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Henrico County Announces \$900,000 Commitment to The Salvation Army Central Virginia's Future Center of Hope

County investment supports expanded shelter capacity, year-round inclement weather shelter and wrap-around services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness

RICHMOND, Va. – Henrico County and The Salvation Army Central Virginia today announced Henrico County's \$900,000 commitment to support the future Center of Hope, a transformational project that will expand emergency shelter capacity and connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness with critical services and pathways toward long-term stability.

The commitment reflects Henrico County's recognition, alongside the City of Richmond, that the region urgently needs expanded shelter capacity and coordinated services for neighbors in crisis.

Henrico's \$900,000 commitment began with an allocation of \$300,000 in fiscal year 2025-26, with the remaining support being paid annually in installments.

"Henrico County is proud to support the future Center of Hope because ensuring safe, accessible housing for neighbors in crisis requires a comprehensive, community-wide solution," said Roscoe D. Cooper III, chair of the Henrico Board of Supervisors. "While the Inclement Weather Shelter and Surge Shelter have helped our region meet its immediate needs for housing, the Center of Hope has the potential to be more impactful by changing the trajectory of lives. As a permanent facility, the center will offer more beds as well as space for programs and services to offer community members the support, stability and financial guidance they need to become self-sufficient."

Located at 1900 Chamberlayne Avenue in Richmond, the future Center of Hope will significantly enhance The Salvation Army Central Virginia's ability to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness across the region. The transformative facility will double emergency shelter capacity from 50 to 100 beds, quadruple program areas, create ADA-accessible space and operate the Inclement Weather Shelter year-round during extreme heat, cold and storms for 100 men and women ages 18 and older.

The Center of Hope will also provide onsite case management, dining, showers, laundry and access to wrap-around resources and services through the City of Richmond's Community Resource and Training Center. By expanding shelter capacity and bringing critical supports together in one place, the Center of Hope will help more neighbors find safety, stability and hope.

"We are deeply grateful for Henrico County's leadership and generous investment in the future Center of Hope," said Area Commander Major Samuel Kim for The Salvation Army of Central Virginia. "This commitment demonstrates Henrico County's strong recognition that homelessness is a regional challenge requiring a coordinated, community-wide response. The Center of Hope will help ensure more of our neighbors have access not only to shelter, but to the resources, support and dignity they need to take their next step toward stability."

The Center of Hope is the focus of The Salvation Army's This Is Hope Capital Campaign, which will renovate and expand the organization's Chamberlayne Avenue property into a larger, more accessible facility. With Henrico County's commitment, the campaign has just under \$1.9 million left to raise. The Salvation Army must secure the remaining funds by December 31, 2026, to unlock matching funds for the campaign.

For more information about the This Is Hope Capital Campaign, visit ThisIsHopeRVA.org or follow @SalArmyRVA.

About The Salvation Army

Serving the Richmond region since 1885, The Salvation Army of Central Virginia Area Command meets needs across 16 localities through sheltering services, food assistance, outreach, rent and utility assistance, and youth programs. Learn more at salvationarmycentralva.org.

About Henrico County

Henrico County is committed to strengthening the quality of life for residents through responsive public services, regional collaboration and investments that support safe, healthy and thriving communities.

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