

# St. Michael's Lower School Christmas Community Outreach and Supply Drive

The Lower School, as part of a larger project in the spring, will participate in an outreach project to help three community non-profits during the Christmas season. Our students will learn about the missions of these organizations and their needs. The project includes presentations to all the classes, making Christmas cards in Art class and collecting items they need.

## **What charities will we support and how will we support them?**

**Children's Hospital of Richmond** (Brook Rd. unit) is a long term and transitional care unit that provides a supportive and comfortable environment for children and their families. They care for children whose ongoing health condition requires both medical and nursing care as well as special equipment or services. Levels of care are based on a child's condition and can include long term care, palliative care or end of life care. Kindergarten will make cards for the Children's Hospital.

**The Virginia Home** provides compassionate and professional residential care to 130 adults with irreversible physical disabilities, ensuring that their lifelong comfort and security will never be compromised regardless of ability to pay. Each resident receives a broad range of restorative services, round-the-clock nursing care, personalized dietary and nutritional services, and individualized case management. Residents are active in the community- working, traveling, playing sports and attending community events. First, third, fourth and fifth grades will make cards for the Virginia Home.

**Ronald McDonald House** provides families with a home-away-from-home while their children receive medical care in Richmond. The Ronald McDonald House provides meals and all the amenities of home so their guests can focus on their children. The second grade will make cards for the Ronald McDonald House.

**What supplies are needed?** We are hosting supply drives for all of the charities. Please send in the following:

**Fuzzy socks (adult), ladies and men's body wash and lotion, stamps, individual small boxes of cereal, lipbalm (chapstick/adult), gallon ziplock bags and antibacterial wipes.**

Any quantity is appreciated. Please bring these items to school on **December 10th**.

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