

Impact Report



2024
2025

Family 4 Eternity

is a not-for-profit organization established in 2024 in Capron, Virginia. The founder, Charles Bazdanes, initially began using the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia to obtain food for personal use. However, he soon recognized a significant need within his community. With encouragement from the management staff at the Foodbank, he decided to start a not-for-profit organization and a community garden on his farm to better serve the residents of Southampton County.

The demand for services quickly became evident, leading to record-breaking growth for the organization. Throughout the year, Family 4 Eternity operated over 180 days, implementing various programs and distribution efforts to assist those in need.



Family 4 Eternity's mission is to empower marginalized, low-income,

vulnerable families with fresh produce and food donated from its partners to underserved rural residents one home at a time. We promote diversity, and under-served residents with zero tolerance for discrimination no matter someone's background. We strive to fight and eradicate hunger in Southampton County, Virginia.



380,120

pounds of food
distributed in 12 month
calendar year

4,462

households
impacted in 24/25

1,000

families participated
in Family 4 Eternity
programs

4,491

total seniors
served

30,579

total people
served in 24/25

11,615

total adults
aged 18-59 served

316,766

meals served

14,566

total children
aged 0-17 served

13,300

miles driven by
Family 4 Eternity
team to distribute
food to participants

10,000

children and families fed
Sundays on College Drive

Letter from the Founder

As we reflect on the past year, that while we embarked on an endeavor to attack hunger we realized the daunting task of doing it without our own facility and extremely limited resources, and a relentless and cruel realization of our clients facing starvation every single day. At Family 4 Eternity, although we have set records for a first year non-profit partner agency with the Foodbank of SEVA, it isn't time to pat ourselves on the back and our work and mission is as critical as ever.

At Family 4 Eternity we are often caught in the devastating reality of not being able to serve enough people as the poverty level exceeds 20% in our region and starvation is a crippling epidemic. The satisfaction we receive from distributing food and fully giving our all out in the community and the hope that one day, our existence will inundated with multiple resources and donations to be able to handle the glowing issue we are faced with day in and day out.

In the past year, we served 380,120 pounds of food to over 40,579 people, which is the equivalent of over 316,766 meals in our first year of operation. This is beyond anything we could have possibly expected and it is a humble task that God has bestowed upon our team and organization—an indication both of the ongoing challenges our community faces and our commitment to being there when people need us most. While its disheartening that unprecedented amounts of people are suffering so many food insecurity challenges and continue to rely on our services, we are grateful for the opportunity to support them. We are here for those who need us, and that's a responsibility we take very seriously one family at a time.

One of our core values and strategic priorities is building community over food. We provide healthy, culturally nourishing food distributions and meals that serve as an opportunity for people to build community. At the Franklin Playground on college drive last year, we provided a cookout dining opportunities for children and families to increase socialization and served over 10,000 people and of that number 7,000 were children from limited means.

We celebrated many joyous occasions and monthly food distributions, always operating out of love, at Senior Apartment Complex Assisted Facility at Springdale Apartments in Franklin, VA. We partnered with many existing and new community partners such as the Genieve Shelter (Domestic Violence Victims), Field Crest Estates, multiple under served rural worship centers to distribute food to their congregation as well as all our over 975 USDA Family clients and guests and visitors with the absolute very best of nutritious healthy food options thanks to the Foodbank of SEVA, and other partners such as Publix, Food Lion, Bimbo USA, Dollar General, Serenity Acres, Wal-Mart, and Amazon.

We were able to provide enriching activities for children as part of our Franklin 4 Kids program on College Drive. In each of these programs, we fostered a network of caring volunteers, program participants, and supporters. While our programs and services reflect our ability to meet our neighborhood's and community's growing needs, they also serve as a reminder that we still have much work to do.

Our mission is not just to feed people—it is to alleviate the conditions that cause hunger. We are proud of our ability to meet the immediate community needs in Southampton County and surrounding areas needs with our meal programs for children, seniors, and people experiencing homelessness, remaining deeply committed to advocating for anti-hunger and anti-poverty policy solutions to address some of the root causes of hunger.

We are grateful to each of you—our supporters, partners, and volunteers—for standing with us to face these challenges. Your support makes it possible for us to do this important work, and together, we will continue to ensure food on the tables of our neighbors and build a healthy, resilient community.

