

Regional Funding

Fiscal Year 2019 - Partner Funding Application

Thurman Brisben Center

Agency Information

General Information

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| Agency Name | Thurman Brisben Center |
| Physical Address | 471 Central Road, Fredericksburg, VA, 22401, U.S.A. |
| Mailing Address | P.O. Box 1295, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22402 |
| Agency Phone Number | (540) 899-9853 |
| Federal Tax ID # | 54-1647219 |
| Web Address | www.brisbencenter.org |
| Agency Email Address | info@brisbencenter.org |

Agency Mission Statement

To provide at-risk and homeless men, women and children of Planning District 16 with appropriate and essential shelter and services to affect positive life changes.

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| Number of Years in Operation | 29 |
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Main Contact

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| Main Contact | Kim R. Lally, phone: (540) 899-9853, email: klally@brisbencenter.org |
| Job Title | Executive Director |

Localities Served

Please select any/all localities your agency serves.

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| Caroline | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Fredericksburg | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| King George | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Spotsylvania | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Stafford | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Collaborative Impact

Describe in detail how the community would be impacted if your agency were dissolved or merged with another partner agency.

Thurman Brisben Center (TBC) has served as the greater community's homeless shelter for decades and is one of the largest in the state of Virginia. The Center is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - 365 days a year and provides a safe and secure environment for those who otherwise would have nowhere else to go. TBC assists many in our community so they do not have to face the dangers of being alone on the streets. Many of those we serve are not yet equipped to immediately manage an apartment and require the care, support and services provided from our dedicated staff and volunteers that work with homeless individuals and families so that they may return to independent and self-sufficient living. Clients are assisted with finding employment, securing their GED, budgeting, addressing medical issues and locating safe and affordable housing. Should Thurman Brisben Center have to close its doors, not only would a major community investment be lost, but hundreds of homeless individuals and families would be forced to live on the streets every year thus placing significant strain in the areas of public safety and social/human services. Our other homeless service providers work with very specific populations and are not equipped to work with single adults and families with children all under one roof; therefore merging with another agency could place additional strain on our community and the men, women and children we serve.

Community Impact

Please provide at least 2 examples of how your services have impacted members of our community.

Example 1

A long time resident of Planning District 16, Dede first discovered the Thurman Brisben Center when she volunteered at the Center. Layoffs and a lost job eventually led to the loss of her residence and childhood home for 50 years. Never did she expect that she would experience homelessness firsthand. Upon her arrival at TBC, Dede was determined to maintain her faith, keep a positive attitude and hang on to her joy. Dede decided she was going to make the best of her situation. Dede worked hard during her stay at the Center, and was able to leave to become a 24-hour, in-home caregiver, with flexibility for other employment. Before leaving the Center, Dede stated "where would I be if not for the Thurman Brisben Center as an alternative. They take care of you and provide what you need." Dede also thanked the many volunteers to let them know how appreciative she was. While at the Center, Dede displayed her joy, positive attitude and faith to all she encountered. Whether in the dorm or in the community space, Dede became a friend to many.

Example 2

Chris, a Navy veteran, is an affable and focused young man. He spent most of his years in California and Florida. Chris has had multiple run-ins with homelessness, and often lived on its fringes. The early breakup of his parents and his resulting resentment of the aftermath has colored most of his life. Chris shared his story to help others. He has fond memories of living with his grandparents in Winter Haven, Florida, before going into the Navy at age 18. He drank a lot in the Navy. He came out of the Navy to a life of going job to job, a marriage, a daughter, and a marriage break-up. He eventually lost the support of his extended family. However, Chris lights up when he talks about his estranged daughter, who he loves. Chris said that while at Brisben he started working on renewing their relationship.

