

# **Signature Project Development Report**

**Background and Research Fall 2008**

*Junior League of Hampton Roads*

*Community Research and Project Development and Public Affairs Committees*



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# **History on the Public Service of the Junior League of Hampton Roads**

## **Background on the Nature of Public Service Projects**

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### **OVERVIEW**

During our rich 50-year history, we have made a tremendous impact in our community. Highlights include the founding of the Volunteer Service Bureau operating today as The Volunteer Center, in 1965 co-founded the Junior Nature Museum and Planetarium that today is the Virginia Living Museum, the largest natural habitat exhibit east of the Mississippi and one of four such exhibits in the United States to founding of the Hands-On Children's Art Program at the Peninsula Fine Arts Center is still offered today and is funded by a grant the League established at program inception.

### **1940's**

During the 1940's, among other projects, the Hampton Roads Service League formed, and put on its first fund—raising venture, "Voting Modes", a fashion show and bridge party for benefit of proposed sodium fluoride dental clinic. The League established a Bargain Shop as a permanent money—making project. It additionally, produced a children's musical program, "Magic in Musicland", presented on WTAR radio in cooperation with Norfolk's Junior League. With backing of Virginia Society for Crippled Children and Adults and with support of civic groups, the Hampton Roads Service League's School of Speech became reality. The Bargain Shop and the First Benefit Ball provided financial support.

### **1950's**

During the 1950's, among other projects, the League gave a Benefit Ball and Students Concert, provided volunteers to assist with the Lily Parade drive of the VSCCA, and sponsored the National Art Week on Peninsula. Among other projects, the League inaugurated its bi—monthly TV program, "Peninsula Personalities." In March of 1957, name of the organization officially changed to The Junior League of Hampton Roads, Inc.

## **1960's**

During the 1960's, among other projects, the Children's Theatre Committee produced "Peter Pumpkin eater" and "Little Red Riding Hood" (among other plays) and produced a Civil War Guide that received a gratifying response of members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. The League founded a Junior Nature Museum with the Warwick Rotary Club, and spent approximately 275 volunteer hours on three "Polio Sundays."

## **1970's**

During the 1970's, among other projects, the League researched and published "Profile of Newport News Youth," and also presented to Newport News public schools a film entitled "Drugs are Like That." The established Child Care Center found a permanent home under OEO. The League also began its first cookbook, held a Learning Difficulties conference at Christopher Newport College, worked with the Council of Jewish Women to aid a Group Foster Home, and educated the membership on the pros and cons of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

## **1980's**

During the 1980's, among other projects, the League adopted the projects, Respite as Family Therapy (RAFT), Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS), and Counseling Offers Positive Effects (COPE). The League also participated in the first Anheuser-Busch Golf Classic at Kingsmill, held the successful "Work of Women Week" jointly with the College of William and Mary and the Peninsula Women's Network, and adopted the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) project.

## **1990's**

During the 1990's, among other projects, the League participated in an Association-wide Immunization Awareness Campaign. The league served the community with projects: Magruder Partners, Virginia Peninsula Council on Domestic Violence, Done-in-a-Day - providing volunteers to work with ten different agencies on a one-day basis, Pine Chapel Partners, Family Reading Workshops, Boys and Girls Club, Passport Literacy Program, ParenTips and, the Teen Health Conference.

## **2000's**

To date in the 2000's, among other projects, the League was the first Junior League to sponsor the AJLI Traveling Exhibit, which was on display at Patrick Henry Mall. This photographic exhibit commemorates 100 years of Junior League service and women's leadership. The League began and held many successful Where the Wild Things Are events at the Virginia Living Museum. The Rummage on the River sale was held at the George Washington Square shopping center in York County. The League also began to hold the annual event Fairways and Runways: Fit to a Tee, during tournament week at the Kingsmill resort

# **Developing the Signature Project**

## **Background and Committee's Criteria for Signature Project**

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## **BACKGROUND AND DEVELOPMENT OF SIGNATURE PROJECT**

Over the past several years, the Junior League of Hampton Roads has been discussing the possibility of adopting a signature project. Signature projects allow leagues to better able to use their resources such as time, talent and treasure in a more focused approach. Thus, they allow a League to make a larger impact on the women and children in a community.

