

ECHO

ECHO is grateful to Fairfax County Government, Giant, MV Transportation and generous donors for the Stuff the Bus event on February 19, where hundreds of pounds of non-perishable food and hygiene supplies were contributed to support ECHO's mission. Providing emergency food to the most vulnerable families in our community is a 12 month-a-year project, however. Currently, ECHO's Food Pantry, which is at [7205 Old Keene Mill Road](#), needs spaghetti sauce, jelly, canned pasta, deodorant and shaving cream. ECHO is open on weekdays 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, and 7:00 to 9:00 on Tuesday through Thursday evenings to receive donations.

If your employer matches charitable donations, please don't forget to apply for that match for your contribution to ECHO. We are an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) organization with a big mission and a tiny overhead. You can find our audited financial reports on our website, www.echo-inc.org, along with ways to donate and/or to join us as a volunteer. Right now, ECHO is looking for a volunteer to help with grass mowing from time to time at our building, a volunteer administrative assistant on either Wednesday or Thursday mornings, and someone to receive donations on Tuesday evenings. E-mail volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org for more information.

ECHO's Spring Yard Sale is scheduled for April 7 at St. Bernadette's gymnasium. Our semi-annual yard sales are great fun for "treasure-hunters." ECHO needs donations of tissue paper or unprinted, clean newsprint paper for wrapping breakable treasures for our customers. Donors can drop them off at ECHO's donation door, but please mark the bag or box "Yard Sale Paper" so we will know that other kinds of donations are not "hiding" in the same bag or box!

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Springfield, will host an Empty Bowls Project to fight hunger on April 22. Empty Bowls Projects take place around the world, allowing artists and artisans to support food-related charities in their locales. Proceeds of this event will be donated to ECHO. Participants will receive an artisan-crafted bowl and a simple dinner. Advance registration is necessary because participation is limited. See "Upcoming Events" at www.popl.org.

Food Drives

March - Prince of Peace Lutheran, Springfield Christian, Springfield United Methodist
April - Grace Christian Reformed, Adat Reyim, Burke United Methodist

Upcoming Dates to Note

March 3 - Saturday opening
March 16, 19 - Clothing changeover to Spring/Summer (no clothing appointments)
March 29 - Closed evening only
March 30 - Closed for Good Friday
April 2 - Closed
April 7 - Spring Yard Sale at St. Bernadette's Gym
April 14 - Saturday opening

April 16 - Executive Comm Mtg, 7:30

April 22 - Empty Bowls event at Prince of Peace Lutheran- register online in advance

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