



GOOCHLAND DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Community for Unwavering Support

To the incredible residents, churches, businesses, and organizations of Goochland County,

On behalf of the many families, children, and elderly residents who faced uncertainty during the recent federal shutdown and the delay in the issuance of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, Goochland Department of Social Services extends our deepest, most heartfelt gratitude.

When the need was greatest, you rose to the occasion with an extraordinary display of compassion and energy. The delay in SNAP benefits created an immediate and critical gap in food security for many of our most vulnerable neighbors. However, thanks to your swift and generous response, our community ensured that no one was left hungry.

1. You opened your hearts and your pantries.
2. You donated food, time, and essential resources.
3. You showed the true meaning of being a neighbor.

Because of your immediate action, countless families, children, and the elderly had a place to go—a safe haven where they could receive nutritious food and the comfort of knowing their community cared. Your contributions provided more than just meals; they offered dignity and stability during a time of immense stress.

We must also recognize and commend our dedicated partner, GoochlandCares. They immediately geared up and prepared for the massive and sudden influx of people needing assistance. Their tireless volunteers and staff worked around the clock, implementing effective distribution systems and coordinating the overwhelming generosity of our community. Their preparedness and dedication were truly instrumental in managing this crisis.

This difficult period showcased the absolute best of who we are. The collaborative spirit between community members, Goochland Social Services and GoochlandCares turned a potential crisis into a profound demonstration of local strength and solidarity.

Thank you, again, for your humanity, your generosity, and your commitment to supporting one another. We are stronger together.

Sincerely,

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