

It Might Be Cool Outside...

But it's warm here at PCC!

These crisp cool mornings have had Joyce and Joe Mundy on the hunt. Why, you ask? To find more coats of course! For those of you new to PCC, Joyce and Joe Mundy are in-laws to our very own Kelli Mundy, Director of Center Operations. Every year Joyce and Joe set out to find gently used coats to assist our Emergency Service clients and our students in our Pathways program. For several years, they have made this just one of their labors of love for PCC and this year that produced 70 coats to be donated!

Joyce meticulously inspects each coat, checking every zipper, hood, and pocket before purchasing to see if there are any necessary repairs needed and washes them to ensure both our clients and students are wrapped up for the cooler temperatures. PCC wants to thank Joyce and Joe for thinking of PCC all year round as this is such a help to our families and clients.



Introducing Mrs. Melanie: Our New High School Coordinator

My name is Mrs. Melanie, and I am honored to step into the role of High School Coordinator in the Pathways for Youth program. My journey with the Presbyterian Community Center began as an intern through Virginia Western's Human Services program and evolved into a role as a Pathway's Assistant and now as the High School Coordinator. Currently, I am pursuing a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree at Radford University, and I am excited to see where my education takes me within this incredible agency.

I am deeply committed to serving the southeast community and find great fulfillment in working with my high school students. The opportunity to be a positive mentor and support their development is incredibly rewarding. I look forward to fostering meaningful connections and making a positive impact on their lives as we work together towards their success.



Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop

Learn the "hidden rules" of poverty and how the Bridges Out of Poverty model helps build resources for a better future. This hands-on workshop is led by nationally certified facilitators from PCC.

Dates: Mon., November 4th **OR** Tues., November 5th | 9:00AM - 4:30PM

Location: Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church - Vinton

Please contact Susan Frank at sfrank@pccse.org for more information!


Holiday ADOPT A FAMILY

The holiday season is just around the corner! PCC invites you to adopt a family for Christmas.

If adopting a family isn't feasible for you, but you'd like to contribute to our general holiday fund, you can donate by [scanning the QR code](#).

Adopting Emergency Services Family
(ES client, elderly couple, or families with children)
Contact Ebony Hurt | Dir. of Emergency Services
ehurt@pccse.org

Adopting Pathways for Youth Family
Contact: Lori Pilcher | Dir. of Family Programs
lpilcher@pccse.org





Spread Holiday Cheer!
Scan to give!

Special Need for Operating Funds: We Need Your Help!

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Over the past six decades, we've weathered many challenges, but none quite like the one we face now. As you know, we've been engaged in an exciting Capital Campaign for our new facility, and we're thrilled to report that we've raised almost 90% of the needed funds! Thanks to our donors' incredible generosity, the dream of a new, state-of-the-art facility is becoming a reality. The building pad is nearly complete, despite some setbacks from recent storms, and we invite you to drive by and see the progress for yourself as construction becomes more visible this fall.

However, while we've been focused on this major milestone, our **operating funding** has unfortunately taken a hit. Our Treasurer, Wayne Lewis, who has always kept a close eye on our finances, has expressed concern as we've seen a significant drop in the operational funds we need to keep our day-to-day programs running smoothly. This isn't at all unusual for organizations during a major Capital Campaign, but we need to address this **immediately** to avoid sacrificing the vital programs and services that so many depend on.

The reality is this: We have mouths to feed and young people to help between now and the end of this year, and on into 2025. Our new Executive Director, Nicole Jennings, is doing a wonderful job and her entire team has been working tirelessly to save money wherever possible, but we need your immediate support to ensure that no programs are cut, and that we can continue serving those who rely on us.

At the same time as some of our donors have switched their emphasis to the building campaign, we – like you – have been hammered by the inflation and price increases of recent years. It costs more to hire and retain quality personnel, and minimum wage increases are coming. The Center's utility bills – and those we pay on behalf of the clients we help – are way higher than they were not so long ago. And you know from your own trips to the grocery store that the food we buy for our Pathways kids, and the groceries we give to our hungry clients, costs us a lot more than was the case not many years ago.

How You Can Help:

- Consider a special gift to our **Operating Fund** to keep our programs strong. One way to do this could be using required distributions from IRAs in a tax-advantaged way as discussed elsewhere in this issue. Continue to support us with your **prayers**, encouragement, and visits to see the progress we're making on the new facility.
- Share this message with others who believe in the work we're doing and who might be able to help us in this critical time.

Together, we can overcome this challenge and move forward with both a brand-new facility and thriving programs. We are developing contingency plans, but we hope not to adversely affect either services to the neighborhood or our wonderful and dedicated staff. This is not a panic situation by any means, but it is prudent fiscal management for us to make a special effort to restore the operating cushion we previously enjoyed.

Thank you for all that you do and for your thoughtful consideration of this special request. We are deeply grateful for your partnership and commitment to making a lasting difference in our community.

- Bev Fitzpatrick | Chairman

Maximize Your Impact

Individuals age 70½ or older can make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) of up to \$100,000 per year directly from their IRAs, including inherited IRAs, to an eligible charitable organization. For most taxpayers over age 70 1/2, making a QCD can have the same effect on their tax liability as a tax deduction. A QCD can even favorably affect the income-related portion of Medicare premiums.

QCDs can count toward satisfying an individual's required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year if certain rules are met. However, if an individual makes a tax-deductible contribution to their IRA after age 70½, the amount the individual can exclude from their taxable income as a QCD will generally be reduced.

Make sure to work with your tax advisor to ensure that you satisfy all the QCD requirements and that you have correctly reported QCDs on your tax return.

If you're not yet 70 ½, you can still give to charity by donating appreciated stock directly to a qualified charity. If you meet certain requirements, this may allow you to avoid the capital gains tax you'd owe on the stock while also creating a tax deduction for the donation, as long as you itemize your taxes.

As you plan your charitable giving for the remainder of 2024, please consider a Qualified Charitable Distribution to the Presbyterian Community Center. Thank you.

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Meet April Lewis: Our New Volunteer Coordinator

If you have been in PCC the last couple of months, you may have seen me around the building. My name is April Lewis, and I took on the role of Volunteer Coordinator in July to fill the shoes of Cheryl Poe as she began her retirement in August.

Though I am personally new to PCC, I have been involved by association for years. My teenage son and in-laws all volunteer regularly in the pantry. Years ago, my niece was a Pathways student who loved coming to PCC after school. My husband, son, and nephew all participated in the Train Tug, and I clearly remember my oldest coming home several years ago and telling me about his grandfather in a boat on Smith Mountain Lake for the dragon boat race. For my entire adult life, I have been aware of the organization and the good things they do in the Roanoke community.

I have also spent time working with at-risk people in the community: for nearly a decade, I worked as a foster care caseworker and supervisor, often very closely with the Roanoke City and County DSS offices. This gave me a heart for Roanoke and the people who live here.

When I heard the opportunity to work for PCC and in the Roanoke community was available, I was very excited about the chance. In the few months I have worked here, I have felt the energy of the staff and volunteers and how excited they are about all the good that is coming to the organization and community. It has been fantastic to be able to watch the progress of the new building every day as I come to work, and I'm looking forward to seeing it completed.

In my off time, I'm a wife and mom of two boys who attend school in the Cave Spring district. We also are the proud humans to three cats. We are members at Second Presbyterian Church where my husband and I volunteer as youth advisors, and I help teach middle school Sunday School. I love reading, writing, and I'm a huge history buff.

I am so looking forward to getting to know all our volunteers over the next few months! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely,
April Lewis



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