



Supervisor

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Dear Catoctin Friends,

I received these notes today from some of our amazing community partners. I wanted to share them with you given that today is the last day of the Give Choose Campaign. I hope you will take a moment to read letters I received from the Lucketts Ruritan Club, Friends of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Hillsboro Preservation Foundation, Mobile Hope, and the Virginia Piedmont Heritage Area.



Lucketts Ruritan Club (LRC), a 501(c)3 really needs your help this Give Choose Tuesday! We are committed to raising \$15,000 to continue to support the needs of our community. We are very grateful for the past support of so many of our friends and neighbors but the need is as great today as it was previously. So, I am asking you to please consider making a generous, tax-deductible gift on this LAST DAY of the Give Choose campaign. We are proud to say that we are all volunteers, with no staff or building overhead; our impact is effective and measurable, with almost all funding received going directly to the needs of people living in Lucketts.

SPECIAL NOTICE: During Give Choose, between March 14 and March 28, current and former Club leadership provided a dollar-for-dollar MATCH for our first \$5,000 received by COB March 28! ***We met this match but have a way to go today to reach our \$15,000 goal. You can give now now through the link below.***

For 44 years Club members have demonstrated our commitment to serving our Lucketts neighbors through community service activities, fellowship, and good will. Help us continue

- to feed the hungry through the Lucketts Food Pantry,
- to provide warm coats to about 50 kids every year,
- to award scholarships to the worthiest students,
- to send more kids to summer programs, and
- to provide seed money to youth and community development activities that serve our neighbors in Lucketts.

Please honor our Club and the greater Lucketts community with your generous, tax-deductible gift today. We invite you to a monthly membership meeting to share fellowship and see your dollars at work!

Thank you for your kind attention!

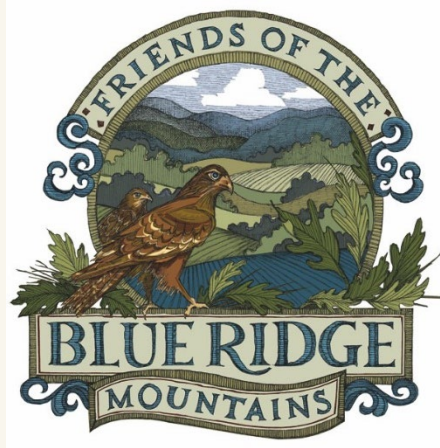
Sincerely,

**Mike Dunn**

Vice-President and Campaign Chair  
[Lucketts Ruritan Club](#)

**[Give Choose for Lucketts Ruritans](#)**

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We live in one of the most beautiful spots in the country.  
Help Friends of the Blue Ridge Mountains celebrate and protect the  
mountains for our children and their children.

### **Today is Give Choose**

Please click here to help Friends of the Blue Ridge Mountains  
to continue to be your voice to preserve, enhance and  
celebrate the Blue Ridge Mountains

[Friends of the Blue Ridge Mountains Website](#)

[\*\*Give Choose Friends of the Blue Ridge  
Mountains\*\*](#)

**TODAY IS THE DAY!**  
*Our community's largest day of giving*

**March 28, 2023**  
**24 Hours of Giving**  
**Midnight to Midnight**

**HILLSBORO**  
PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

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**Hillsboro Preservation Foundation**  
**Give Choose 24 Hours of Giving**  
**Campaign Underway**

***PLEASE GIVE THIS HOUR***  
***Donate This Hour to HPF & Make Your Dollars Grow!***

**Now is the time!**  
**Donations made between 8 and 9 a.m. will be matched**  
**up to \$1,000, and if HPF is the top non-profit**  
**(measured in donors and actual donations this hour)**  
**we will win a \$500 bonus!**

**This is the opportunity to make your donation grow!**

**The HPF has a \$3,000 goal in this year's Give Choose 24-**  
**Hour campaign, which ends at midnight tonight. The funds**  
**we raise in this 24-hours will support the HPF's three-fold**  
**mission to:**