Sincerely,



Charles Bazdanes

Founder,
Family 4 Eternity



Our Programs



Family 4 Hunters 4 Hungry-Serenity Acres

Family 4 Eternity: Hunters 4 Hungry/Serenity Acres is a vital initiative focused on quickly and efficiently delivering donated food directly to families in need donated from Hunters 4 Hungry and processed by Serenity Acres. This program ensures that from the moment food is donated from Hunters 4 Hungry and processed by Serenity Acres, it is rapidly distributed to households, minimizing delays and preserving the freshness and quality of the items. Family 4 Eternity: Hunters 4 Hungry-Serenity Acres bridges the gap between generous donors and families struggling with food insecurity, creating a direct, impactful link in the fight against hunger.



Family 4 Domestic Victims-Genieve Shelter

Family 4 Domestic Violence Victims-Genieve Shelter is a vital initiative focused on quickly and efficiently delivering donated food directly to families in need. This program ensures that from the moment food is donated from donors, sponsors, and partners, it is rapidly distributed to households, minimizing delays and preserving the freshness and quality of the items. This program bridges the gap between generous donors and families struggling with food insecurity, creating a direct, impactful link in the fight against hunger.



Family 4 Field Crest Estates-Dreweryville

Field Crest Estates-Dreweryville distributes food and meals to children and families monthly at Field Crest Estate Trailer Park in Dreweryville, VA. These families have a median salary of under \$12,000 per household and Foodbank of SEVA also donates pallets of turkeys, hams and other holidays items over Thanksgiving.



Franklin 4 Seniors-Springdale Apartments

The Franklin 4 Seniors program ensures that from the moment food is donated from Foodbank of SEVA, it is rapidly distributed to households, minimizing delays and preserving the freshness and quality of the items. Franklin 4 Seniors: Springdale Apartments bridges the gap between generous donors and families struggling with food insecurity, creating a direct, impactful linking the fight against hunger.



Franklin 4 Kids

We have launched Franklin 4 Kids as a meaningful initiative that provides a weekly, nutritious meal to children and their families at the College Drive playground in Franklin's Ward 3. Each Sunday afternoon, this program brings warmth and unity to our community, helping families connect, share, and support one another in an uplifting, family-friendly environment.



Canning 4 Capron

Canning 4 Capron is a community-focused program aimed at reducing food waste and providing families with nutritious, shelf-stable foods. By working with local farms, we can preserve seasonal harvests through the traditional method of canning, ensuring that families have access to healthy, long-lasting food even after the growing season ends.



Canines 4 Capron

At Family 4 Eternity, we believe in the healing power of love, companionship, and the joy that animals can bring into our lives. That's why we've launched Canines 4 Capron, a heart-warming initiative that brings fully registered service animals to nursing homes, seniors, the elderly, and families in need of a little extra cheer. Our two incredible dogs, a Labrador Retriever and a German Shepherd, are fully trained and registered service animals whose presence has been proven to bring emotional and psychological benefits to those they visit.



Community Garden-Fresh Local Food Grown

The Community Garden is a vital part of our mission to provide fresh, nutritious food to our neighbors in need. Located on-site at our farm, this garden is more than just a plot of land—it's a thriving hub of community engagement, sustainable agriculture, and generosity. The food grown here is harvested and distributed directly to local families, ensuring that they have access to the freshest produce possible. Additionally, the garden's yield is supplemented by contributions from our food partners, creating a robust and diverse supply of healthy food for those we serve.



Capron Country Meal Wednesdays

The Capron Country Meal Wednesdays program aims to provide anonymously selected families in the Capron, VA area with a nutritious, prepared meal each week. The program is designed to ensure that families in need receive a wholesome meal, fostering community support and reducing food insecurity.



The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a federal initiative designed to alleviate hunger and ensure that nutritious food reaches individuals and families in need. Administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), TEFAP plays a vital role in supporting food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens, and other community-based organizations across the nation.



Retail Rescue

Retail Rescue is an innovative initiative designed to tackle food waste and food insecurity simultaneously by partnering with retailers to collect surplus food before it reaches its expiration date and delivering it directly to those in need. This program ensures that perfectly good food doesn't go to waste but instead reaches the tables of families and individuals who might otherwise struggle to access nutritious meals.



Donor to Door

Donor to Door is a vital initiative focused on quickly and efficiently delivering donated food directly to families in need. This program ensures that from the moment food is donated, it is rapidly distributed to households, minimizing delays and preserving the freshness and quality of the items. Donor to Door bridges the gap between donors and families struggling with food insecurity, creating a direct, impactful link in the fight against hunger.