It has been many years since the Junior League of Hampton Roads has had a signature project. Last year, to make a larger impact on the women and children of Hampton Roads, the League voted to reinstate the Community Research and Project Development committee. The committee would spend the 2008-2009 league year researching and developing a signature project that the league would support and adopt for the next three to five years.

The CRPD committee researched the three main topics suggested by the membership during the 2007- 2008 league year. Those topics were domestic violence, literacy, and hunger. After careful research and looking at the potential projects through the 5 criteria and the lens suggested by Vicki Clark the committed determined the suggested projects, although worthwhile, do not meet the criteria for a successful project.

Additional projects suggested this summer and fall by JLHR members and community members are listed below. These projects would surely benefit the citizens of Hampton Roads. But, they also do not meet the criteria for a successful JLHR Signature Project. These projects include: a Learn to Swim program for school age children, homeless shelters for women and children (families), and the creation of a children's museum.

While researching these projects and contacting the Newport News Department of Human Services and Newport News Department of Social Services, the CRPD committee determined other areas that it felt were necessary to research. These included issues relating to children with disabilities and foster—care children. Again, however, although these projects would prove to help many members of the local community, they do not appear to meet the criteria for a Signature Project. Those areas suggested by the Newport News agencies were found to be too short—term focused and difficult to create sustainable projects from that would allow all our members to get involved.

A discussion and research for each of these potential project areas follows.

## **COMMITTEE'S CRITERIA FOR SIGNATURE PROJECT**

After research and discussion with other leagues and non -profits who have successful projects the CRPD committee developed five criteria for the project. The project will:

1. Make a large impact in the community affecting women and children and focus on meeting our mission.
2. Offer a variety of volunteer shifts and a variety of ways members can volunteer.
3. Be self sustaining in the future.
4. Include partnerships with other organizations.
5. Provide publicity opportunities for the JLHR.

Additionally, after discussion with Vicki Clark, the CRPD committee began to incorporate the following criteria:

1. Be something that addresses an issue that no one else is addressing.
2. Push the envelop.
3. Be something that could generate excitement and involvement for all of our members; new, active and sustaining.

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**POTENTIAL PROGRAM AREAS RESEARCHED AND CONSIDERED**

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**Children with Disabilities**

**Children's Hunger**

**Children's Literacy**

**Children's Museum**

**Domestic Violence**

**Homeless Shelter(s)**

**Learn to Swim Program**

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# Children with Disabilities

## Background Information

### *Junior League of Hampton Roads*

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## **1. Recommendations by CRPD and PAC Committees**

Services for children with disabilities in Hampton Roads are disjointed as there are many different populations that need service. Specific organizations serve specific disabilities, but there is no one central provider of care and activities for children and their families. The CRPD Committee found that over fifty different groups/organizations for families with disabled children (range of disabilities) exist in the Hampton Roads area. Most serve very specific populations and host small group events.

## **2. Groups in Hampton Roads By and For Children with Disabilities**

### **i. ARC of the Virginia Peninsula**

- a) <http://www.arcvap.org/>
- b) “The Arc of the Virginia Peninsula, Inc. has a proud history of service to people with developmental disabilities and the families.”
- c) It “currently serves more than 1,600 individuals with developmental disabilities annually in employment, community living, day support and early childhood programs. Services range from providing developmental screenings for children ages birth to three to helping elderly caregivers plan for the future of their aging children with disabilities.”
- d) In 2007, “adults with significant disabilities participating in The Arc’s employment programs earned over \$3.4 million in wages and those placed in jobs with community employers earned an additional \$1 million.”

### **ii. Autism Fellowship**

- a) <http://www.autismfellowship.com/>
- b) “Autism Fellowship was primarily formed in order to host a number of social, networking, and support activities in the Hampton Roads region.”

