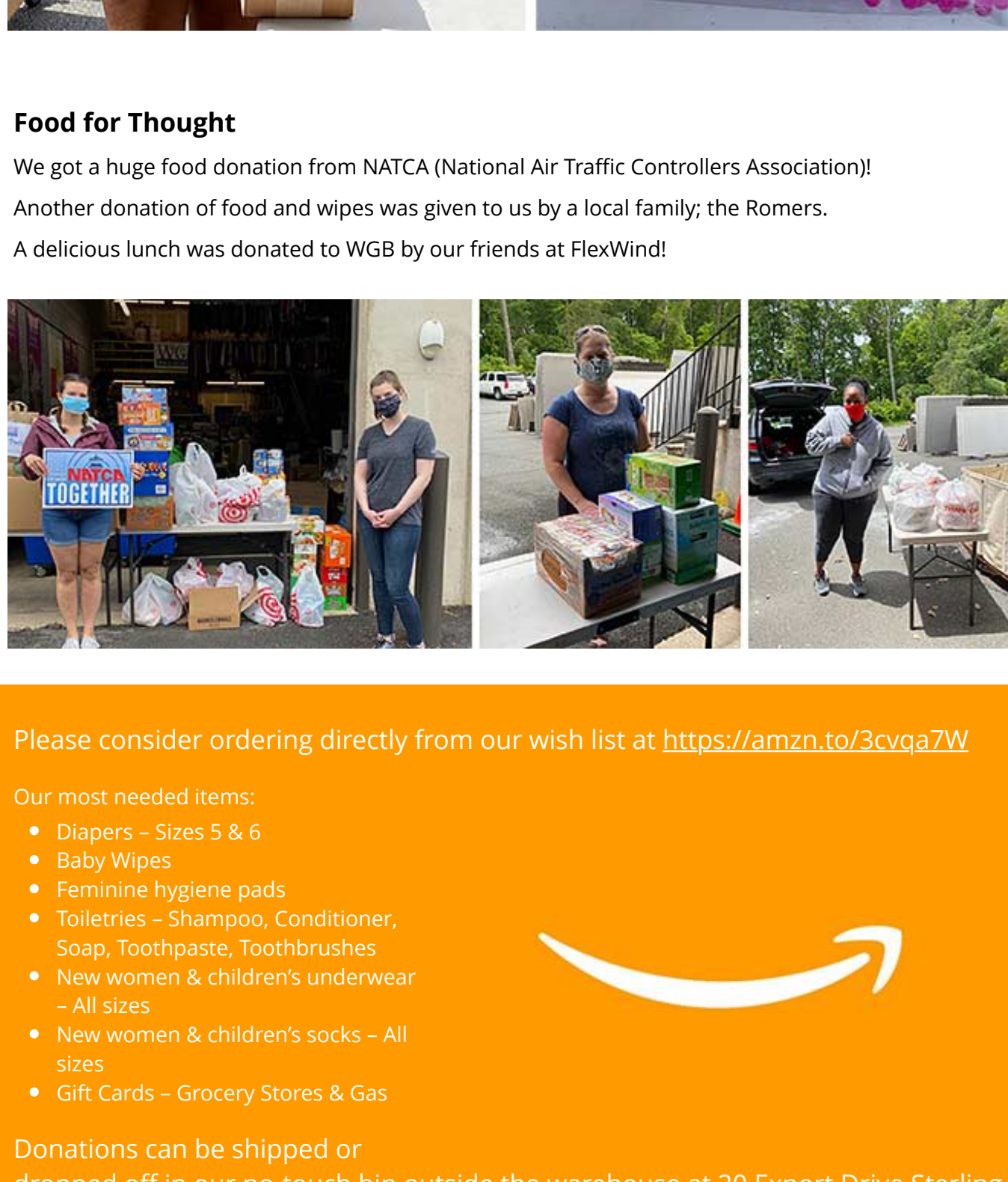
More snack packs were packed and donated by mother and daughter duo, Emma and Leslie.

