

# Goochland Community Action Newsletter



## What is the Goochland Community Action Program?

The Goochland Community Action Program (GCAP) is administered through the Goochland Department of Social Services. The program focuses on reducing poverty and promoting self-sufficiency for Goochland County residents. To do this, GCAP provides financial support to low-income residents seeking affordable job training programs, education, housing, summer camp, food, and utilities. We also partner with community

organizations who provide programs and services to those experiencing economic hardships. This quarterly newsletter will be used to communicate upcoming opportunities and share the work GCAP is doing with our Goochland County residents. To learn more about our programs and to apply for assistance, visit our website below. To apply in person, please visit the address below Monday - Friday 8am - 4:30pm.



## Did You Know?

This past year, GCAP and GoochlandCares partnered to address safe, affordable housing for Goochland County residents. GCAP funds supported six of the home repairs, totaling \$20,943.



**August 26-30**

## Free Job Training!

Do you have an interest in health care? Are you looking for a new job opportunity? The Thelma Bland Watson Personal Care Aide School is offering a FREE 5-day certification course to income-eligible Goochland County residents! Call the number below to learn more and apply.

- Date: August 26-30, 2024
- Time: 11am-6pm

Interested in different job training programs? Call our office to learn more!



## We Want to Hear From You!

Throughout the month of June, GCAP had a suggestion box in the Social Services waiting room asking community members, "What service, program, or resource would most help your family thrive?" Each respondent was entered into a raffle to win one of five \$100 Food Lion gift cards. We are thrilled to have received over 50 responses, which will be used to guide our community programs and future funding opportunities. Congratulations to the five winners!

The monthly raffle questions will continue through August. If you have input on what you think would improve our community, stop by the Social Services office to enter the raffle or give us a call!



### Partner Spotlight

GCAP proudly partners with County Line Baptist Church to support their Brown Bag program. This program provides a bag of food for eligible students to take home over the weekend when school meals aren't being served. This program expects to serve 30 students per week in the upcoming school year at Byrd and Randolph Elementary Schools.

We thank County Line Baptist Church for supporting the community and ensuring children have access to nutritious foods every day of the week.



### Board Member Spotlight

This quarter, we are thanking Dr. Mike Hennigan for his service as Chairperson of the GCAP Board for the past five years. As the pastor of Victory Christian Church, Dr. Hennigan's involvement in the community has been a strong asset to GCAP. This July, Dr. Hennigan earned his Doctorate of Ministry from Regent University, with research focused on preventing pastoral burnout.

Dr. Hennigan's words to prospective Board members are, "Serving on the GCAP Board is a wonderful privilege. Families battling poverty face complex issues. Board members should have a big heart and critical thinking skills. Come ready to roll up your sleeves and work." As Dr. Hennigan retires from our Board, we thank him for his years of dedication and leadership.