- c) Examples of programs and events include:
- i. Autism Fellowship's Conference - Presentations by five professional service providers about ABA, DAN!, Sensory Integration, RDI, and other topics.
  - ii. Walking with Dinosaurs - Discounted tickets to the incredible show.
  - iii. Kangaroo Jac's - A fun time for kids to run around and get out some energy!
  - iv. Harbor Cruise - Hosted by Hope & Happiness. A trip on the Mississippi Riverboat Carrie B around Norfolk Harbor.
  - v. ParkMeets - A relaxing walk, picnic, and play at a public park.
  - vi. ZooMeets at the Virginia Zoo.
  - vii. AquariumMeets at the Virginia Aquarium.
  - viii. IEP & School discussion with Dr. Jeffrey Katz, clinical psychologist.
  - ix. Helicopter Rides - Kindly offered by Project Lifesaver.
  - x. Club Scout Pack 3 – a Boy Scout Pack specialized for boys ages 6-11 with autism

### iii. **Special Needs Summer Camps**

a) **Camp Easter Seals Virginia**

- i. [www.va.easterseals.com](http://www.va.easterseals.com)
- ii. 900 Camp Easter Seals Road, New Castle; 201 East Main St., Salem
- iii. (540) 777-7325, [camp@va.easterseals.com](mailto:camp@va.easterseals.com)
- iv. “Easter Seals Virginia provides exceptional services to ensure that all people with disabilities or special needs and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities.”

b) **Camp Horizon**

- i. <http://www.theupcenter.org/programs/disability.html>
- ii. [pcoale@TheUpCenter.org](mailto:pcoale@TheUpCenter.org)
- iii. “Each summer, both children, ages five and older, and adults with disabilities take a fun-filled break at Camp Horizon. Our dedicated counselors work individually with campers using a curriculum focused on therapeutic recreation and education. Camp Horizon is held from mid-June through mid-August.

Participants may attend day or overnight camp for a week or more.”

c) **Cerebral Palsy of Virginia Summer Camp Enrichment Program**

- i. [www.cerebralpalsyofvirginia.org](http://www.cerebralpalsyofvirginia.org)
- ii. 5825 Arrowhead, Suite 201, Va. Beach
- iii. [michelle@cerebralpalsyofvirginia.org](mailto:michelle@cerebralpalsyofvirginia.org)
- iv. “Each summer children and adults from Hampton Roads, the Peninsula and Virginia's Eastern Shore attend the Cerebral Palsy Summer Camp Enrichment Program. Held in the summer, activities include computer software games, art and crafts projects, and daily field trips to museums, bowling and the movies.”
- v. This group provides other programs as well for individuals with cerebral palsy, and their families:
  1. **Kids on the Block** – “an educational puppet program which teaches children in local elementary schools disability awareness and the acceptance of those with differences. Cerebral Palsy visits over 3,000 students annually”
  2. **Respitality Weekends** – “Respitality is a combination of respite and hospitality which offers families who care for a child or adult family member a Friday or Saturday night stay in a hotel with dinner and breakfast for two.”
  3. **Adult Day Social and Recreation Program** – “Held every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am until 4 pm adults with disabilities participate in discussions of local current events, arts and crafts, games, trips in the community to museums, movies, bowling and other activities of daily living. The goal is to create a more independent living environment for the adult as well as better inclusion in community activities.”

d) **Epilepsy Camp**

- i. <http://www.efvase.org/>
- ii. 3751 4-H Club Road, Williamsburg
- iii. [EFVASE@cox.net](mailto:EFVASE@cox.net)

# **Children's Hunger**

## **Background Information**

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### **1. Recommendations by CRPD and PAC Committees**

Although the League has been helping to combat to worthy fight of childhood hunger for decades, and most likely will continue to for years to come, this particular issue is not ideal for the specific purpose of a Signature Project. Hampton Roads has food banks that do need significant help; however, because there are already established programs serving this area, this project is not an ideal Signature Project. It would additionally only allow for a limited variety of volunteer opportunities for League members.