Snack packs, toiletry kits, diapers, and wipes were donated by Nth Degree.

Tons of snack packs were packed and donated by Miss Mid Atlantic States, Pre-Teen!

The Young Men's Service League Vienna-Oakton Chapter is such an incredible organization. Thank you for the bags and bags of snack packs!

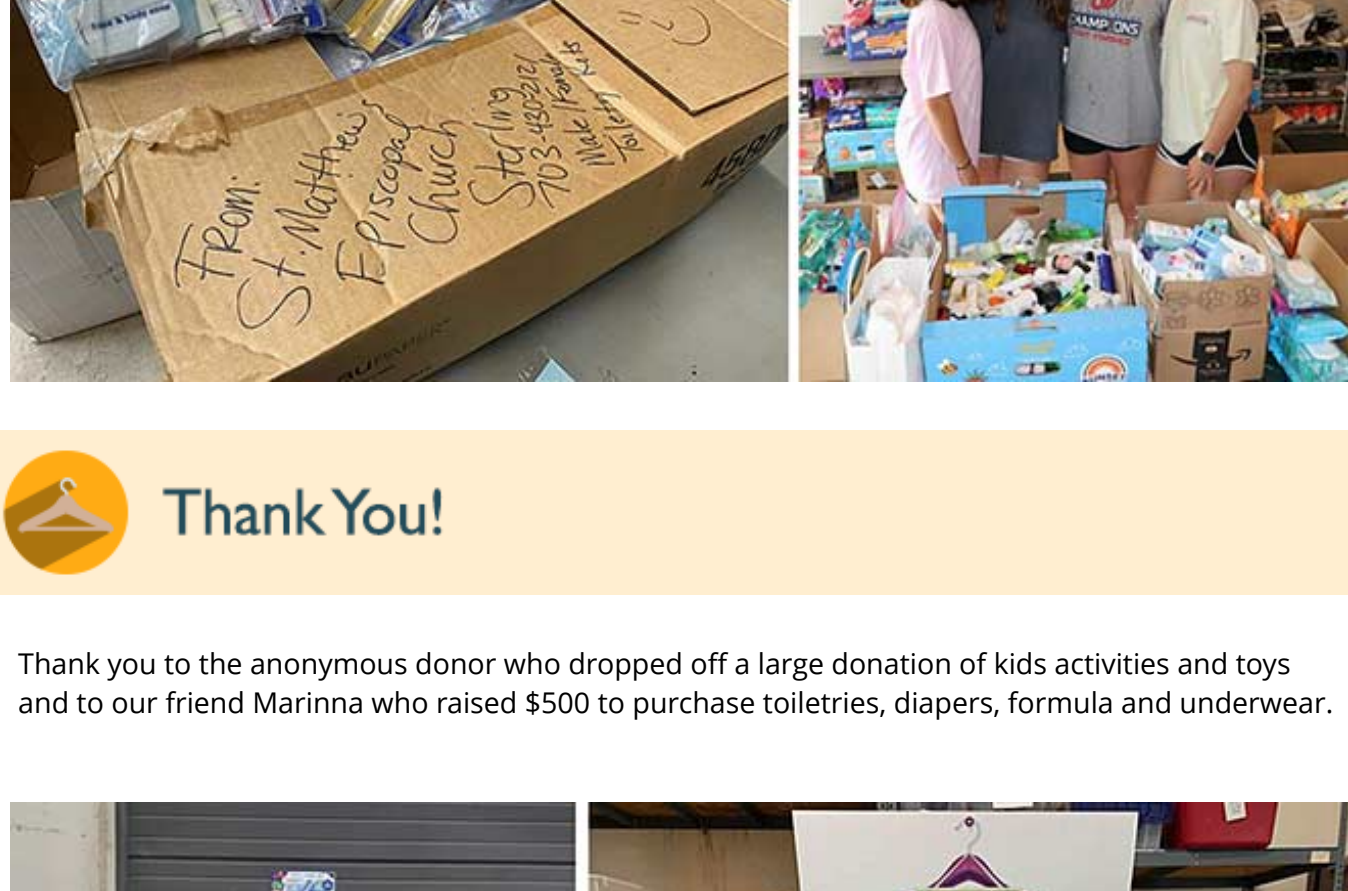
Our good friends at Cornerstones dropped off a van load of healthy snacks for our Saturday drive-thru. Thank you!



