During a time when everything closed down, our community stepped up. These Community Champions make a difference every day and continued to do so during the global pandemic.

To celebrate National Philanthropy Day 2020, AFP-HR members honor and celebrate these one-of-a-kind heroes who have displayed compassion, kindness and the “Power of Philanthropy” in Hampton Roads!

Mark your calendars now for National Philanthropy Day 2021 on Monday, November 8, 2021!
**COVID-19 SEWING TASK FORCE FOR HAMPTON ROADS**

C.J. Robinson, a nurse turned stay-at-home mom, knew she had to do something for her former coworkers to ensure they had necessary protective equipment when COVID-19 hit. A single Facebook post asking for volunteers for homemade masks grew into the COVID-19 Sewing Task Force for Hampton Roads. Women and men of all ages sewed furiously for seven weeks. More than 1,400 dedicated volunteers made 40,487 masks that were distributed to 76 groups including area hospitals, senior living communities, physician offices, home health agencies and to us at EVMS. Thank you to C.J, the COVID-19 Sewing task Force and all of the volunteers who provided masks to our community healthcare workers!

**KIM FINK**

As an unwavering volunteer and philanthropist, Kim’s dedication to lifting families out of homelessness is nothing short of awe-inspiring. For over a decade, Kim has volunteered more than 3,000 hours as the ForKids Board Chairman, a Beyond the Bell Tutor, Art Auction opening act director and enthusiastic creator and producer of Story Slam. In its 9th year, Story Slam has raised over $250,000 for ForKids and captivated sellout audiences. Kim’s passion to transform her community is infectious. She inspires both children and adults to see possibilities that didn’t exist before and works tirelessly to make those possibilities become reality.

**DEBBIE STITZER-BRAME, RN**

Before the pandemic, Debbie Stitzer-Brame, RN, Executive Director of Edmarc, was a superhero. Serving Edmarc for over 20 years, Debbie has put her heart into an organization that helps children battling life-threatening illnesses stay in the comfort of their own homes. When March came and many organizations halted operations, Debbie creatively figured out how to safely deliver services and stay connected with families, supporters and volunteers. She nurtured staff through a difficult time and quickly applied for the Payroll Protection program to ensure jobs were secure. Debbie embodies the power of philanthropy and is a true community champion!

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**THANK YOU**

**DOLLAR TREE | FAMILY DOLLAR, USAA, VIRGINIA NATURAL GAS**

Through a combination of corporate gifts and individual donors, United Way of South Hampton Roads raised over $2.5 million for the Coronavirus Recovery Fund to provide direct financial assistance to our hardest hit neighbors and support to nonprofits on the frontlines. We want to express a special thank you to the top corporate contributors to this effort for their unwavering support of our mission and our commitment to our community during this crisis. Thank you to Dollar Tree | Family Dollar ($250,000), USAA ($100,000) and Virginia Natural Gas ($85,000) for being our Community Champions!

**LISA PENNYFEATHER**

Lisa Pennyfeather is truly a Community Champion. Whether she is serving as the Chair for the Community Builders Awards (CBA) with the Hampton Roads Community Action Program (HRCAP) or volunteering at an event, she contributes her time and resources in support of a greater mission for non-profit organizations. Her unselfish and dedicated service to the community has made a significant difference in the lives of others. It is for that reason, Lisa deserves our heartiest congratulations and recognition.

**WESTERN TIDEWATER FREE CLINIC**

During the COVID-19 crisis, Western Tidewater Free Clinic (WTFC) staff and volunteers committed to keeping the Clinic doors open, with the support of our donors. When others stayed home, these frontline healthcare workers stepped up, keeping those they serve out of the emergency rooms. They were true to their mission of providing high-quality, comprehensive healthcare to those at-risk patients and remain steadfast in providing patients a health home at WTFC, following the guiding principle of neighbors helping neighbors. Kudos to this dedicated and talented WTFC team who serve with Helping Hands, offering Health and providing Hope to those who need it most!

**RANDY WILLIAMS**

Randy Williams is a gem to the Hampton Roads community. He invests time, talent and money into our community. One of his most recent contributions involves becoming a Founding Member and Vice Chairman of Visionaries for Change, a new Hampton Roads Community Foundation philanthropic giving circle that was formed by Black business and civic leaders. Since joining, Randy has recruited other members to the group and assisted with the community foundation’s Black Philanthropy Month Celebration. As the owner of Talley & Twine Watch Company, he mentors teenage boys through several non-profit organizations, including the Young Investors Group of Virginia and Enlightened Minds Mentoring.

**SERTOMA CLUB OF NORFOLK**

For many years, the Sertoma Club of Norfolk has been supporting EVMS and other organizations in our community. Their legacy at EVMS, the Sertoma Club of Norfolk Tamporal Bone Lab, provides rich educational opportunities for our providers and students. This past year, Sertoma generously supported EVMS’ essential healthcare staff and faculty, providing more than 300 meals in partnership with local restaurants. They continue to show their immense gratitude for frontline healthcare workers and have provided thousands of meals for area hospital personnel, shelters and other community organizations in recent months.

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