He moved back and forth between California and Florida, experiencing living in a tent and in a shelter boot camp. It was joining a watermelon picking crew that eventually brought him to Virginia and finally to Stafford. Chris lost his Stafford temporary housing arrangement and found himself living in the woods. Chris was tired of coming home after drinking and knew he could do better with his life. Chris just started walking the highway when a man from St. Jude's Catholic Church gave him a ride, took him to church, and

then brought him to Brisben. Chris was very skeptical of the shelter and he doubted the advice of his case manager. But then the doors started opening. He took advantage of all the opportunities and resources available at Brisben. He got a job and got into the VA system. He said it took a lot of work to get things turned around but he credited Brisben for providing the time, the foundation and structure he needed. Chris advised that " you can sit around and do nothing, or you can change your life." Chris recently left Brisben, after successfully regaining his housing independence.

Example 3 (Optional)

Marisa is a smiling, outgoing mother of two young boys. Behind the smile is an extremely determined young woman, who has faced down, and overcome being homeless. Her story begins with the separation from her husband, loss of her home, and the loss of her ability to financially support herself and the children. She found herself staying in area hotels, and on her own with her two sons.

She was living in Caroline County and doing some research on options for places to stay. She was feeling both helpless and hopeless when she found Brisben's website. On December 21 she called Brisben and the staff got her and the boys in that same day. Marisa said that she found Brisben to be a welcoming place with other children and families, a playground, a room for kids, laundry, computer room and lots of opportunities. As Christmas Day rapidly approached, Marissa worried about how she would provide her sons with anything for Christmas. She was totally surprised and overwhelmed with the generosity, gifts, and care they received at Christmas. Brisben staff, volunteers, donors and the community's generosity made it one of her best Christmases. Marisa explained that she succeeded at Brisben by taking advantage of every resource offered. She met with her case manager weekly, used the job help program to gain employment at Walmart, and other things began falling in place. There were still major challenges, for example she did not have a car. She described her journey to regain independence as lots of very hard work. She said that she's a much stronger individual now and that it is possible to overcome homelessness.

Marisa and her boys regained their own home and received a car from Brisben partner, Compassion Restoration Ministries, on the same day!!

Marisa said that she had great support from Brisben and from the many people who backed her during her return to independence.

Thurman Brisben Center

Agency Budget Narrative

Administrative Expenses

Provide an overview of the administrative costs for your agency.

Thurman Brisben Center's Administrative costs include the following: fundraising, training, annual audit, liability insurance, office supplies, postage and safety/security.

If your agency is requesting an increase or decrease in administrative funding, please describe in detail the reasons for these changes.

NA

Please provide justification for and specific amounts of administrative costs that are defrayed by locality funds.

We are not using locality funds for administrative costs.

Capital Expenses

Please provide an overview of the capital costs for your agency.

Year to date, Thurman Brisben Center has already paid out \$15,000 in capital expenditures which includes two new HVAC/AC Units; new dishwasher for commercial kitchen and needed security updates and facility repairs. Thurman Brisben Center will be going into it's thirteenth year of service in it's current location. We anticipate additional capital costs due to the age of the facility that is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week and never closes.

Please provide justification for and specific amounts of capital costs that are defrayed by locality funds.

As previously noted above, Thurman Brisben Center has already spent \$15,000 in necessary repairs and replacements to capital expenditures. We anticipate based on the age and constant use of the facility, additional issues with the remaining equipment such as the remaining HVAC equipment (10 HVAC/AC Units, repairs to commercial kitchen equipment and possible repairs to the interior and exterior structure of the facility. Capital costs of \$75,000 would assist in helping to cover the costs noted above.

Salary & Benefit Expenses

Please provide an overview of any increases or decreases in general personnel expenses for your agency.

The Thurman Brisben Center realizes that our personnel cost is our highest expense given that we operate 24 hours a day/7 days a week. In order to trim some of these costs, TBC eliminated the Deputy Director position in FY 15. In addition, we replaced full-time personnel with a part-time hire where viable. While this provided a cost savings in employee benefits and over time, it was determined that utilizing part-time staff to manage a 24 hour a day facility was not conducive to the overall safety and security of the Center. Our Executive Board of Directors recently completed an overall review of the Center's policies and procedures. Recommendations from this review suggested the need for both an Executive Director and

Deputy Director be in place as well as returning some positions back to full-time.

Please provide a description of any changes to agency benefits structure or cost.