### **2. Facilities and Programs to Fight Children's Hunger in Hampton Roads**

#### **i. Foodbank of the Virginia Peninsula**

- a) <http://www.foodbank.ws/>
- b) 9912 Hosier Street, Newport News, VA 23601
- c) 757-596-7188
- d) Programs:
  1. Nutrition, Self-Sufficiency Food Safety Education Program
  2. Kids Cafe Program
  3. Food For Kids- Back Pack Program
  4. Plant A Row for the Hungry
  5. USDA& TEFAP Food Distribution
  6. FEMA Emergency Food Distribution
  7. Bread Plus Program
  8. Neighbor to Neighbor
  9. We Produce...Produce Program
  10. Value Packs
  11. Treasure Box
  12. Monthly Special

**ii. Office Of Human Affairs**

- a) 2410 Wickham Avenue  
Newport News, VA 23607
- b) (757)245-3271
- c) Clothing Food Pantry for Community



# Children's Literacy

## Background Information

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### **1. Recommendations by CRPD and PAC Committees**

Again, improving the literacy rates of children in Hampton Roads is a more than worthy cause that the league has assisted with previously, and will surely do so in the future. But, it is not an ideal area for a Signature Project because it would not be able to provide a diverse variety of volunteer opportunities for league members, would not push the envelope, and would not serve an area that is not being served in the community.

### **2. Literacy rates and issues in Virginia**

- a. Nationally 19-20% (or approx. 44 million) of people read below the 5<sup>th</sup> grade level. This generally holds true for the Hampton Roads area.
- b. However, in parts of Hampton Roads, this literacy rate increases to 25%.
- c. Most people learn to read in the first or second grade.
- d. Some reasons for this low reading level:
  - i. Learning disabilities have not been effectively diagnosed or dealt with.
  - ii. Problems with hearing or vision.
  - iii. People moving around a lot/no stability in education.
  - iv. Poverty/economic conditions.
- e. Virginia's Not So Hidden Secret: The Adult Literacy Crisis (approx. 2 million adults in Virginia have struggle with literacy skills).

### **2. Groups promoting literacy in Hampton Roads**

#### **a. Peninsula Reads**

- i. At <http://www.peninsulareads.org>
- ii. [See also <http://www.nngov.com/children-youth-families/community-resources-directory/peninsula-reads>]
- iii. Serving Newport News/Hampton/Poquoson/lower York County
- iv. Ann Rowlin, Executive Director (for only two weeks) \* [283-5776]
- v. Susan Clemens, Basic Literacy Coordinator \*
- vi. Serves 250-350 students per year (adults over 18 years of age).
- vii. Needs volunteers more than they need money. Of course, they could always use funding. The commitment for volunteers would be 2 hours once per week.
- viii. Willing to come speak at a JLHR meeting if we need them to.
- ix. Three other groups serve Newport News.

#### **b. Rita Welsh Adult Literacy Program**

- i. At <http://www.alpwilliamsburg.org>
- ii. [See also, <http://www.uwgw.org>]
- iii. Serving Williamsburg/upper York County
- iv. Joan Peterson, Executive Director [rwalp@wm.edu] [221-3325]
- v. Linda, Administrative Assistant \*
- vi. Last year, served about 225 people.
- vii. Became a United Way Agency/partner with United Way.
- viii. Learners come in for assessment; volunteers are from The College or the community.
- ix. Does not operate in the summer; just during the spring and fall semesters. Located on the campus of William & Mary.
- x. Important to know the target population. (i.e. international students/exchange workers—J-1 visa, people pursuing GED, etc.)

#### **c. Literacy Volunteers of America**

- i. Serving Gloucester
- ii. Located in the same building as Gloucester Adult Education Program

#### **d. Virginia Adult Learning Resource Center**

- i. At <http://www.valrc.org> (\*a wealth of information\*)
- ii. Serving Virginia

**e. Adult Literacy Program (Offered by the Pearl Bailey Library) [247-8677]**

- i. Serving Newport News
- ii. **No longer has the literacy program.**
- iii. Was cancelled sometime before January 2008.