- **Preserve our landmarks and landscapes**
- **Support the arts and culture for our community**
- **Lend a hand to our neighbors in need**

**DONATIONS MADE THIS HOUR WILL BE MATCHED**  
**AND MAY EARN A BONUS \$500!**

***THANK YOU!***

**[Hillsboro Preservation Foundation Website](#)**

**[Give Choose Hillsboro Preservation](#)**  
**[Foundation](#)**



Mobile Hope handles sad issues every day, we have helped kids wipe away tears when they are broken, we have hugged them when they feel they are alone, and we have walked with them when they feel the world as they know it is against them.

What we don't do well with is when, after visiting one of our kids in the hospital over the weekend, we were notified that they were pronounced dead.

We are sharing this with you, just like we share all the wonderful celebrations and successes, because youth homelessness is not easy, but it is real.

We ask that you hug your kids tight, you overlook their mistakes, and you work to guide them. We ask that you let them follow their dreams, and cherish all of their idiosyncrasies and quirks, because that is what makes them unique. We ask that you keep them close to you even when you disagree or when their lifestyle is not what you had hoped for them. We ask that you smile at a stranger, hold the door open for someone who is struggling and recognize how lucky we all are to have the lives we have been given.

We unfortunately have had to attend funerals for these young people when life got too hard, when their burdens were just too heavy to carry. Life on the streets is hard, being homeless makes it even harder, but these kids deserve a caring smile, a warm hug, a high five and a congratulations, even from a stranger.

These kids come from such broken backgrounds, live in survivor mode every moment of every day and do the best they know how to do.

While this kid was tough on the outside, he so desperately wanted to find his way, so desperately wanted to enjoy a happy life and so desperately wanted to be loved.

Thanks for listening.

Donna Fortier, Founder & CEO  
Allyson Ruscitella, Director of Development

[Mobile Hope Website](#)

**[Give Choose Mobile Hope](#)**



## Give Choose 2023

Today is Give Choose 2023, a 24-hour day of giving organized annually by the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties to benefit local charities serving our community. VPHA is a proud participant in Give Choose, and we are grateful for your support with our mission of Preservation through Education.

This year we are working alongside the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum to develop an educational resource to teach students of all ages about the Native American heritage of our region.

To donate today, visit the Give Choose VPHA button below.

The Jenkins Collection of American Indian Artifacts comprises approximately 300 objects including projectile points, stone tools, pottery shards, and small decorative items. The collection represents human habitation of the local Potomac watershed from approximately 3000 BCE – 1700 CE. By about 900 CE local communities were growing corn, beans, and squash, all of which originated in southern climates and were traded, shared, and spread northwards by American Indians living all over the continent. Therefore, this collection is evidence of mankind's first development of agriculture in the county.

VPHA and the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum want to make sure that every Loudoun student and resident has an opportunity to learn about indigenous peoples in Loudoun and how they interacted with the landscape.

Support this Project: Your funds help us

- Photograph and digitize the collection, creating equitable access for all users
  - Expand Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum's permanent American Indian exhibition, Loudoun's First Farmers: Indigenous Food Ways and Land Use Along the Potomac, with interpretation about the changing nature of food ways and land use over time during indigenous occupation
  - Create a traveling exhibition to be displayed throughout Loudoun County and surrounding areas
  - Create two classroom trunks including hand-knapped and 3D printed examples of original collections items
- Today our mission of teaching our comprehensive Heritage Area history is as important as ever and we are working diligently to keep our communities involved with our incredible living museum.

Please consider supporting our mission with a donation or membership to help ensure our ability to continue protecting our extraordinary landscape and its vast history for future generations.

[Virginia Piedmont Heritage Area Website](#)

**Give Choose Virginia Piedmont Heritage Area**

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Sincerely,

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