Scouts' Honor

Thanks to Boy Scout Troop 1941 and Maggie Young (& family) for your donations. They will go to our clients at our drive-thru today. We appreciate the support!

Thank you Boy Scouts Troop 2501 for your donation drive. They collected diapers, wipes, pads, toiletries & more on our behalf. Keep paying it forward; we appreciate you.



Thank you Hello Bello for your incredible generosity. We received 400 diapers from this incredible company where celebrities and do gooders Kristen Bell and Dax Shepard are parents who believe there is no such thing as other people's children. (Though they reserve the right to deny that when it's diaper duty time.)

They are two of Hello Bello's co-founders and they started the company because they believe all babies deserve the best, which means all parents need access to affordable, premium products. Hello Bello fulfills that dream. They carefully craft all of their products with babies, parents, and the planet in mind - and keep everything at low prices. We are forever grateful.

Masked Marvels

Fantastic masks with filters were 3D printed for us by Funbotics!

The thoughtfulness and creativity during this interesting time in all of our lives is absolutely inspiring. Our WGB "Santa" made ear savers for our volunteers' masks. Thank you for always thinking of us!



Food for Thought

We got a huge food donation from NATCA (National Air Traffic Controllers Association)!

Another donation of food and wipes was given to us by a local family; the Romers.

A delicious lunch was donated to WGB by our friends at FlexWind!



Please consider ordering directly from our wish list at <https://amzn.to/3cvqa7W>

Our most needed items:

- Diapers - Sizes 5 & 6
- Baby Wipes
- Feminine hygiene pads
- Toiletries - Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes
- New women & children's underwear - All sizes
- New women & children's socks - All sizes
- Gift Cards - Grocery Stores & Gas

Donations can be shipped or dropped off in our no-touch bin outside the warehouse at 20 Export Drive Sterling VA 20164. Please and thank you!

Feminine Products

Rockstars The Tin Cup Fund collected and donated 1,497 tampons and 14,845 feminine pads in just six days. Enough to fill two cars! You guys continue to amaze us with all you can accomplish and how wonderful a partner you are to WGB.

Amazing toiletry packs were put together by folks from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Sterling. Some awesome teenage volunteers assembled 283 feminine car kits packed with soap, razors, toothpaste, mouthwash, tissues, feminine pads and travel size toiletries. You all are an incredible example of paying it forward and know its importance at a young age. Thank you!



Thank You!

Thank you to the anonymous donor who dropped off a large donation of kids activities and toys and to our friend Marina who raised \$500 to purchase toiletries, diapers, formula and underwear.

Thank you [50 West Vineyards](http://50WestVineyards.com) for your donation! We were chosen as the non-profit to give back to from a percentage of their Mother's Day proceeds. If you have not visited 50 West yet, we encourage you to do so!

Thank you to the Young Men's Service League Vienna-Oakton Chapter for the handmade benches! When shopping resumes, our clients will be thankful... as are we! Your support means so much to us! Two additional benches were made for us by Justin Brady, who had already built one bench for us with YMSL!

"What a great work WGB has done with their food distribution over these last couple of months. I cannot think what families would have done without the WGB response. Thank you for all you've done and thanks to all of those who have served with you"

- Loudoun County Health Department

Our Bag to Go program served **316 women & children** with emergency clothing, food, diapers & toiletries.

OUR COVID RELIEF EFFORTS WERE POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY

*Efforts began on March 12th

Thanks to our generous partners in this time of uncertainty!