There have been no changes or costs to the agencies benefits structure.

Budget Issues

Provide any legislative initiatives or issues that may impact the agency for the upcoming year.

TBC is not aware of any legislative initiatives or issues that may impact our agency for the upcoming year.

If you are aware of “outside” funding sources that will expire or be reduced on a set cycle or date, please note those below and how you are planning for them.

Thurman Brisben Center as a member agency of Rappahannock United Way (RUW), continues to receive less funding through the RUW Community Care Fund. Additionally, contributions through Combined Federal Campaign have shown a decrease over the past three years. In order to off set this deficient, TBC management continues to expand fundraising efforts through increased mail campaigns and community outreach. TBC also relies on the generosity and support of each of the local jurisdictions.

Please detail any identified agency needs or areas of concern that are currently not being addressed in your funding request.

As outlined in Thurman Brisben Center's FY18 Partner Funding Application, TBC would like to modify existing interior space at the Center and create a Resident Services Area to better support residents in regaining their housing and independence. The subdivision of this space will provide badly needed working space for third-party government agencies, private organizations and volunteer groups who interact with Center clients. TBC is currently in the process of making these modifications over a period of time based on funding received. Current space for these activities, are ad hoc, make-shift, lack any privacy and discourage both client and provider involvement.

Thurman Brisben Center

Agency Total Budget

In the boxes below provide an overview of the administrative costs associated with your total agency budget.

Expenses

| | FY 2017 Actual | FY 2018 Budgeted | FY 2019 |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Salary | 490,929.00 | 543,280.00 | 597,608.00 |
| Benefits | 14,800.00 | 19,300.00 | 24,125.00 |
| Operating Expenses | 138,709.00 | 146,998.00 | 161,700.00 |
| Capital Expenses | 0.00 | 15,000.00 | 75,000.00 |
| Other Expenses | 56,533.00 | 39,456.00 | 45,000.00 |
| Total | 700,971.00 | 764,034.00 | 903,433.00 |

Revenues

Please include revenue associated with your entire organization. This section represents the TOTAL revenue your organization is receiving. The revenue associated with specific programs will be listed within your program budgets; this section represents total revenues. (For example if your organization requests funding for multiple programs the total amount requested from each locality or other entities goes within this section)

| | FY 2017 Actual | FY 2018 Budgeted | FY 2019 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Caroline | 1,690.00 | 2,828.00 | 3,535.00 |
| Fredericksburg | 72,710.00 | 80,000.00 | 100,000.00 |
| King George | 0.00 | 4,800.00 | 6,000.00 |
| Spotsylvania | 69,849.00 | 77,000.00 | 96,250.00 |
| Stafford | 76,250.00 | 80,000.00 | 100,000.00 |
| United Way | 27,375.00 | 21,000.00 | 45,000.00 |
| Grants | 195,673.00 | 201,129.00 | 260,648.00 |
| Client Fees | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Fundraising | 241,555.00 | 224,000.00 | 291,000.00 |
| Other (Click to itemize) | 601.00 | 800.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Total | 685,703.00 | 691,557.00 | 903,433.00 |

Surplus / Deficit

| | FY 2017 Actual | FY 2018 Budgeted | FY 2019 |
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| Surplus or Deficit | -15,268.00 | -72,477.00 | 0.00 |
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Thurman Brisben Center

Locality Information

Locality Notes

Please use the spaces below to provide any locality specific notes or statements that may be relevant to your application.

Caroline County

FY 2017 Funding - \$1,690

34-Number of residents served, representing 7% of all residents served (494) in FY 17.

\$53,312-Average total cost of serving 34 residents, based on cost of \$28.00 per day and average of 56 days in shelter.

FY 2017 funding of \$1,690 covered 3% of Brisben's total costs to serve 34 residents.

City of Fredericksburg

FY 2017 Funding -\$72,710

132-Number of residents served, representing 27% of all residents served (494) in FY 2017.

\$206,976-Average total cost of serving 132 residents, based on cost of \$28.00 per day and average of 56 days in shelter.

