

## **FUMC supports StepALIVE! Walkathon and Fund-raiser, Oct. 17**

Dear Fairlington United Methodist Friends,

For many years the services and programs provided through ALIVE! have served as a safety net for many Alexandria families and individuals in need - this has been especially the case during the pandemic. The StepALIVE! Walkathon on Sunday, October 17, 2021, is an opportunity for all of us to contribute financial support that will make it possible for ALIVE! to continue providing the much-needed help to families and individuals experiencing hardship and poverty in our community.

Your contribution will help to support:

**Monthly Food Distribution:** In 2021 the ALIVE! food program more than doubled in size to address the food shortages caused by job layoffs and declining work hours due to the pandemic. Grocery bags of food are distributed at 3 sites every week as well as Pop Up Distribution sites and home delivery program for the elderly and home-based individuals. Each month over 3000 families are supported with food supplies.

**Alexandria Eviction Prevention Partnership (AEPP)** connects Alexandria residents who are experiencing housing insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic to resources and information, and provides supports to residents applying for rental assistance or navigating the eviction process. This year ALIVE! Initiated a support network that is assisting 800 Alexandria families tieh eviction prevention. . E

**ALIVE! House** provides temporary housing for women and families in emergency and transitional situations. ALIVE! House provides up to 24 months of shelter and support for families experiencing homelessness. In 2021 women and children have continued to be sheltered during the pandemic.

**Emergency Family Assistance:** ALIVE! provides support for Alexandria city residents with temporary assistance with for rent payments, utilities, medical expenses, and other emergency support. This year 1500 Alexandria families have received some level of assistance based on their needs.

For over 50 years FUMC has been part of the network of faith communities in Alexandria committed to ALIVE!'s mission and work through volunteers and financial support. This year, Fairlington is renewing its support and direct member involvement in all of the ALIVE! Programs. Please plan to recommit to ALIVE! This year.

To register for the StepAlive! Walkathon go to, [www.stepalivewalk.org](http://www.stepalivewalk.org). Further information is offered in the attached flyer. See you Sunday, October 17, 2021!

Thank you!

Barbara Gomez, Kathy Richards, Rolf Blank

Fairlington UMC committee for StepALIVE! leadership: