



# NEWSLETTER

## *My Favorite Charity Events Organization*

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Well, it has been a very busy quarter with many new initiatives and activities as My Favorite Charity Events (MFCE) continues to grow. In addition to the items below we added one Virginia Beach Teacher, two volunteers, and selected two ODU students to be a part of MFCE's Internship Program. We are working hard to position ourselves as one of Virginia Beach's most effective local charities.

### **My Favorite Charity Events Organization is Forming Our Board of Directors**

MFCE has reached a critical point in the evolution of the charity. In order for MFCE to continue its growth and support to the community, we need to form a Board of Directors who can provide guidance and help us develop growth and community support strategies.

We started MFCE as a grassroots organization, and we want to grow as a grassroots organization and having Board Members who have been with us from the start is the right way to go. We know that the new Board can help us formulate our strategic planning for the next two years and help us execute our strategic goals.

### **Updates on Our Christmas for Kids Program & Tutoring and Educational Programs**

We now have two strong and focused programs (1) academically through our free mathematics tutoring program, and (2) through our humanitarian Christmas for Kids program. In addition to these main programs, we are finalizing a free eyeglass program and possibly an art for kids program that will extend our support to Cooke Elementary School and in the future, the Virginia Beach City Public School (VBCPS).

**Christmas for Kids Program:** In December, MFCE provided Christmas presents for 22 families that encompassed 50 children in 2023! Our program provides presents for the elementary school student and all their siblings and this year the count was 30 bags of presents that supported the 22 families. Additionally, we provided Cooke with 30 skateboards, 15 winter coats, and toys to augment their Angel Tree Program.

**Tutoring and Educational Programs:** Currently we are tutoring five children in mathematics and are looking to increase that number with a staff of two Virginia Beach School teachers, two volunteers and two ODU students who will begin interning with us in January. We are looking to add at least two additional interns and are currently working with VolunteerMatch.org to recruit additional volunteers to support additional children in our tutoring program.

**New Website Design:** We have redesigned our website. The latest content focused on our two programs – free mathematics tutoring and Christmas for Kids. We have added pictures and a video showing these two programs in action. We also added our 2024

Strategic goals, a fillable volunteer form, and a "Friends of MFCE" page, displaying organizations' logos that have helped My Favorite Charity Events meet its mission of – Teaming up to help elementary school children in the Virginia Beach community become superstar students.

**MFCE's New "Realize Academic Success Through Tutoring (RASTT)" Initiative:** We have just rolled out our agile learning process called Realize Academic Success Through Tutoring (RASTT). RASTT is based on the SMART Goals process of developing Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time-based goals as part of its framework. RASTT presents and teaches mathematical fundamentals in 2 week learning rallies with continued assessments and an individual assessment report provided to the student's teacher and parents at the end of the rally. MFCE provides tutoring 3 days a week in one-hour sessions providing for six hours of RASTT tutoring.

**It's All About Building Relationships:** We currently have relationships with the Virginia Chamber Foundation, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, and the Virginia Business Higher Education Council's Virginia Talent + Opportunity Partnership Program (V-TOP) for creating internships; Old Dominion University's Monarch Internship and Co-Op Office, and the Elementary Education & Early Childhood Education Undergraduate Program, Career Development; and The Lighthouse, Center for Exploration and Discovery Internship Program and the Elementary School Education Undergraduate Program at Virginia Wesleyan University.

**Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for someone versed in grant writing as we have begun submitting grant requests to help fund our programs. We also need someone with knowledge and experience with the use of all Social Media platforms.

**Donations Greatly Appreciated:** We appreciate your donation to support our tutoring program. Your one-time donation of any amount, or on a monthly or recurring basis is welcomed. Please visit our website at <https://myfavoritecharityevents.org> or use QR code below. Our donation process is secured by STRIPE, a secure payment processing platform.



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