FY 2017 funding of \$72,710 covered 35% of Brisben's total costs to serve 132 residents.

King George County

FY 2017 Funding - 0

26 -Number of residents served, representing 5% of all residents served (494) in FY 2017.

\$40,768-Average total cost of serving 26 residents, based on cost of \$28.00 per day and average of 56 days in shelter.

FY2017 funding did not cover any costs for the 26 residents served.

Spotsylvania County

FY 2017 Funding-\$69,849

140-Number of residents served, representing 28% of all residents served (494) in FY 2017.

\$219,520 -Average total cost of serving 140 residents, based on cost of \$28.00 per day and average of 56 days in shelter.

FY 2017 funding of \$69,849 covered 32% of Brisben's total costs to serve 140 residents.

Stafford County

FY2017 Funding-\$76,250

134-Number of residents served, representing 27% of all residents served (494) in FY 2017.

\$210,112 -Average total cost of serving 134 residents, based on cost of \$28.00 per day and average of 56 days in shelter.

FY 2017 funding of \$76, 250 covered 36% of Brisben's total costs to serve 134 residents.

Thurman Brisben Center - Shelter Services

Program Overview

You may save your work at any time by clicking on the "Save My Work" link/icon at the bottom or top of the page.

When you have completed all questions on the form, select the "Save My Work and Mark as Completed" link/icon at the bottom or top of this page.

You may also SWITCH between forms in this application by using the SWITCH FORMS feature in the upper right corner. When switching forms, any updates to the existing form will automatically be saved.

General Information

Program Name Shelter Services

Is this a new program? No

Program Contact

Name Kim R. Lally

Title Executive Director

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Phone (540) 899-9853

Program Purpose / Description

Provide an overview of this program

The Thurman Brisben Center (TBC) is an 80-bed full service residential homeless shelter serving the City of Fredericksburg and the surrounding counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania and Stafford. Considered to be the greater community's year-round emergency homeless shelter, TBC is open and staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year and provides a safe and secure environment for those who otherwise would have nowhere else to go other than living on the streets. Individuals and families entering the shelter must be at least 18 years of age and homeless under the HUD definition; must be physically and mentally capable of independently providing adequate care for themselves and any children and must not present a threat of harm or danger to themselves or others. Clients entering the shelter are provided with case management and assisted with finding employment, securing their GED, budgeting, addressing medical issues and locating safe and affordable housing. When clients enter the shelter, services are offered immediately and can continue for up to 90 days; however, clients may and do return if circumstances are warranted. Emergency shelter is an important community resource as it provides proper care, services and support from dedicated staff and volunteers that work with homeless individuals and families in order for the clients to move on to productive and fulfilling lives.

Client Fees

Please describe the fees clients must pay for the services by this program.

Thurman Brisben Center charges no fees to clients.

Justification of Need

Please state clearly why this service should be provided to the citizens of the region and why the localities should consider this funding request.

Homeless shelters, such as TBC, play an incredibly important role in society and in our community. Most shelters only provide a bed for the night. TBC provides on-site year-round shelter in a safe/secure environment and offers far more than just a bed at night. Clients entering TBC are provided three meals a day, assisted with finding employment and preparing for job interviews, securing their GED, working on budgeting, addressing medical issues and locating safe and affordable housing. By providing case management, staff support and other services, many of those in our community experiencing homelessness can once again return to self-sufficient and independent living. Those we serve are determined to improve their conditions and only stand a chance of doing so by utilizing the Thurman Brisben Center and the services that are offered.

If this is a new program, be sure to include the benefits to the region for funding a new request.

This is not a new program.

Target Audience and Service Delivery

Describe the program's intended audience or client base and how those clients are served.

Thurman Brisben Center is an 80-bed full service residential emergency homeless shelter serving the City of Fredericksburg and the surrounding counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania and Stafford. Nestled in the Fredericksburg Battlefield Industrial Park, Thurman Brisben Center provides direct and residential services to homeless men, women and families with children. When clients enter the shelter, services are offered immediately which includes case management, assistance with finding and maintaining employment, preparing for interviews, securing their GED, budgeting, addressing medical issues and locating housing. These services are offered up to 90 days; however clients do return if circumstances are warranted. Thurman Brisben Center can serve households outside of Planning District 16 but only for one to seven days as outlined in our Special Use Permit with the City of Fredericksburg.