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**3. Additional research sources**

**a. Adult Learning Resource Center**

- i. <http://www.thecenterwb.org>

**b. Proliteracy**

- i. <http://www.proliteracy.com>

**c. Virginia Adult Learning Resource Center**

- i. <http://www.valrc.org>

# Children's Museum

## Background Information

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### **1. Recommendations by CRPD and PAC Committees**

Although a Children's Museum is a worthy venture for the Hampton Roads area, there is a museum in Hampton that is specifically targeted toward children. Reinventing the wheel with a new children's museum would not allow the League to push the envelope by targeting an area that is not already targeted.

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### **2. Children's Museums in Hampton Roads**

#### **a. The Children's Museum of Hampton Roads**

- i. <http://www.cmohr.org/>
- ii. "The Children's Museum of Hampton Roads is unique and unlike most other children's museums. In liaison with the City's Hampton Youth Commission and the Superintendent of Schools Youth Advisory Council, this museum is to be designed and operated by the youth of our community under the guidance and direction of the Board of Directors of the Children's Museum of Hampton Roads, Inc., and a non-profit 501C3 corporation."
- iii. Children's Museum of Hampton Roads  
P.O. Box 3528  
Hampton, VA 23663

# **Domestic Violence and Hampton Roads**

## **Background Information**

### *Junior League of Hampton Roads*

#### *Community Research and Project Development and Public Affairs Committees*

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## **1. Recommendations by CRPD and PAC Committees**

Although there is much that can be done to fight domestic violence in Hampton Roads, after reviewing the present facilities, programs and need of the area, the Committee feels that the issue of domestic violence may not be the best area for a Signature Project for the Junior League of Hampton Roads.

If a Signature Project was designated for domestic violence, it would be difficult for the Junior League to create an all encompassing new project that has a larger impact on community women than those shelters and programs already established. We would only be aiding those programs that had already begun, instead of addressing an issue that other groups are not. It would additionally be difficult for a variety of volunteer opportunities to be offered to the League. Most established programs seem to indicate that the only need certain types of volunteers.

The Junior League may be able to help with individual program facilities throughout the area that would certainly provide a valuable service to the community, however, this area of need would not fulfill all the requirements that the committee has set for the Signature Project.

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## **2. The Nationwide Facts**

### **a. National Network to End Domestic Violence**

- i. “On September 25, 2007, 1,346 out of 1,949, or 69%, of identified domestic violence programs in the United States participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information provided by the 1,346 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.”
- ii. 53,203 Victims Served in One Day

1. “**25,321** domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.”
  2. “**27,882** adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.”
  3. “In just one day, **92%** of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only **35%** were able to provide transitional housing.”
- iii. 7,707 Unmet Requests for Services
1. “Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as housing, childcare, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation.”
  2. Not enough staff
    - a. “Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet victims’ requests for services. Nearly 69% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 35% of those programs have less than 10 paid staff.”
- iv. 20,582 Hotline Calls Answered
1. “Domestic violence hotlines answered more than 14 hotline calls every minute, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.”
- v. [http://nnedv.org/docs/Census/DVCounts2007/DVCounts07\\_NatlSummary\\_Color.pdf](http://nnedv.org/docs/Census/DVCounts2007/DVCounts07_NatlSummary_Color.pdf)

### **3. Domestic Violence in Virginia and Hampton Roads**

#### **a. National Network to End Domestic Violence**

- i. “On September 25, 2007, 38 out of 46, or 83%, of identified domestic violence programs in Virginia participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information from the 38 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.”
- ii. “545 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs. “
- iii. “490 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.”

