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Northern Piedmont Community Foundation Culpeper Foundation Fund
Supports Culpeper Housing and Shelter Services

During this calendar year, in the four counties Northern Piedmont Community Foundation serves, approximately 682 people, of whom 310 were children, spent at least one night in a homeless shelter. Unfortunately, those numbers represent a 51% increase from calendar year 2017. This information is from the Homeless Outcomes Community Report produced by the Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission.

In Culpeper County, among many of its services, the Culpeper Housing and Shelter Services offers a 15-bed homeless shelter that has been in operation since 2006. The shelter has housed thousands of people in those years. However, the funds have not been available to do much needed renovations and repairs. The temporary housing shelter offers far more than a bed. Culpeper Housing and Shelter assigns its residents a case manager who provides counseling and support in budgeting, job-search, life skills, housing and support services from other agencies.

The Northern Piedmont Community Foundation through its Culpeper Foundation Fund recently donated $5,000 towards much needed repairs. A carpet and window replacement, shutters and cushion repair and other shelter maintenance projects will be tackled with these welcome funds. After many, many years of constant use, the time to repair is now.

“The Culpeper Housing and Shelter Services provide a critical support system to individuals who find themselves in need. These individuals often have children and the difference in staying somewhere with clean carpets and fresh paint, cosmetic or not, makes a big difference in self-esteem and confidence. The Culpeper Foundation Fund came to NPCF in 2014 and we are pleased to not only issue annual grants to Culpeper nonprofits but funding as needed for special projects,” remarked Jane Bowling-Wilson, Executive Director of NPCF. Cheryl Carter with Culpeper Housing and Shelter Services, added, “We are thrilled to be able to complete needed improvements and a little upgrading for the shelter”

Contributions may be made to the Culpeper Foundation Fund through Northern Piedmont Community Foundation at P.O. Box 182 Warrenton VA 20188. Please specify “Culpeper Foundation Fund” with your donation.

Established in 2000, the Northern Piedmont Community Foundation is a public charity that builds philanthropic capital to enhance and preserve the quality of life in Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, and Rappahannock counties and to strengthen the region’s nonprofit organizations.

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