If your program has specific entry or application criteria, please describe it here.

Individuals and families that are sleeping outside (in a car, tent or abandoned building); in need of emergency shelter or at-risk of sleeping outside or in need of emergency shelter within 14 days can contact the Thurman Brisben Center and complete a coordinated assessment. This short assessment helps shelter staff better assess the needs of each caller. Individuals and families that enter TBC must adhere to the following: be at least 18 years of age and homeless as outlined above; be physically and mentally capable of independently providing adequate care for themselves and any children; not present a threat of harm or danger to themselves or others; agree to not consume alcohol or use illegal substances at the Center; be willing to adhere to Center policies and staff direction; obey applicable government regulations and laws; treat others with respect and be willing to engage in case manage for permanent housing and related matters.

Thurman Brisben Center - Shelter Services

Program Budget Narrative

Please indicate in detail reasons for increases or decreases in the amounts you are requesting.

TBC has requested an increase for FY19 funding to cover costs associated with personnel to ensure smooth operations of the facility. As previously stated under our agency budget narrative, TBC had reduced staff to an Executive Director and part time staff where viable. So that more attention can be directed towards fundraising the position of Deputy Director is being re-newed. This will allow the Executive Director to direct more time towards fundraising and the Deputy Director to oversee day to day operations of the facility and clients. TBC also anticipates a substantial increase in the up keep of the facility due to its age. TBC has already expended 15,000 in capital expenditures for the first quarter of FY18.

If an increase is being requested, please describe the impact not receiving an increase would have on the program.

Should TBC not receive this funding request, it would have a significant impact on TBC's primary goal to provide emergency shelter for the homeless. TBC can accommodate 80 individuals at any given time ; however, this number could be drastically reduced with limited funding. TBC continues to operate frugally; however, has experienced a budget short fall for the last three years.

In particular, please describe in detail if any increase is sought for new positions or personnel.

There are no new positions being funded through this request. A portion of this funding will help to off-set costs for both the Executive Director and Deputy Director positions. As previously noted in the agency budget narrative, TBC personnel compliment with include both an Executive Director and Deputy Director in order to better align the overall mission of the Center.

Thurman Brisben Center - Shelter Services

Program Specific Budget

Please provide your program specific budget below.

Expenses

| | FY 2017 Actual | FY 2018 Budgeted | FY 2019 |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Personnel | 490,929.00 | 543,280.00 | 597,608.00 |
| Benefits | 14,800.00 | 19,300.00 | 24,125.00 |
| Operating Expenses | 195,242.00 | 186,454.00 | 206,700.00 |
| Capital Expenses | 0.00 | 15,000.00 | 75,000.00 |
| Total | 700,971.00 | 764,034.00 | 903,433.00 |

Revenues

This section represents revenue specifically associated with your program. Revenue that supports the implementation of your program and the services provided to the community.

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[View Diagram](#) Goals and Objectives

Goals

Goal:

Continue to maintain a safe and secure facility that provides essential basic needs for those experiencing homelessness in Planning District 16.

Objectives

Continue to operate an emergency shelter in the community for those in our area that are experiencing homelessness; to include single men, single women and families with children.

| Objective Results | Year End | Baseline |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Total # Clients Served | 494 | 516 |
| Total # Clients Achieved/Successful | 494 | 516 |
| % Achieved / Successful | 100 | 100 |

Continue to maintain and repair as needed the 80 bed facility which is going into its thirteenth year of service in its current location. TBC operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for homeless single men, single women and families with children.

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| Total # Clients Served | 494 | 516 |
| Total # Clients Achieved/Successful | 494 | 516 |
| % Achieved / Successful | 100 | 100 |

Outcomes Narratives

Explanation & Overview

If your outcomes are significantly less than your stated objectives, please note any reasons why this might be the case

TBC cannot provide total number of clients achieved/successful for these objectives for FY19 as the total number of clients served (baseline count of 516) is an estimated number of clients that we will serve from July 2018 through June 2019.