- iv. “In just one day, 97% of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only 34% were able to provide transitional housing.”
- v. “Due to a lack of resources, many programs in Virginia reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as housing, childcare, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation.”
  - 1. “Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet victims’ requests for services. 82% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 39% of those programs have fewer than 10 paid staff.”
- vi. [http://www.nnedv.org/docs/Census/DVCounts2007/DVCounts07\\_StateSnapshots\\_AllStates\\_Color.pdf](http://www.nnedv.org/docs/Census/DVCounts2007/DVCounts07_StateSnapshots_AllStates_Color.pdf)

#### **4. Programs, Facilities and Events in Hampton Roads**

##### **a. Avalon (Williamsburg/James City County/York County/Poquoson)**

- i. Avalon is committed to intervening in and reducing the incidence of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- ii. 29 years old
- iii. Shelter
  - 1. Emergency shelter
  - 2. Transitional housing
- iv. Counseling services
- v. Legal advocacy
- vi. Contact information
  - 1. Outreach office
    - a. 312 Waller Miller Road, Suite 300
    - b. (757) 258-9362
  - 2. Other contact information
    - a. P.O. Box 1079
    - b. Williamsburg, VA 23187
    - c. Phone: (757) 258-5022
    - d. Fax: (757) 258-9523
- vii. [www.avaloncenter.org](http://www.avaloncenter.org)

##### **b. De-Feet Domestic Violence Walk**

- i. Presented by Samaritan House in support of Domestic Violence Awareness month
- ii. Fifth annual to be held October 26, 2008

- iii. <http://hamptonroads.com/2008/08/5th-annual-defeat-domestic-violence-walk>
- iv. [http://www.unitedwayshr.org/index.php?option=com\\_jcalpro&Itemid=419&extmode=view&extid=127](http://www.unitedwayshr.org/index.php?option=com_jcalpro&Itemid=419&extmode=view&extid=127)

**c. HER (Help and Emergency Response Center)  
(Portsmouth)**

- i. Services
  - 1. Emergency Shelter
  - 2. Program for Children in Residence
  - 3. Aftercare Program
  - 4. Court Advocacy
  - 5. Community Education, Training, and Awareness for Medical Professionals, Teens, Employers, and the Elderly
  - 6. Volunteer Opportunities
  - 7. Upcoming Special Events and Fundraisers
  - 8. Employment Opportunities
  - 9. Student Internship Opportunities
  - 10. Help and Emergency Response Foundation, Inc.
- ii. Contact information
  - 1. P. O. Box 2187
  - 2. Portsmouth, VA 23702
  - 3. Phone: 485-1445
  - 4. Phone: 485-3384 or 393-9449 (24 hour hotline)
  - 5. Fax: 485-0883
- iii. <http://www.hershelter.com/>

**d. Transitions (Hampton)**

- i. “Transitions Family Violence Services is the sole provider of comprehensive family violence services in Hampton, Newport News and Poquoson, and a co-provider of services for York County.”
- ii. “Transitions Family Violence Services is a nonprofit 501(c) 3 organization formed in 1977. It is funded by the United Way of the Virginia Peninsula, grants from many sources and community contributions. Clients receive all services at no charge, although transitional housing clients pay rent according to their income.”
- iii. Shelter
  - 1. Emergency confidential and secure shelter (clients and children up to 30 days)
  - 2. Second stage 22 bed confidential and secure shelter (clients and children up to 180 days)
  - 3. Next step shelter in Hampton – one, two and three bedroom apartments – 39 beds

- a. Clients must contribute a percentage of their income toward rent while employed, completing training or working toward a degree.
- iv. Outreach services
  - 1. Legal advocacy and safety planning;
  - 2. Support groups, counseling and art therapy;
  - 3. Outreach to older battered women through our WISER program;
  - 4. Outreach to military families;
  - 5. Volunteer program;
  - 6. Donations program;
  - 7. Adopt-A-Family program;
  - 8. Community education, consultation and training.
- v. Children's services
  - 1. Assessment, safety planning and intervention services;
  - 2. Art and play therapy;
  - 3. Adjunct drop-in childcare; off-site subsidized childcare;
  - 4. After school tutoring program;
  - 5. Parenting education.
- vi. Contact information:
  - 1. P.O Box 561 Hampton, Virginia 23369
  - 2. Main Office: (757) 722-2261 Fax: (757)723-2717  
TTY/TDD: (757) 723-6862 Legal Advocacy Services  
(757) 728-2638

