



FHF Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, 3.8.22

5:30-6:30 pm

[Recurring Zoom Link](#)

[MEETING RECORDING](#)

5:30- 5:35 pm **Welcome**

- [QUICK overview of FHF](#)- we are working to **build community** & support families
- [Last month's meeting recording and notes](#)

5:35- 5:55 pm **Community Speakers**

- **Samyuktha Mahadevan**, [One Small Step](#) Project Manager
 - “Sometimes we need a reminder that there is humanity in every person – even those we disagree with politically. If you've ever been worried about the state of division in this country, One Small Step is here to help.”
 - Have recorded over 40 conversations...
 - [Listen to local One Small Step Conversations...](#)
- **Margaret Fisher**, [Unite Us](#) Community Engagement Manager
 - In 44 states, and over 4000 school systems across the nation.
 - Founded in 2013, Unite Us is a technology company that builds coordinated care networks of health and human service providers to address all determinants of health. What was originally created to serve veterans has grown into a national movement to connect everyone to the care they need. Unite Us' intuitive platform supports meaningful collaboration, community-wide care coordination, and secure, bidirectional data sharing.
 - There is no cost to be part of the Unite Virginia network. In December 2020 Governor Northam allocated CARES Act funding to create Unite Virginia, a statewide technology platform across the Commonwealth. The funding covers all startup and implementation costs for community based organizations. Unite Us has also been included in the proposed budget for the new Governor.
 - FHF will use the Unite Virginia network as a tool to connect families and members of the community to resources. Through the network, we can partner with other community organizations and work together as a team to help ensure the needs of the client are met. By using electronic referrals and communication, all information will be documented and data can be pulled for reporting purposes.

5:55 6:10 pm **FHF Updates**

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- Staff Appreciation Project (Heidi)
 - Goal: To be sure ALL ACPS teachers celebrated during Teacher Appreciation Week (first week in May), filling gaps at schools with no PTOs/less resources
 - A national NEA poll found that 55% of teachers are seriously considering leaving the profession. Burnout is especially high amongst teachers serving the most vulnerable kids. Our families need high-quality teachers, but not all schools have families able to fund teacher appreciation... We need our community's help.
 - [Go Fund Me Link](#)
 - [Volunteer Signup](#)
- Financial (Angie)
 - We've JUST received our 501c3 status and opened a bank account
 - Setup gofundme for Teacher Appreciation campaign
 - Funds transferred from CACF account to support families via Solutions team
 - Mailbox set up
 - We applied for 3 grants this month to support the Solutions Team and also the Teacher Appreciation campaign.
- Solutions Team (Miles/Latara)
 - 47 families supported this year
 - Home goods (beds, dressers, etc.)
 - We don't currently have storage, we use Buy Nothing when need identified
 - Some families have stored families for us- we are working on easier solution to meet these needs
 - Utilities
 - Referrals- Salvation Army, AIM, St Vincents
 - Referrals to local nonprofits
 - FHF cap \$250/yr per family, hope to provide more as we grow

6:10- 6:25 pm **Discussion**

- **Group 1:** discussed the FHF process and how to grow over time
- **Group 2:** Mary Jo shared about a program that helps veterans- the entire group will learn more next month:)
- **Group 3:**



- Would be great to have a full calendar of programs to ID holes, and discuss summer items in early spring, winter camps in early fall...
- Discussed food insecurity and what ramifications of the end of the payouts that stopped in Jan, status of USDA program and impact on inflation on families already struggling
- **Group 4:** Talked gap families that don't speak English, interpretation services for doctor appts that school doesn't provide, grants to pay for interpreter appts

6:25- 6:30 pm **Wrap-up & Next Steps** Upcoming meetings:

- Apr 12, 2022 05:30 PM (TBD)
- May 10, 2022 05:30 PM (Parent Supports)
- Jun 14, 2022 05:30 PM (Year end get together?)
- Next month's focus: Military Family Support. Please [email us](#) if you have any suggestions for community speakers!
- Our mission is to first connect with existing community resources. As always...are we missing any [resources in our document](#), especially organizations that can help families who are struggling with rent, utilities, and other needs?
- Is there a group that you'd like us to invite to speak at a monthly meeting? [Let us know.](#)
- If you know a family that is struggling or you'd like to volunteer your time, visit our [help page](#).
- If you haven't done so already, join our newsletter mailing list by texting **FHF** to **42828** or [click here](#).
- If you can donate to support our work, [visit our fund page at CACF](#).

March Focus on Housing:

- [Documentary: That World is Gone: Race and Displacement in a Southern Town](#)
- [Local Documentary: A Legacy Unbroken](#)
- ["Hear the story behind "A Promise to Grow"](#)—a collaboration between City of Promise, Virginia Humanities, author Marc Boston, and illustrator Ariel Mendez—set in the Westhaven community in Charlottesville, Virginia. Meet CJ, a kind-hearted young man with big dreams who plants a community garden, and learn about the history of the once-thriving Vinegar Hill neighborhood."
- Can Zoning Create a More Affordable Charlottesville?

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- Registration is now open! Everyone interested in zoning in Charlottesville is invited to this event on Wednesday March 16th from 530-630pm. This will be a great opportunity to learn how to advocate for a more affordable Charlottesville. Space is limited, so we recommend registering sooner than later!
- [Register here](#)
- [The Central Virginia Regional Housing Partnership presented a 2021 Fall/Winter speaker series that included:](#)
 - -Recent Housing Initiatives in the TJPDC Region Roundtable
 - -Rural Housing Challenges and Solutions
 - -Missing Middle Housing
 - -Faith-Based Organizations & Housing Initiatives
- [Charlottesville's affordable housing crisis: A long time coming](#)
 - Charlottesville's history shows the city didn't become unaffordable overnight
- For those interested: [2022 WUP Education Panel | Women United in Philanthropy \(womenunitedcville.org\)](#)
 - Speakers:
 - Sunshine Mathon, Executive Director, Piedmont Housing Alliance
 - Ravi Respeto, President & CEO, United Way of Greater Charlottesville
 - Ridge Schuyler, Dean, Community Self Sufficiency Programs, PVCC
 - Janette Kawachi, Chief Partnership Officer, Habitat for Humanity
 - Join our expert panelists who will discuss:
 - what issues we are facing today
 - what does 'affordable' mean for our community here in Charlottesville
 - what projects are underway to assist
 - what more is needed to change the housing landscape.