Updates for FY2018

Please note any changes you plan to make to the program, or the stated goals and objectives, given the data you have reported

NA

If you are restating the goals or objectives for FY 2018, please include those here

Continue to provide a safe and secure temporary residence for those in our community that are experiencing homelessness so that they will continue to have a platform in which to get back on their feet and return to self-sufficient and independent living.

Goal:

TBC's second goal is to continue and increase the number of services provided to the clients residing at the Center.

| Objectives | Objective Results | Year End | Baseline |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Increase the number of partner organizations/agencies that come to the Center and assist clients with referrals to address medical and mental health issues, secure or increase sources of income to include employment, disability and veteran benefits. | Total # Clients Served | 494 | 516 |
| | Total # Clients Achieved/Successful | 494 | 516 |
| | % Achieved / Successful | 100 | 100 |
| Reconfigure exiting interior space within the shelter to create a Resident Services Area to better support clients in regaining their independence and returning to permanent housing by providing adequate space for outside agencies/organizations and professional volunteers that provide these services. | Total # Clients Served | 494 | 516 |
| | Total # Clients Achieved/Successful | 494 | 516 |
| | % Achieved / Successful | 100 | 100 |

Outcomes Narratives

Explanation & Overview

If your outcomes are significantly less than your stated objectives, please note any reasons why this might be the case

TBC cannot provide total number of clients achieved/successful for these objectives for FY19 as the total number of clients served (baseline of 516) is an estimated number of clients that we will serve from July 2018 through June 2019.

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Please note any changes you plan to make to the program, or the stated goals and objectives, given the data you have reported

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Provide additional in-house services and resources to clients during shelter stay. This will assist in a more rapid transition to permanent housing while decreasing the number of days spent in shelter.

Thurman Brisben Center - Shelter Services

Number of Individuals Served

Localities

Please provide the actual numbers of individuals served in this program during FY2016 and the projected numbers of individuals to be served in FY2018.

| Locality | FY2017 (Actual) | FY2019 (Projected) |
|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Fredericksburg City | 132 | 144 |
| Caroline County | 34 | 41 |
| King George County | 26 | 34 |
| Spotsylvania County | 140 | 149 |
| Stafford County | 134 | 142 |
| Other Localities | 28 | 6 |
| Total | 494 | 516 |

Thurman Brisben Center - Shelter Services

Collaborative Impact

Efforts and Partnerships

Describe in detail examples of collaborative efforts and key partnerships between your program and the other programs or agencies in the area.

Thurman Brisben Center remains an active leader in the Fredericksburg Continuum of Care (FredCoC) and in the Pursuit of Housing Initiative, closely planning and working with all of the areas homeless service providers such as Central Virginia Housing Coalition, Empowerhouse, Loisann's Hope House and Micah. These agencies, along with Thurman Brisben Center, meet monthly to effectively and efficiently address homelessness in our community. This includes monthly meetings with management and key staff to case conference working from a by name list. TBC continues to maintain successful partnerships with several veteran specific organizations; RACSB to include Snowden and Sunshine Lady House, Healthy Families, Dominion Day Services and all Department's of Social Services.

Collaborative Impact

Describe in detail how the community would be impacted if your program were dissolved or merged with another partner agency.

The Thurman Brisben Center has served as the greater community's homeless shelter for many years and is one of the largest in the state of Virginia. TBC is an 80-bed facility and is often close to or at full capacity. Over the years, TBC has provided a "second chance" to thousands of homeless men, women and families with children. Many of our homeless are not yet equipped to immediately manage an apartment and require the care and services provided by TBC to assist them in their return to self-sustainability and productive fulfilling lives. Should the Thurman Brisben Center have to close its doors, not only would a major community investment be lost, but hundreds of the homeless would struggle and be forced to live on the streets in our community which in turn would place a major strain on our community at large.