**e. YWCA Women in Crisis – South Hampton Roads (Norfolk)**

- i. Out-shelter services
  - 1. 24-Hour HELPLINE  
(757) 625-5570
  - 2. Victim Support Groups
  - 3. Community education and training
  - 4. Aftercare services for post-shelter residents
  - 5. Abused men may access safe house
- ii. In-Shelter Services
  - 1. Emergency shelter for victims of abuse and their children
  - 2. Individual and group counseling
  - 3. Substance abuse counseling
  - 4. Community referrals
  - 5. Legal information
  - 6. Food and clothing
  - 7. Programs for children
  - 8. Tutoring
  - 9. Parenting assistance
- iii. Contact information:
  - 1. 5215 Colley Avenue  
Norfolk, Virginia 23508

Main Office (757) 625-4248

24/7 Domestic Violence Women In Crisis HELPLINE:  
(757) 625-5570

24/7 RESPONSE Sexual Assault HOTLINE: (757) 622-  
4300

2. [ywcahr@ywca-shr.com](mailto:ywcahr@ywca-shr.com)

iv. <http://www.ywca.org/site/pp.asp?c=iqLWJZNIG&b=272608>

**f. Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance**

- i. “We are a coalition of people and agencies committed to ending sexual and domestic violence.”
- ii. “We are the recognized leader in Virginia’s response to sexual and domestic violence.”
- iii. “We operate the statewide Virginia Family Violence & Sexual Assault Hotline, which links thousands of survivors and professionals to services in their communities.”
- iv. Locations in Charlottesville, Richmond and Toano
- v. <http://www.vadv.org/>

# **Homeless Shelter(s)**

## **Background Information**

*Junior League of Hampton Roads*

*Community Research and Project Development and Public Affairs Committees*

### **1. Recommendations by CRPD and PAC Committees**

Although fighting homelessness is an extremely worthy fight, that the League has volunteered with in the past and will certainly continue to do so in the future, it does not meet all the necessary criteria for a Signature Project. Creating a new homeless shelter would not prove to serve the community with a project that a new project that has not already been developed to an area that is not being served.

### **2. Homeless Shelters in Hampton Roads**

#### **a. LINK of Hampton Roads**

- i. [www.linkhr.org](http://www.linkhr.org)
- ii. 10413 Warwick Boulevard  
Newport News, VA 23601  
(757) 595-1953
- iii. Provides children and adults with “a holistic approach; a homeless shelter, permanent housing, food, clothing, medical assistance”

#### **b. HELP – Hampton Ecumenical Lodgings and Provisions**

- i. Emergency Shelter Women/Families with Children
- ii. 317 Rip Rap Road  
Hampton, VA 23669
- iii. (757)850-8956

#### **c. Friends of the Homeless**

- i. <http://www.fothva.org/>
- ii. Newport News, Virginia

- iii. “Friends of the Homeless started in 1989 by opening an emergency shelter. Now Friends is able to offer a variety of the components of the continuum of care for the homeless. Resources are not adequate to meet all needs, but availability of the services is the first step in effectively addressing the issues. For those families at risk of becoming homeless, Friends of the Homeless can provide direct service and access to homeless prevention in the form of participation in the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program, formerly called the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Program and the state sponsored Homeless Intervention Program (HIP). If a family becomes homeless, our emergency shelter is available and remains our top priority. While at the shelter, a family in crisis can stabilize and obtain a new start in obtaining the ultimate goal of sustained self sufficiency. The Children's Program, Healthcare, Employment Services, Training and other referral services make this an achievable and realistic goal. When a family is ready, we also offer first time home buyers the opportunity to own their own affordable home.”

**Learn to Swim**  
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**1. Recommendations by CRPD and PAC Committees**

Although teaching all children in certain grades and schools in Hampton Roads would be a wonderful and worthy project, it appears to not be best suited for a Signature Project. It does not offer the variety of volunteer opportunities that are sought by a Project and it would be very quickly turned over to the school district and would not be ideal for three to five year active participation by the league.