Genieve Shelter

(Suffolk, VA)

Family 4 Eternity delivered retail rescue food as well as USDA Food and other Marketplace items from Foodbank SEVA, Food Lion, and Publix to Jane Doe's Family's at a very high frequency. Family 4 Eternity was fortunate to partner with their organization and learn about the great need for food assistance, and did not hesitate to intervene swiftly and immediately to offer support while keeping their confidentiality.



Bi-Weekly Distribution

(Multiple Locations Throughout Southampton County while we await our own facility)

Family 4 Eternity served over 900 Families USDA Food Bi-Weekly at multiple worship center locations in Capron and Boykins, VA in 2024/25. We were able to distribute over 80% of our food on these distribution days and garnered heavy media attention for the work that was being done to combat hunger. All said, over 90% of the 30,000 people that were served in the past year was done at these locations. A special shout out and recognition to the Food Bank of SEVA for trucking in the food at times weekly to combat the brutal and cruelty of hunger in Southampton County.



Franklin 4 Kids College Drive Playground

(Franklin, VA)

Pastor Calvin Reid, Chief of Outreach, delivers food and distributes meals to children and families in need every Sunday on College Drive in Franklin, VA. He states that sometimes this is what the children can count on for their nourishment over the course of the entire weekend. He is steadfast and has 250 children and families participating in this weekly and 1,000 monthly on Sunday's on the playground at College Drive in Franklin.



Springdale Apartments

(Franklin, VA)

Family 4 Eternity partnered with Foodbank SEVA and VFW to deliver USDA Food, Fresh Produce, CFSP, and TEFAP food to approximately 71 seniors in an assisted living facility monthly. This is a vulnerable senior community with several residents struggling to fight hunger and illnesses and this brightens up their month.



