Dear Friends,

This report honors all you kind folks who support our work and whose gifts help neighbors that you’ll never meet and who’ll likely never meet you. We are humbled to deliver life-sustaining services on your behalf.

Your kindness powers our organization. It’s what gives LCRC the ability to do more than hunger relief. Folks need affordable clothes and dental care. The homebound and disabled need personal attention. We can meet those needs because of the kindness of donors, volunteers, teachers, students, organizers of pickleball donations, dentist partners, handymen, triathlon organizers, drivers, and grocery managers (I’ve probably forgotten someone!).

As I write this, the weather and LCRC work are heating up. We are gathering kid-friendly food for Summer Feeding. Donated clothes are being sorted. Caring Connections volunteers are being trained. The Dental Assistance team is meeting to review and approve applications.

Your support is needed more than ever because LCRC is doing more than ever. Your gifts turn into kindness that we deliver for you. Thank you for caring about your neighbors and for helping.

With thanks,
Lloyd Runnett, Executive Director

P.S. This is a critical time. If we raise $50,000 by July 31st during our annual Triathlon, our generous sponsors will give another $50,000. Please help us reach that goal. You can send a check or give online at louisaresource.org.

Thank you again.

Lloyd Runnett, Executive Director
Your kindness provides relief through our new programs.

**Dental Assistance Voucher Program**

Marty: Our first patient (you saw her story in our last mailing) had painful teeth extracted and now has a long-term plan in place for the other needed dental work. Marty is anxious to have a nice smile because, as she says, “I smile a lot!”

Tom: “I didn’t have any money and I didn’t know what to do. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.” The dentist pulled 4 teeth to prepare for dentures and Tom is pleased that the company where he works has agreed to help him pay for that next step.

James: As a veteran James was discouraged that the V.A. hospital in Richmond covered only a portion of his treatment for gum disease. A voucher covered the balance of the work he needed.

Ricky: Suffering with so much pain, he couldn’t eat, Ricky got relief after the first dental visit.

Besides these urgent cases, two clients got their teeth cleaned by a hygienist for the first time. Several people had evaluations and preparations for dentures. Nearly 20 people have received treatment, and at least 20 more applications are currently being reviewed.

We are grateful for designated gifts to the Dental Assistance Program from many individual donors, and for grants received from the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation, Virginia Community Bank, Charlottesville Area Community Foundation’s Enriching Communities, Rappahannock Electric “The Power of Change” and Bank of America Foundation. A big thank-you goes to all on behalf of our voucher recipients.

**Caring Connections**

Caring Connections is designed to help homebound and disabled residents of Louisa County who are struggling with loneliness and social isolation, two triggers for health problems and increased mortality.

Volunteers receive training about what to expect in a home visit, what signs to watch for, how to engage clients, and how to respond appropriately in a variety of situations.

Joanne Falkenthal, Caring Connections Volunteer Coordinator, assembles data to match homebound clients with volunteers who will routinely visit them.

If you want to volunteer or if you know someone who wants to be visited, contact Mrs. Falkenthal; 540-967-1510 or caringconnections@louisaresource.org

**The Faces of Kindness**

Large donations often make the headlines, but recurring gifts are the life-blood of a nonprofit like LCRC with reliable support that keeps our doors open and our shelves stocked.

Mrs. Naomi Graves, widowed and on a limited income, is part of a small group of dependable monthly givers.

“A few years ago we started giving to the Resource Council every month after we saw an article in the paper about how many folks in Louisa County don’t have enough to eat,” she explains. “It tore me up to know that, in this day and time, there are people going hungry.”

Mrs. Graves has six grown children. One of them, was born with severe disability and lives with her. “She is a joy,” Mrs. Graves says as she looks toward the wheelchair that holds her daughter Doris who is unable to hear or speak.

Today we send a special thanks to Mrs. Graves and other donors like her who make kindness a habit.

Food drives are critical to keeping the Emergency Food Pantry stocked and ready for families who turn to us in crisis. Floyd Lively, Jeff Hansen, and Connie Stanley, pictured here, delivered a pallet loaded with 643 pounds of food collected by the ODEC team at the Louisa Power Station.

Brothers Davis and Liam Richmel present their donation of $9 to director Lloyd Runnett. Givers and gifts, large and small, come together to accomplish great things.

UVA School of Nursing professor Vickie Southall recently received the “Excellence in Public Service” Award for 2019. Mrs. Southall, a lifelong resident of Louisa County, is also a familiar face at LCRC. She created a program for her nursing students who are on-site every Thursday to provide blood pressure and glucose level checks for our clients.

Last year Mrs. Southall guided her students in a presentation that laid the foundation for our Dental Health Voucher Program. She is now part of the team that reviews requests for dental assistance. Along with her service, we are grateful that she has shared a portion of her Service Award to help fund dental vouchers.