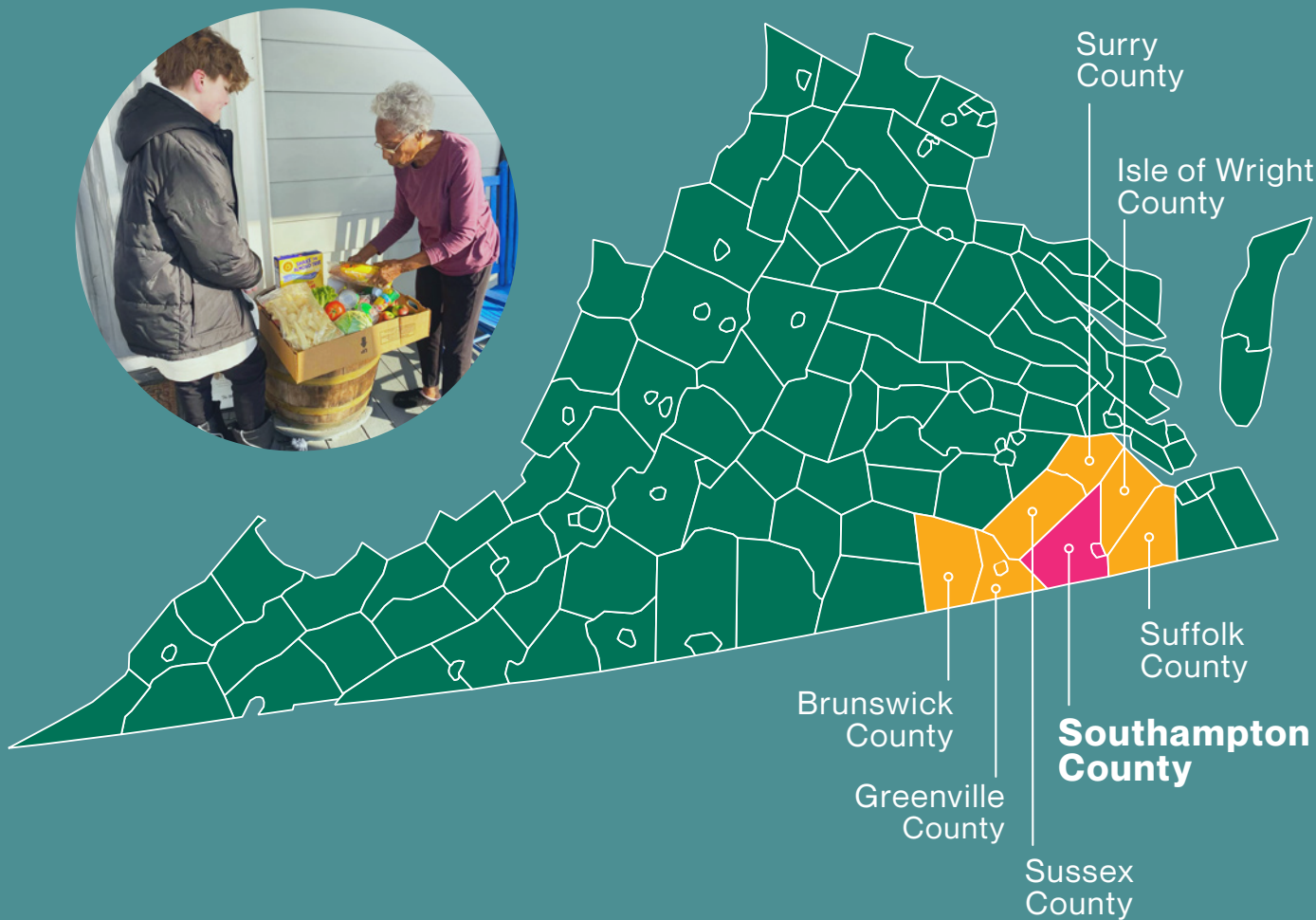
Field Crest Estates

(Dreweryville, VA)

Founder Charles Bazdanes, alongside Pastor Calvin Reid, delivers food and distributes meals to children and families in Field Crest Estates Trailer Park Dreweryville, VA. These families have a median salary of under \$12,000 per household annually and the Foodbank of SEVA donated pallets of turkeys, hams and other nutritious holidays items over Thanksgiving in conjunction with their Mayflower Marathon. Family 4 Eternity distributed 3,000 pounds of food immediately to every living trailer, as well as food throughout Southampton County with what remained.



The Counties We Serve in Virginia



Family 4 Eternity distribution efforts are strictly in Southampton County, City of Franklin, City of Suffolk, and City of Sussex. However, several residents from outside Family 4 Eternity's service area attend our distribution efforts, due to the incredible demand for food and record-setting levels of poverty, decreased federal programs, and unwavering commitment to always give our very best, families in need travel from a 50-75+ mile radius to participate. Family 4 Eternity only distributes at approved sites within the geographic service area afforded to us.

2024/2025 Financials and Funders



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Special Recognition

Family 4 Eternity would like to thank all of its volunteers, sponsors, partners, programs, and all of our clients who entrust us to be the most innovative non-profit to fight hunger in Southampton County and Western Tidewater. There is one particular organization that is single-handedly responsible for our allowing us to achieve record-breaking success that we have had in the past 12 months, and that is Foodbank of SEVA. They have allocated absolutely every possible resource afforded to them, spared no expense, and have allowed us to be a premier partner agency to work with their incredibly talented staff, dedicated team, and Foodbank of SEVA has an unwavering commitment to eradicating hunger in their region and accomplishes it day in and day out. Thank you to the entire Foodbank of SEVA organization on behalf of Family 4 Eternity and to Partner Services Agency Team, Warehouse and Marketplace Staff, Retail Rescue Staff, The Logistics team of dedicated drivers, thank you from the bottom of Family 4 Eternity.



Arthur C. Bazdanes Annual Volunteer of the Year Award

Pastor Calvin Reid and William Runner

For our first year of operation, we are honored to introduce the Family 4 Eternity Arthur C. Bazdanes Volunteer of the Year Award. Arthur was loved and revered by all his community and served as the High School Principal at Bishop Guertin High School in Nashua, NH. Arthur served his community for his entire life and left an eternal legacy and a memory for anyone he came across. Arthur lost his life tragically to cancer but his legacy lives on and this is a testament of his legacy of always giving.

The first-ever recipients of this prestigious award are Pastor Calvin Reid and William Runner. Pastor Reid and William Runner are extremely dedicated, resilient, and serve all others before themselves. Pastor Reid and William distinguished themselves by handling the daunting task of feeding the children and families on College Drive every Sunday in Franklin. Pastor Reid and William drove over 10k miles for the organization, driving the 120+ mile round-trip at times twice a week, and wouldn't blink when putting 1K miles on their vehicle. They would help with all distribution efforts, assist with efforts to serve and support all of our programs, and were instrumental in ensuring the success of Family 4 Eternity at its infancy stages to ensure record-setting distribution efforts for a first-year partner agency.

Pastor Calvin Reid and William Runner can be seen all over the community and are inseparable. They always offered joy, love, kindness, and nutritious food without hesitation to anyone in need. You won't find a stronger duo that worked together in unison and made a major impact in having complete responsibility for all Family 4 Eternity's distribution efforts in Franklin.

Family 4 Eternity wouldn't have been able to be operational without these vital members of the organization. These individuals have the utmost integrity, values, ethics, morals, and are determined to do the lord's work and always operate out of love and execute the mission without reservation.



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